

its manager, J. C. Vance, who has already left Revelstoke for the scene of the season's operations.

Richard Merton, of Frankfort-on-Main, Germany, who is connected with a large metal-purchasing company, has been credited with having stated that "during his travels he had seen nothing that compared with the Granby mine workings at Phoenix, Boundary District of British Columbia, as far as low costs and general economical operation are concerned.

The Ottawa correspondent of the *London Mining Journal*, writing under date May 11 stated that "Dr. Goodwin, dean of the Kingston, Ontario, School of Mines, has already received three gifts of \$10,000 each towards the substantial endowment of the Provincial Government institution there. The governors want \$200,000, and they hope for good aid from the Government."

T. D. Pickard, of the mines at Goose Bay, Observatory Inlet, has been at Prince Rupert looking for experienced miners, states the *Prince Rupert Empire*. The property is owned by the M. K. Rodgers Syndicate, which has ample means to work it. Including those he hired at Prince Rupert he will have over 30 men at the mine.

The decision of the Dominion Government to continue granting a bounty on lead mined in Canada is giving great satisfaction in East and West Kootenay, in which are situated the chief lead-producing districts of the Dominion. The conditions under which the payment of the bounty will hereafter be made are even more favourable to the producer than during the five-year period now about closed.

In April the miners' union at Goldfield, Nevada, declared the strike at an end, allowing the men to work with non-union miners. By a vote of 90 to 25 it was decided to return to work and adopt the Tonopah scale of wages. The operators, however, refused any advance above their schedule, which was 50c. per day less than Tonopah, but the miners returned to work, glad to bring the labour difficulties to an end.

Information has been received at Nelson to the effect that owing to the serious illness of Chief Justice Fitzpatrick, all the British Columbia cases before the Supreme Court of Canada have been postponed until the October sittings. This will mean that the celebrated extra-lateral rights case of *Star v. White*, which was to have come up on appeal, will now not be heard until the autumn.

Early in May George H. Aylard, manager of the Standard silver-lead mine, situated above Four-Mile Creek, in the Silverton section of Slovan District, when on a visit to Nelson informed the *Daily News* that normal progress was being made at the mine, but it was not practicable just then to ship ore to

the smelter because of the state of the roads. Some six to eight cars of good ore were stored in the bins at the mine and would be sent to Trail just as soon as transportation should again be possible.

Favourable progress is being made with the raise in the Tariff mine, in Ainsworth camp, to connect the long cross-cut tunnel with the bottom of the shaft. After raising 70 ft. through limestone the footwall of the vein was encountered and the ground was much easier to work. It is expected the bottom of the shaft will be reached in about 60 ft. more. When this shall have been done the old workings will be thoroughly drained, and the Tariff will thereafter be in a position to resume the shipment of ore, states the *Kootenian*.

The *Rossland Miner* says that James Cronin, formerly manager of the mines of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, has "expressed himself as well pleased with the manner in which the Rossland mines are turning out in the lower levels, and said they were doing well for mines that three years ago were thought by some to be practically worked out. There is any quantity of ore in Red Mountain yet, but those who are hunting for it must not be afraid to drive for it, although the distance is sometimes considerable before it is found. Rossland, he declared, is 'all right' and will continue to yield a large tonnage of ore for many years to come."

A press despatch from Seattle, Washington, states that the failure of the recent strike of the Western Federation of Miners at the Treadwell mine has resulted in an almost complete dispersion of the Slavonic element formerly at Douglas, and these men have scattered in every direction. Many have come to Seattle, others have gone into the interior of Alaska, and some have departed to the west coast of Alaska. The places of these Slavonians have been taken by English-speaking American citizens, and this change is good for southeastern Alaska. The Treadwell people have nearly completed their working force and the strike is broken. This is admitted by everyone in Douglas.

Relative to the Queen Charlotte Islands, the *Vancouver News-Advertiser*, the editor of which is a member of the Provincial Government, lately made the following comment: "The Queen Charlotte Islands are attracting widespread attention. Inquiries, personal and by communication, are being received by the Bureau of Information as to their climate, resources and means of communication with other parts of British Columbia. It is not at all improbable that the Provincial Government will despatch a survey party to the islands in order that the Crown lands may be surveyed and all information practicable secured as to the possibilities of the country from farming, mining and other standpoints.