

the school and will give \$1,000 a year for ten years toward its maintenance, while the Ontario government has placed in its estimates a sum equaling that of Port Arthur for the erection and also \$2,000 a year for the maintenance of the school. The municipality of Shumail will also, it is thought, pass a by-law making a grant for its maintenance.

#### Sudbury.

Reports from the nickel mines here show that all the works are in full blast, the Copper Cliff, Hazelard and Murray mines being worked to their full capacity.

#### British Columbia.

##### Nanaimo.

The shipments of ore for last month amounted to 54,317 tons, or a decrease on the previous month of about 5,000 tons. The exports by companies was as follows: New V. C. Co., 30,042 tons; Wellington colliery, 14,344 tons; East Welling colliery, 965 tons; Union colliery, 8,956 tons.

At the annual general meeting of the employees of the New Vancouver Coal Co., held the other day, the report of the medical committee and their financial statement was presented. A medical and accident fund has existed among the miners of this company during the past three years, which is maintained by a monthly subscription of 25 cents per head of every employee. Last year's balance sheet showed a deficit of \$153.45. This year there is a balance of \$184. The receipts during the year ending May 30th, 1920, amounted to \$2,879.75, and the payments to \$15,095.75, including the surgeon's salary of \$9,517.30. The number of accidents that came under the committee's notice for the same period and in which relief was granted, was 133. At this meeting the appointment of a mines doctor took place, with the result that Dr. E. H. Fraeger was retained. There had been a movement on foot among the miners to do away with the present system of every man employing the same medical man, and to make arrangements whereby each man could employ whoever he chose; however, when the time came, the feeling had veered around in favor of the present incumbent, who is beyond doubt a thoroughly capable surgeon, and he was re-appointed with the almost unanimous consent of those present.

Mr. A. Dick, Government Inspector of Mines, who has returned from an official inspection of the Union mines, reports everything to be going on very satisfactorily. The number of men employed is not so great as it might be, but those that are working are employed steadily. A new electric pumping apparatus for the No. 1 shaft has just been received. The one already in use in another mine has been found to work with the greatest success.

Extensive operations are now, and have been for some time past, being carried on at the Newcastle Island quarry, of the New Vancouver Coal company of which Messrs. Carter and Nightingale are the lessees. About 20 men are regularly employed in getting out stone, and they have all they need to supply the wants of the various contractors. Messrs. Carter and Nightingale have the contracts for supplying stone for the new buildings now being erected in Vancouver for the banks of Montreal and British North America, and also for the drill shed at Victoria. The gang of men employed in the quarry are comfortably lodged and catered on the island, where good substantial buildings have been erected in close proximity to the works. The sandstone quarried out has not yet been equalled by that turned out of any of the other quarries in the province; it is used in almost all the large buildings erected either on the Mainland or Vancouver Island.

(From the Miner.)

J. Shieble claims to have 12 feet on his claim, the Lucky Jim, in the same district. Other reports say that he has only 30 inches. There is little doubt, however, that he has at least 12 inches of exceedingly high grade stuff. Five-sixths of the claim is bonded for \$40,000.—\$5,000 down.

An agreement made in 1890 between the original owners of the Silver King and Richard Day Atkins has been re-recorded, stating that the latter seems to be mining for Silver King, Kootenay Bonanza and American Flag, have also been re-recorded. The dry-lanes are beginning to rattle.

The owners of the Dictator intend to sink a 100 foot shaft on their claim, and mean to put in the assessment work on the 4 or 5 other claims which form the group.

On Tuesday the United was visited by S. P. Palmer. The drift to the south is in 3 feet of ore on the same shaft from which ore was shipped last year. Galena has been struck in the 150 foot level.

A. L. Davenport has a force of men stopping from the property of the Poorman hole down to the tunnel about 50 feet below. They are working at present in a decomposed quartz running high in fine gold. Whenever development work is done on a large enough scale the Poorman will become one of the biggest mines in West Kootenay. The richest ore yet found running \$300 to the ton in gold was got at the foot of a winze sunk 80 feet from the level of the main tunnel. A tunnel has been begun and run about 20 feet, and it is hoped that the foot of this winze. Quite a little development work remains to be done before the property can be said to be fully shown up.

