

the E. P. U. group near Greenwood by a Dakota syndicate; and the bonding of the Strathmore, near Greenwood, by a Rossland syndicate. The Providence mine has meanwhile declared another dividend of 10 cents per share.

It is expected that the furnaces of the Boundary Falls smelter will be blown-in this week, ore shipments thereto having already commenced. The company is employing a force of 75 men and has purchased the Brooklyn dump from the Dominion Copper Co.

EAST KOOTENAY.

About 40 men are employed at construction work at the Sullivan Mining Company's smelter at Marysville, which is being pushed on towards completion. It is stated that an aerial tramway from the Sullivan Group mine to the smelter is to be built shortly. The Provincial Mineralogist visited this mine last year and in his official report he stated that the ore is a galena carrying an unusual amount of iron, the first class ore assaying 40 per cent. lead and 20 ozs. silver per ton, and the second class about 25 per cent. lead and 12 ozs. silver, varying somewhat according as it had been sorted. As the result of development there is a very large quantity of ore that may be classed as "in sight," and which from rough calculations may be put down as from 300,000 to 400,000 tons, assaying, approximately, 30 to 35 per cent. lead and 15 to 18 ozs. silver. The ore is of such a character, being chiefly metallic sulphides, as to preclude any method of water concentration, the only concentration possible being smelting.

The Perry Creek Hydraulic Mining Co. has completed the work of installing a very important plant at Perry Creek, by which the stream has been diverted from its course into a flume, 4x4 feet, and carried a distance of about four and half miles with a fall of approximately 600 feet. It is now proposed to work the creek bed which has been systematically prospected. The company has expended over \$100,000 on the work to the present time.

During August about 1,800 tons of concentrates were shipped from the St. Eugene mine, at Moyie. The shortness of water necessitated the mill being run on a light feed. It is anticipated that it will be practicable to continue operating, though at reduced capacity, until rain shall fall and increase the water supply.

It is reported that a new body of ore has been discovered in the North Star mine, at Kimberley, but the report has not been confirmed. Some months ago it was decided to wind up the North Star Company as the ore had been exhausted and neither extensive prospecting nor the reports of mining engineers gave encouragement to continue the search for more ore. The company paid altogether \$318,000 in dividends.

A statement has been published that the company controlling the Sullivan group of mines will have its smelter completed within three months, and that it intends to establish a refinery and lead-corroding works and to manufacture lead pipe.

It is proposed to form a company at Fort Steele to dredge a section of Wild Horse Creek where tailings were deposited from former placer mining operations. In the early 'sixties Wild Horse Creek mined by the crudest methods yielded twenty million dollars. It is supposed that a large percentage of gold was lost in the tailings, hence the project.

MINING MEN AND MATTERS.

Mr. Bernard MacDonald, formerly general manager of the Le Roi and other Rossland mines, is now at Guanajuato, Mexico, where he is erecting a cyanide plant.

We are happy to learn that Mr. Archibald Dick, Inspector of Mines, who was seriously ill for some weeks, has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties.

Mr. Frank Robbins, of Los Angeles, California, has been examining several of the quicksilver deposits of San Luis Obispo county, California.

A party of Japanese mining engineers visited Nanaimo during the month and inspected the Extension mines, taking

the opportunity to gain much practical information from the superintendent on methods in force at these collieries.

A Mr. Howard Dubois, of Philadelphia, described as a "platinum expert" has spent some weeks in Cariboo district, and recently proceeding to the Similkameen to investigate possible sources of platinum in that territory.

Mr. S. C. Holman, superintendent of the Mother Lode mine, who has enjoyed a two months' holiday, during which he visited the Treadwell mine, Alaska, Salt Lake City, Park City, Butte, and the St. Louis Fair, returned to Greenwood last month.

Mr. H. A. Guess, formerly in the custom assay business at Greenwood, Boundary district, but now of Silverton, Colorado, contributed a paper on The Commercial Wet Lead-Assay to the meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers held in the iron and copper regions of Lake Superior last month.

Mr. S. F. Parrish spent part of last month at Salt Lake City, Utah. It was his intention before returning to San Francisco to go into the old Nevada mining country, which is now becoming accessible by the construction of a railway from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, and, as well, to visit mining properties near the Utah-Nevada line.

Mr. Alexander McDermott, of Beaumont, Texas, who recently visited the Flathead Valley, directs attention to the need of a waggon-road into that section either from Crow's Nest, Morrissey Mines or Gateway. Mr. McDermott states that both the present trails from Gateway and Roosville and from Crow's Nest are practically impassible except for light packing.

The Provincial Mineralogist, who has been visiting mines in the Nelson and Slocan mining districts since early in the summer, is expected to shortly return to headquarters in Victoria. The Provincial Assayer has also spent a couple of months visiting mining properties, but he has given his attention to Coast districts. The Deputy Minister of Mines has just returned from an official visit to the Atlin gold mining district, in the north-western part of the Province.

Mr. G. H. Barnhardt, who has been in sole charge of the Ymir mine since the first of the year, has resigned his position there, and will give his personal attention to the operation of the Porto Rico mine, on which he has a lease. A force of men have been working on the Porto Rico for some weeks past and are opening up new reserves of ore.

Mr. Barnhart is succeeded at the Ymir by Mr. S. J. Speak, of London, a mining engineer of wide experience. —*Ymir Herald*.

Mr. G. C. S. Lindsey, K. C., of Toronto, Ontario, who for some time past has taken a very active part in the business affairs of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, has been appointed general manager of the company. Mr. Lindsey was already third vice-president, managing director and legal counsel to the company. Under the present system of management of the company's business each department has a distinct head. The mine operating department is under R. G. Drinnan, the sales and coke department under Mr. Pearson, and the accounting department under Mr. D. Davies.

Mr. Thos. Russell, retiring superintendent of the Western Fuel Company's collieries at Nanaimo, has been banquetted and presented with a valuable clock, five feet high, by the company's employees and Nanaimo friends. General regret was expressed at his resignation. Mr. Russell, who has been superintendent for five years, said of the company's collieries: "Departure Bay mine is now past the experimental stage and work is developing it very rapidly, and the mine will shortly be in a position to employ a large number of men. In No. 1 shaft a very extensive field is being opened up in No. 7 levels, in fact a field equal in area to the entire workings of the colliery for the past 50 years."

The Government Bureau of Provincial Information is getting out a bulletin on Mining in British Columbia. This will be a general review of the industry in the Province, including statistics of mineral production, notes of the more important various mining sections with brief descriptions of