

ANOTHER ledge of gold-bearing rock has been discovered on Mineral Creek, B.C.

THE Golden Era Mining Company (Ltd.), Vancouver, has been incorporated. Capital stock, \$8,000.

THE Londonderry, N.S., Iron Works have closed down for a few weeks, in order to make the usual repairs to the furnaces.

THE sand in the northwest arm of the St. Mary's River, N.S., is said to show the presence of a large quantity of mercury.

THE concentrator at the mouth of Silver Creek, about a mile and a half below Three Forks, is making rapid headway, and by the time the railway gets here the structure will be ready.—*Nelson Miner*.

JOHN F. STEVENS, owner of the Little Donald and Black Diamond mines, in Ainsworth district, will begin operations on the former as soon as the Pilot Bay Smelter Company is ready to handle ore.

S. Fox, C. Dempsey, and J. W. Grahame, of Nanaimo, B.C., have discovered a rich placer diggings on Pavilion Creek. They have staked off claims, and sent in an application for a 20 years' lease.

THE Northern New Brunswick Mining Co., owning gold mines on the Tobique, have elected the following officers: President, Solomon Perley; vice-president, F. H. J. Dibblee; secretary, J. C. Hartley, and treasurer, John Graham.

GEO. RANKIN, of the Cleveland, O., Rolling Mills Co., is testing the district round about the Portlock iron mines, Algoma, and, if found satisfactory, will establish works and carry on the industry of iron mining and manufacturing with vigor.

THE American syndicate who recently opened an iron mine at Belle Isle, Newfoundland, having met with encouraging results, are preparing to push operations on a large scale. Enough ore is said to be visible to allow the mining of 250 tons per week for the next five years.

THE Anglo-American Gold and Platinum Mining Co., New Westminster, B.C., has been incorporated. They will hydraulic for gold and platinum in the Similkameen district. The officers of the company are: President, J. B. MacLaren; vice-president, G. D. McKay; managing director, Capt. S. T. Scott, and secretary, treasurer, A. E. Tregent.

ASSESSMENT work is being done on about 60 claims in the Lardeau. On the north and south fork of the Lardeau River about 50 men are placer mining, although high water still bothers them. Some are working for wages at \$3.50 per day, but most of them are hoisting the gravel entirely in their own interests.—*Nakusp Ledger*.

DR. A. P. COLEMAN, who has been making a geological survey of the Rainy Lake gold quartz district, reports that many prospectors are at work in the country to the north of Rainy Lake, in the vicinity of Manitou and Wabigoon Lakes. Some good free-gold specimens have recently been discovered near Tache, on the C.P.R.

DR. G. A. MARTIN, of Franklin, Mass., left Boston with a party of capitalists for Nova Scotia on Tuesday. It is said they have in view the formation of a syndicate for the purchase of a tract of plaster rock in Nova Scotia, about twenty acres in extent, and supposed to be many feet deep above tide water. About \$25,000 is required to make the purchase and begin mining it.—*Halifax Herald*.

THE Standard Oil Company has secured control of the gas-fields and franchise of the Erie County Natural Gas Fuel Company. The fields are situated in Welland County, Ont., near the United States border. It is reported that the acquiring of the rights of the Erie County Company is part of a plan to buy up all the existing and prospective gas-fields in the neighborhood of Buffalo. The price paid the Erie Company is said to be between \$60,000 and \$75,000.—*Canadian Colliery Guardian*.

NUMEROUS new locations have been made lately on the granite belt at the head of Four-mile Creek. Ben Finnel is to the front with a new strike about a mile to the south of the Thompson group on Finnel Creek. The ore is galena, and the samples of the crop-pings he brought in look all right. Allan McPhee has also made a rich find in the same locality. An assay from the samples he brought in gave 104 ounces silver and \$16 to the ton in gold. It is dry ore. Brindle & McMartin have staked two claims on Four-mile Creek. They have not as yet had an assay on their rock, but it is similar in character to McPhee's. The probabilities are that after the district is opened out it will be as famous in the annals of West Kootenay as Sandon or Cody, or any other of the creeks in the Slocan.—*Nelson Tribune*.