## CANADIAN COMPANIES.

**Canada Coal Co.**—This company has applied for letters patent under Dominion laws for the following purposes: (a.) To buy and sell and otherwise operate and deal with coal, wood, iron and mineral ores; (b.) To purchase, hire, charter, navigate and maintain such steamships and sailing vessels for the carrying and conveying of goods, chattels, wares and merchandise, and to carry on such business of carriers of goods as their business may require, with power to sell and dispose of the said vessels or any of them; (c.) To purchase, rent, erect and hold for the purposes of the company such lands, wharves, docks, warehouses, offices, elevators and other buildings as it may find necessary and convenient for the purposes of the company, and to sell, mortgage and dispose of the same for the purposes of the company; with a capital stock of \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100. The applicants are: Harry Jackson Watson, James Thorold Mathews, Albert Ernest Mathews, James Mathews and James Morgan, all of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, Province of Ontario.

**The National Oil Co.**—Applies for letters patent under Dominion laws. Capital, \$150,000, in 1,500 shares of the value of \$100 each, office at Petrolia. The applicants are: John McDonald, oil refiner; James Fiddes, oil refiner; William Adam, Braybrook, Blacksmith; and William Edward Langford, accountant; all of the said town of Petrolia; and Charles Henry Schooley, of the city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, oil merchant of whom on the said John McDonald, James Fiddes and Charles Henry Schooley are to be first and principal directors of the said company. The purposes, within the purview of the Act, for which incorporation is sought, are: The purchase of refineries, plant and machinery; the carrying on of the business of buying, leasing, letting and selling petroleum oil lands and other lands; buying, selling and producing oil and crude petroleum oil and other products thereof; drilling and putting down salt and oil wells, and otherwise developing salt and petroleum oil lands; working, leasing, buying, letting and selling oil refineries and salt works; manufacturing, buying and selling salt and petroleum oil and other products thereof; storing, tanking and warehousing refined and crude petroleum oil and other products thereof, and granting warehouse receipts for the same; constructing and operating pipe lines for the transportation of oil, and the doing of all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects aforesaid throughout the Dominion of Canada.

**The Eagle Nest Gold Mining Co. of Ontario, (Ltd.)**—Gives notice that application under the Ontario Mining Incorporation Act, for the purpose of incorporating, and holding, lease, exchange and sell mining lands, and to develop the said lands by working mines, smelters, stamping mills and other necessary works, in the Province of Ontario. Head office, Toronto. Capital stock, \$200,000, in 2,000 shares of \$100 each. The directors are: made up of Alexander McArthur, merchant; Reuben Millican, merchant, and George Alexander Shaw, lieutenant-colonel, all of Toronto.

**The Kramer-Irwin Rock, Asphalt and Cement Paving Co., (Ltd.)**—Gives notice that application under the Ontario Act will be made for incorporation, to make, lay and repair all kinds of flooring, pavements, roofs and walks, in the Province of Ontario. Head office, Montreal. Capital stock, \$200,000, in 2,000 shares of \$100 each. The applicants are: Herman Kramer, paver, Buffalo, N.Y.; Thomas Irwin, John Thomas Irwin, Jr., roofer; Wm. James Kingdon, clerk; and John Franklin Monck, all of Hamilton.

**The New Toronto Natural Gas and Oil Co.**—Which was recently organized by Toronto and Ottawa people, has had most satisfactory results in the two wells sunk—one at each of the above places. The first well was drilled at New Toronto, to a depth of 1,300 feet. The first gas was struck at 575, and the largest body at 875 feet. At 1,300 feet the well was exploded and has been flowing at the rate of from 75,000 to 100,000 feet daily. The gas has been used by a factory alongside, for heating, lighting, etc., and the pressure seems to be existing considerably from time to time. The second well, at Mimico, was sunk 1,100 feet, and the output from this time, from 300,000 to 350,000 cubic feet daily. A third well one and a half miles further west, has been started. A large area of land has been leased, and ten or fifteen wells will be sunk within a radius of 8 miles from the city. Experts claim that the gas lies in the same vicinity, and, while neither wells are "pushers," yet they will more than repay the cost of sinking them. \$10,000 so far has been expended, and a similar amount will be used during the next three months. The stockholders, who include a number of Ottawa gentlemen, are more than satisfied with the results, and look to a bright and prosperous future for the undertaking. The gas is of a high quality and absolutely free from sulphur, and its close proximity to the city makes the manufacturers and real estate men of Toronto hope for satisfactory results.

