

MINES AND MINING

By H. MORTIMER LAMB

THEIR recently appeared in the Economist a London financial paper of standing an article from its special mining commission...

methods and now has a capacity of 1,500 per day, and if after a trial run to test the capacity of the plant with reference to the amount of ore that can be most economically handled from the mines, the conditions are satisfactory, the plant will be increased to a capacity of 2,000 tons per day.

Mr. Graves stated that they were treating their own matte, thus saving the cost of transportation to New York, and producing a better quality of matte than that from other British Columbia smelters.

When no definite plans have been formulated looking to the immediate establishment of a copper refinery, such is the intention of the company. There is no reason why the refining of copper ores cannot be done as cheaply, if not cheaper than in this case. At least one company has determined to test the matter.

Dr. A. R. Leduc, who is regarded as the most reliable authority on copper ores in his report after examining our mines declared that the ore here is a definite statement, which is absolutely at variance with known facts, and if the correspondent had taken the trouble to refer to the minister of mines' reports for the last two years he need not have committed himself to stating something which he so easily disproved.

The output of the Fenix collieries is now being increased by the company now mining nearly 2,500 tons of coal per day. 808 ovens are now in operation, and about 800 tons of coal are being produced daily.

It is expected, however, that production will shortly be increased to 1,400 tons. The local demand is also increasing, in consequence of the improvements and additions recently effected at the Fenix and Boundary smelting plants.

While in addition it is expected that large orders for fuel should be received from the Marysville, Ferguson and Lyric works at Boundary Falls, which lease has just been obtained by the Sunnyside company, of Montreal.

Development work on the Morrisey creek colliery is being steadily prosecuted and the company hope to be able to commence shipping from some time this winter. The quality of coal of excellent quality is being shipped in large quantities.

FOR WIFE'S MURDER

Man Arrested For Crime Committed Half a Year Ago

New York, Feb. 25.—Joseph Wilfred Blouin, charged with the murder of his wife by cutting her head at Holmsford, near Boston, Mass., met Judge, was arrested here today. He was identified by a detective from Boston while he was in the custody of the police.

Important New Industry

Tyee Copper Company, Ltd., Will Build Large Smelter at Ladysmith.

Company Has Invested \$375,000—Facts About the Tyee Mine.

Mr. Clermont Livingston, general manager and local director of the Tyee Copper Company, Ltd., who is in the city this week on business connected with the company's mines at Mount Sicker, kindly furnished the following interesting information as to the progress already made and the future plans of the company.

The Tyee Copper Company, Ltd., is an English concern, capitalized at £180,000 (\$300,000 in £1 shares, with head office No. 45, Leadenhall street, London, England.

Work on the Tyee began four years ago and has been prosecuted ever since with the most gratifying results. Two shafts have been sunk, one of which, a double compartment shaft, has reached a depth of 200 feet, while the other, a single compartment shaft, is down 940 feet.

Since the 3rd last violent snow storm has interrupted the operation of search for bodies of the victims of the disaster. Sixteen hundred soldiers and four hundred civilians were employed, but little progress is made. Over 100 dead have been discovered.

The new steel screw steamer Knight Companion was wrecked near Katsura on the southern coast, so to speak, of the Japanese coast, west of the straits of Korea. Green Island, Couris & Co., of the Portland Asiatic Steamship Co., was due here on her regular run from Portland.

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Shanghai, Feb. 25.—The Bankers' commission here received on the 21st inst. the first instalment of the Chinese indemnity, viz., Hongkong \$1,820,000. The instalment will be distributed to the powers in the following proportion:

the mine is that a face of the drift is in massive ore. A rough estimate of the ore blocked out from the 200-foot level gives assurance of 100,000 tons in sight of an average value of \$15 per ton. The policy of the management is to ascertain the extent of the ore in order to begin to build a smelter.

Other harbor as the smelter site a large outlay would have been necessary for docks and ore bunkers.

It was therefore decided to build the smelter at Ladysmith and the work of surveying and clearing the site has already begun.

The management having proved beyond reasonable doubt that the reserve of ore warranted the investment, decided upon building a smelter for the treatment of the ore, preferably to shipping to a foreign smelter which would seriously reduce the cost of transportation and treatment.

Sketch Map Indicating Position of Mt. Sicker. The map shows the location of Mt. Sicker relative to Ladysmith and the surrounding area, including the Juan de Fuca Strait and the Pacific Ocean.

Sketch Map Indicating Developments at Tyee Mine. This map details the layout of the Tyee mine, showing the shafts, the smelter site, and the surrounding infrastructure.

merical centre, was by all odds the most suitable place at which to establish the smelting plant. The geographic position of Ladysmith would as one aspect be the shipping and distributing point for all that portion of Vancouver Island between Goldstream and Nanaimo.

When the smelter is blown in the company will have expended a total of \$750,000 (\$375,000), and more capital is available whenever the expansion of the business calls for further expenditure.

Advantages which no other similar establishment on this coast can possess will be easy of access from every point by water and will enjoy the benefit of a water supply of 1,000,000 gallons per day, and timber and other materials abundant in its immediate vicinity.

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News Budget From Orient

Extreme Cold in North of Japan Interferes With Rescue Parties.

Great Britain, Japan and United States United in Anti-Russian Policy.

Tokyo, Feb. 7.—(Associated Press Letter by C. P. R. Steamship Bureau.) The Emperor and the Empress returned to the disaster to the Fifth regent, 200 men of which were frozen to death in almost perfect isolation.

The cold in Japan this year is pronounced to be most exceptional; since the 22nd January the range of the thermometer has been between 20° and 30° F., less than the usual average at the season.

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PREPARED DOGS. The Victoria Kennel Club's annual bench show was held on the 21st inst. in April, so that intending buyers...

MR. McBRIDE SAID. Mr. McBrice said that he had not intended to do anything of the kind, and that he was sure that the speaker would be successful in his efforts to improve the condition of the coast.