WARD BROS. are putting in a five-stamp gold mill at their mine near Rainy Lake City.

AN extensive discovery of arsenic has been made in the Big Bend district, B.C.

SAMUEL WISE claims to have discovered a rich vein of gold quartz at Preston, N.S.

THE "American" vein, Rainy Lake, is now 26 feet wide, and it is proposed to build a stamping mill close by.

THE "Deadman" and "Wild Goose" claims, Slocan district, have been bonded to Frank Cutter, and active development work has commenced.

THE Nelson Hydraulic Mining Co. have expended about \$15,000 in flumes, ditches, pipes, sluice-boxes, etc., for their property on Forty-nine Creek.

W. H. BAINBRIDGE has been surveying the claims on China Creek, Alberni, which extend for about a mile and a half, and finds they all consist of good pay dirt.

ALL the ground on Hiawatches Creek, Alberni, B.C., has been taken up by Hansen and his associates. They are putting in sluice-boxes, and expect to have their first clean-up in a day or two.

ACTIVE work is now being carried on at the Rico group, Slocan. The ore consists of galena and carbonates of high grade. A thousand tons are now on the dump, sampling 75 oz. silver and 25 per cent. lead to the ton.

THE B. C. Government assayer recently assayed a sample of ore from the "Copper King," in White Grouse Mountain district, which showed \$3 in gold, 4¾ oz. in silver, and 21¾ per cent. in copper to the ton.

THE Richardson gold mine, at Isaac's Harbor, N.S., which has been closed down for a time, is now in full operation again, new machinery having been added, with the result that 1,000 tons of ore per month will in future be handled.

S. S. FOWLER, mining engineer, Golden, B.C., has been making an examination of the Calgary company's claims at Nakusp, and gives a favorable report. There are good signs for rich placer grounds. Mr. Fowler found traces of platinum and iridium.

RAPID progress has been made lately on the buildings and machinery at the "Silver King." The engine and boiler, air compressor, rock crusher, picking table and pump are in position, and pipe connections made with the diamond drill on the Kootenay Bonanza, a short distance away.

THE vein on which three claims west of the forks of the Salmon River, B.C., are located is described as being a contact, with dolomite for the hanging wall and granite for the foot wall. It is 30 ft. wide on the surface, is free milling and carries \$10 in gold. The ore seems to improve with depth. This rich find is situated about 20 miles south-east of Nelson.

J. D. MACDONALD, who has five claims in the Lardeau, known as the "Sir John" and "Glengarry" groups, has two tons of ore on the dump. The ledge from which it is taken carries a 22-inch vein of ore and is 15 ft. in width. The average assay is 315 oz. silver, with strong tracings of gold and gray copper.

THE Bonanza Nickel Mining Co. held a meeting in Berlin, Ont., recently, at which F. Walter was elected president, Dr. J. Morton, vice-president, and C. A. Ahrens, secretary-treasurer. The financial report showed the receipts to have been \$12,683, and payments \$12,476. The issue of 200 additional shares was authorized.

MESSRS. Low and Eaton, of the Dominion Geological Survey, who have spent a large portion of the present year exploring in Labrador, have now returned bringing with them specimens of iron ore from the iron-bearing formation, extending from latitude 50° to Ungava, or an area 400 miles long by 200 miles broad. The ore seems to correspond in quality and composition with that from Marquette, Mich.

A COMPANY is being formed to work a newly-discovered coal mine, near the Oromocto River, four miles from Fredericton Junction, N.B. The seam now being tested is 20 inches thick, broadening as it goes down. If preliminary work proves successful, a railway will be built and connection established between the mine and the river steamers.

THE Pembroke Hydraulic Co.'s machinery at Thompson Siding, near Kamloops, has been augmented by a duplex pump, capable of elevating an 8 inch stream 200 feet high. Col. Underwood, a representative of the company, has just patented a novel dredging machine, combining a dredge with a suction process. It is shaped like a plough, with heavy steel bars terminating in a plough point, far enough apart to admit only such boulders as will readily pass through the suction pipe and thence to the sluice boxes. A machine of this kind will shortly be tested on the Quesnelle River.