**New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Co., (Ltd.)**—The annual general meeting of this company was held during the month at the offices, 12 Old Jewry Chambers, London, on Mr. J. M. Savage, Secretary, presiding. The directors in the report, stated that the net output for the half year was 204,500 tons, and the sales 202,350 tons. Prices, which up to the middle of the year

were fairly remunerative, fell considerably and continuously, so that the accounts showed that the working for the past half year had been less satisfactory, and they regretted to say that the prospects for the present year were even less encouraging. The directors recommended the payment of a dividend at the rate of 1½ per cent. for the half year (free of income tax), making, with the interim dividend paid in December last, a per cent. for the year. In view of the indebtedness of the company to its agents and the prospects of the company's operations for the current year the directors regretted that they were unable to recommend a larger dividend. They were also desirous that outlay on capital account, especially in these depressed times, shall be curtailed as much as possible, and all endeavours directed to getting the coal that must be taken to market at as low a cost as possible. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted; the dividend was declared, and the retiring director and auditor were re-elected.

**Quebec Asbestos Co., (Ltd.)**—Registered by H. O. Mellor, 27 Clements-lane, London, E.C., with a capital of £25,000 in £1 shares. Object, to carry into effect an agreement, made March 17, between G. White of the one part, this company, of the other part, for the acquisition of certain asbestos-bearing properties in the township of Cleveland, Quebec, Canada, and to carry on business as miners and smelters in all its branches, whether for asbestos or other minerals. There shall not be less than three nor more than ten directors; the first to be elected by the signatories to the memorandum of association. Qualification, £250. Remuneration 10 per cent. of net profits, the same to be divisible.

**Meeting of the Sydney and Louisburg Coal and Railway Co., (Ltd.)**—The thirtieth ordinary general meeting of this company took place last month at London, Mr. G. W. Medley presiding. In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman said during the past year they had raised 170,853 tons of coal, against 155,907 tons in 1919, and 124,600 in 1918. That was the largest quantity ever raised by the company, and under ordinary circumstances they would have had very good profits to show, but owing to causes which he would explain to them the anticipated profits could not be put into the coffers of the company. They had disbursed, in the first place, for general repairs and constructions, an amount of £1,258 owing to the fact that the Sydney pier through an impact of ice. There had also been an increase in wages of £1,200, for a demand had been made by the miners of Cape Breton, asking for 15 per cent. increase, or at the rate of 3d. per ton; but they had, after negotiations, consented to accept an increase of 7½ per cent. or 1½d. per ton. There was also an item of £439 for new piping. The year's revenue account had, moreover, to bear a charge of £1,968 under the heading of depreciation, being one-third of the cost of the stone drift, new coal cars, and of payments on account of the new coal area, and £845, one-third of the cost of opening up the Emery mine, the payment for which was spread over three years. The year's working showed a credit balance of £1,120 13s. 11d., against £1,715 9s. 6d. in 1919, which, with the balance of £1,660 in 1918, brought forward on Jan. 1, 1920, an available balance of £1,675. Out of that sum the directors proposed to pay a dividend of six shillings per share, equal to 5 per cent., leaving to be carried forward a balance of £175. Mr. J. G. Mills seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

**South Forks Hydraulic and Mining Company.**—A charter of incorporation under the "Companies Act of 1890" (H.C.) has been granted to this company. Capital, \$150,000, in 150,000 shares of \$1 each. Directors: John K. Barker, W. Polley and John K. Smith. Head office: Queneville Forks, H.C. The objects for which the Company is formed are: Hydraulic or other process or processes of mining; to own and construct ditches, flumes or other systems of water-ways; to purchase or otherwise acquire, own, operate and sell or lease mines, minerals, water and water-ways; to do and perform all such other acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

**Whiteburn Gold Mining Co.**—The property of this Company, consisting of 105 gold acres, 10 stamp mill and other machinery and buildings was put up at Sheriff's sale, at Whiteburn, in Queens County on 5th inst.

**Homestake Mining Company of Ontario.**—At a meeting of this company held lately, D. L. Mather was elected president and J. M. Savage, Secretary and Treasurer. Mining has been begun on their claims. The company has lately secured in addition to its other properties, location 232 P. situated on Yellow Girl Bay, Lake of the Woods. The property was discovered in 1882. The originators of the company claim that the presence of a large body of rich ore has been demonstrated by the tests made.

**Ottawa Mining Co.**—At the annual meeting held at the offices of the company in Winnipeg lately, A. G. McMicken Winnipeg, was elected president and J. S. Ewart, Winnipeg, vice-president.

**Bell's Asbestos Company Limited.**—The directors have declared an interim dividend of 25.6d. per share (free of income-tax) for the half year ended 30th June, being at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable by warrant on and after the 15th inst. to the shareholders on the register on the 14th inst.