

## COAL MINING NEWS.

On the night of June 19, three miners working in No. 2 mine at Coal Creek, near Fernie, were killed by a "bump" which occurred at the bottom of one of the sections, and which stopped the air from coming in. Gas quickly accumulated and the victims were asphyxiated.

It is reported that the Great Northern Railway Company has decided to extend its Crow's Nest Southern line from Fernie and Michel to Calgary, Alberta. The line now runs from Gateway to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company's mines at Fernie and Michel, a distance of 73 miles.

The Board of Examiners for the Nicola collieries for the unexpired portion of the current year is constituted of the following: Representing the owners, Hugh Gillespie, alternate, John Ovington; secretary, Benjamin Browitt. Representing the miners: Samuel Poole, first alternate, John Wilcock; second alternate, Joseph Williams.

The correspondent at Nelson of the Dominion of Canada *Labour Gazette* reported for June that "the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd., has for the present discontinued development work and changed its system of working No. 2 mine at Coal Creek, throwing out of employment approximately 200 men." The same journal's Nanaimo correspondent reported for his district: "The local coal mines are still working short time, but the mines at Extension have worked full time with good indications of continuing."

Under the provisions of the "Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907," a Board of Conciliation and Investigation has been established to adjust differences between the Standard Coal Company of Edmonton, Alberta, and its employees. The board is constituted as follows: His Honour Judge H. E. Taylor, Edmonton, chairman; Frank B. Smith, Edmonton, and Frank H. Sherman, Taber, Alberta. Judge Taylor was appointed by the Minister of Labour in the absence of a joint recommendation from Messrs. Smith and Sherman. The differences referred to are said to relate to wages and general conditions, and the number of employees concerned is stated to be about 30.

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## MEN AND AFFAIRS.

E. A. Bradley, of Revelstoke, has returned to that town from a trip to New York.

Louis Pratt, of Sandon, Slocan District, paid Victoria a flying visit late in the month.

Alfred McMillan, of the Northport smelter, has been in Nelson for a week or two.

Hon. E. Dewdney, of Victoria, has returned from a visit to the Similkameen District.

B. A. Laselle has returned to Barkerville, Cariboo District, after having been in the East several months.

T. A. Rickard, of San Francisco, California, editor of the *Mining and Scientific Press*, is on a visit to Alaska.

Herbert Carmichael, provincial assayer, recently made another trip to Alberni, Vancouver Island.

E. E. Chipman, of Kaslo, gold commissioner for the Slocan District, was a visitor to Victoria during the month.

Col. J. H. Conrad is again at Windy Arm, southern Yukon, after having been on a long business trip to the East.

Hon. Alexander Henderson, commissioner of Yukon Territory, has returned to Dawson from a visit to Ottawa.

Mason T. Adams, manager of the Britannia Copper Syndicate, has returned to British Columbia from New York.

R. W. Coulthard has resigned as general sales agent for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, with headquarters at Fernie.

Henry Bratnobar left Whitehorse, southern Yukon, early in June, going down the Yukon River on his way to Nome, Alaska.

A. C. Garde, who lately opened an office at Prince Rupert, has been to Skidegate, Graham Island of the Queen Charlotte group.

Howard W. DuBois, of Philadelphia, Pa., is again in British Columbia, having arrived in Victoria, en route to Cariboo, on June 2.

James Cronin has gone to the Babine country, Skeena mining division, where he holds, under bond, some promising mineral claims.

H. H. Melville, of New York City, vice-president of the Dominion Copper Company, was a recent visitor to the Boundary District.

R. F. Tolmie, of Victoria, deputy minister of mines, made a trip to Prince Rupert and other northern points in the Province, early in June.

Geo. C. Tunstall, Jun., at one time representative of the Hamilton Powder Company in the Kootenay District, was a recent visitor to Victoria.

Anthony J. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi Mining Company, Rossland, was on the coast for a few days about the end of the month.

Early in June Capt. John Hampson returned to British Columbia from a visit to England. He reached Victoria during the first of the month.

A. B. Palmer reached Whitehorse, southern Yukon, recently, after having spent three months in Ottawa and other cities attending to business matters there.

De Forest Ayers, agent, of Victoria, has been appointed the attorney in British Columbia of the Giant Powder Company, Consolidated, in place of Arthur A. Sparks.

Jay P. Graves, of Spokane, Washington, was in the Boundary during the month, on a periodical visit to the Granby Mining, Smelting and Power Company's smelter and mines.

H. W. Vance, of Windy Arm, southern Yukon, is in charge of the work of erecting and equipping with machinery and plant a concentrating mill, the location of which is on Windy Arm.