

County, Utah, and is to have an initial capacity of from 2,000 to 2,500 tons daily.

MEXICO.

A movement is on foot for the organization of an institute of mining engineers and metallurgists for Mexico. The new society will be known as the "Institute Mexicano de Minas y Metallurgia."

A plant to demonstrate the application of the Delprat & Potter zinc-flotation process will be erected in Mexico City by an English company, of which H. Lawrence Read, of Australia, is the managing director.

The problem of silicious ores for the Mexican smelters is becoming of much moment. The erection of cyanide mills to treat the silicious silver ores of the big camps has changed the surplus of ores of this character into a shortage, and the condition will become more acute in the future.

PERU.

A new smelter erected by the Cerro del Pasco Company will be in commission by April 15th, and the company's monthly output of blister copper will be increased from 2,500,000 pounds to 4,000,000 pounds.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The Johannesburg Chamber of Mines places the March production of gold from the Rand at 608,000 ounces. It compares with 565,000 ounces the output of February, and 615,000 ounces in the opening month of the year.

Twenty stamps to be installed at the West Rand Consolidated Company will be the heaviest on the Witwatersrand. Each stamp will weigh 1,850 pounds, and have a duty of 12 tons per 24 hours.

AUSTRALASIA.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company have completed their first zinc distillation furnaces, and nine more are to be erected. Suitable clay for making the retorts has been discovered in the vicinity. It is expected that eight furnaces will be in operation by the end of 1909.

In the Broken Hill labor dispute, Justice Higgins, the arbitrator, has fixed the rate of wages for unskilled labor at 8s. 7½d. and 8s. 3d. a day, respectively. Miners are to receive 10s. a day. The hours of labor are fixed at 48 a week. The arbitrator declined to interfere with the contract system, or to compel the Proprietary Company to continue work. Justice Hig-

gins' award provides for wages on the same scale as heretofore. The Proprietary Company has appealed from this decision.

The coal mines of New Zealand are again working after the recent strike. As has nearly always been the case in New Zealand, the miners came off second best.

COMPANY NOTES.

DOMINION STEEL DIVIDEND.

A dividend of 10½ per cent. on account of 42 per cent. of deferred payments on the preferred stock has been declared by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, payable May 10th. The remaining arrears of dividend are to be paid in full in the course of a year. Regular dividends are to be resumed October 1st, 1909.

EARNINGS OF LA ROSE.

Net earnings of the La Rose Consolidated for February and March averaged about \$75,000 per month. In January the earnings were \$90,000.

The present earnings of the La Rose Company are derived from new developments, without encroaching upon reserves, which are in the neighborhood of \$2,500,000.

KERR LAKE DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

The Kerr Lake Mining Company have declared the regular dividend of 4 per cent., and an extra dividend of 2 per cent., payable June 15th, to stock of record June 1st.

NIPISSING'S MARCH EARNINGS.

During March, Nipissing mined ore of estimated value of \$141,623, and shipped ore of estimated value of \$193,845. Important developments of the month included the striking of ore at the 175-foot level of 64, cutting veins 89 and 67 from the 60-foot level at Kendall, and increased showing of ore in vein No. 26, below the 110-foot level.

CONIAGAS QUARTERLY DIVIDEND.

The Coniagas Mining Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent., payable May 1st.

DIVIDEND ON TRETHEWAY.

At the meeting of the Trethewey directors an interim dividend of 10 per cent. was declared, payable on May 15th to shareholders of record on May 1st. The finances of the company are said to be in excellent shape, and a statement will shortly be made to shareholders.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS.

The shipments for the month of March as reported by the T. & N. O. Railway Commission were:—

	Cars.	Pounds.	Tons.
Nipissing	21	1,386,220	693.11
La Rose	14	932,800	466.40
Crown Reserve	8	452,800	226.40
Chambers-Ferland	5	297,440	148.72
O'Brien	4	269,510	134.76
Trethewey	4	247,620	123.81
T. & H. B.	4	226,600	113.30
Coniagas	3	189,300	94.65
City of Cobalt	3	188,492	94.24
Kerr Lake	3	177,985	89.00
Right of Way	3	181,800	90.90
Buffalo	3	146,080	73.04
McKinley-Darragh	2	111,960	55.89

Temiskaming	2	100,000	50.00
Peterson Lake	1	51,400	25.70
Nova Scotia	1	79,420	39.71
King Edward	1	44,130	22.06
Cobalt Central	1	40,000	20.00
Totals	83	5,123,557	2,561.78

The shipments from the camp for the first three months of 1909 were:—

	Cars.	Pounds.	Tons.
January	74	4,750,258	2,375.13
February	71	4,207,734	2,103.85
March	83	5,123,557	2,561.78
Totals	228	14,081,549	7,040.76