

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Mr. T. B. Williams, Engineer for The Canmore Coal Co. of Canmore, Alberta, has returned to the west after spending a month among his friends in Ontario.

Mr. A. A. Hassan has opened an office at 203-204 Riggs Building, Washington, D. C., for geological and mining engineering work. He has been prospecting with diamond drills gold deposits in Montgomery Co., Maryland.

Mr. J. B. Tyrrell has returned to Toronto from Porcupine and will sail on Feb. 9 for England.

Mr. Robert Bryce is at Sheridan, Montana, and expects to be there for a few months.

Mr. B. Neilly was in Toronto last week.

Mr. C. A. Foster of Haileybury has been in Toronto in connection with litigation over property at Kirkland lake and the arrangement of other matters which should result in increased activity in the mining districts along the T. & N. O. railway.

Mr. T. H. Rea is in Toronto. He is making headquarters in Chicago.

Mr. David Sloan formerly manager at the Rea mine was in Toronto last week.

Mr. G. C. Bateman is in Toronto.

Mr. T. W. Gibson and Dr. W. G. Miller, members of the Ontario Nickel Commission, have returned to Toronto after a visit to Cuba in connection with the nickel investigation.

Col. A. M. Hay, president of McIntyre-Porcupine mines, is at the property.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Monetary Times Annual Statistical Review and outlook number.** Edited by Fred W. Field, Published by Monetary Times Printing Co., Toronto. Price 50 cents.

This volume tells the story of an exceptionally interesting year in Canadian affairs. The great effects of the war on all industries and the ways in which Canadians have met the many new problems are set forth in an excellent series of articles by well known men. The larger part of the book is devoted to banking, bonds and investments, and insurance. Forty pages contain information classified under the heading "industrial." In these pages appears information concerning the mining industry. The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company is dealt with in a special article, and Mr. T. W. Gibson contributes some notes on nickel.

**Heaton's Annual 1916—Commercial handbook of Canada and Boards of Trade Revenue.** Published by Heaton's Agency, 32 Church St., Toronto.

This is the twelfth annual edition of a useful handbook. It enables one to find information which is not readily available, and buried in many diverse publications. The section headings are: official directory, correspondence, financial, commercial regulations, registration offices, credit reports, transportation, banking towns, customs, where to find it, towns and local opportunities, general information, agricultural districts and crown lands regulations, and tables.

A notable part of the book is the section "where to find it." This should prove a handy reference, enabling one easily to obtain information on diverse subjects.

## INTERNATIONAL NICKEL.

New York, Jan. 25—In three months ended Dec. 31 last International Nickel Co. had a balance equivalent to about 7% on the common stock.

In the first nine months of the current fiscal year, after allowing all charges for depreciation, mineral exhaustion and preferred dividends, the company earned about 20% on the increased amount of common stock. Thus the full year's cash dividends were earned in nine months.

Gross earnings in the quarter ended with December were greater than any previous quarter in the company's history. It is expected the last half of the fiscal year will show gross earnings fully 50% in excess of gross for the first six months, with commensurate gain in balance for dividends.

Cash balance at close of fiscal year March 31, if no extra dividend is charged out in the meantime, will approximate 25% on the common stock. There is reason to believe that common shareholders will receive substantial extra cash dividend in the near future.

## BOSTON CREEK.

Cobalt, Jan. 22—A new vein has been found on the property of the Miller Independence mine at Boston Creek. It strikes directly across the first discovery made. At one point where it has been uncovered there is a width of several feet of quartz, and in this quartz there is a good deal of free gold and sulphides. It is, moreover, not as flat an ore body as the first discovery.

A shaft is being sunk on the original discovery. Owing to the character of the ore body there has been some difficulty in following it. It has been in and out of the shaft once or twice already in the short distance to which the shaft has been sunk now.

A boiler has recently been taken in over the trail from Boston Creek, and, as a compressor and other equipment, including a small Nissen stamp mill purchased from the Dome, preceded it, the Miller Independence should soon be working under steam. The thick crust which formed on the snow last week made the breaking of roads quite difficult for some time, but the passage of the boiler over the trail from Boston Creek should make it quite good for the rest of the winter.

Some ore has already been bagged from the original discovery, and taken to an ore house which has been erected.—The Northern Miner.

## ACCIDENT AT DOME MINE.

Timmins, Jan. 22—At five minutes to twelve 3 workmen lost their lives last night by a fall of muck on which they were standing in No. 3 shaft, precipitating them with the rock a distance of some 140 ft. to the 600 ft. level. The name of the deceased are: Mike Cahill, J. H. Smeltzer and Bernardin Deshais. Mike Cahill is well known in the camp since the early days and is an expert miner.

J. H. Smeltzer, whose wife lives in South Porcupine comes from Guelph, Ontario, and B. Deshais comes from Three Rivers and has a brother working at the Tough-Oakes mine. From enquiries it seems that the chute was hung up in the raise and a pipe driven into the pile was to be filled with powder to loosen it up. The end of the pipe had been battered up with hammerings and had just been sawn off when without any warning the mass fell to the bottom carrying the above deceased with it. H. Charette W. Asseltine, and H. Lajetnesse, were also on the edge not two feet away and had a narrow escape. An inquest will be held—Porcupine Herald.