

veniences and furnishings, ensuring comfort to those who occupy them. Now that winter has been passed through, there is a long season of good weather to be expected. It is hoped that when it becomes known in other mining camps that conditions underground are satisfactory and accommodations for miners even better than in some of the old established camps, while communication with "the outside" by steamer is frequent, and supplies of all kinds easily and quickly obtained, that many experienced and capable machine men will go to Hidden Creek, where employment is now regular and will be lasting.

#### General Notes.

Work has been resumed at the Rambler-Cariboo silver-lead mine and concentrating mill, the melting snow now supplying sufficient water to run the Pelton wheels that operate compressor and mill machinery.

The Nelson "Daily News" has published a news item stating that during March 2,020 tons of copper ore was shipped from the British Columbia Copper Co.'s Queen Victoria mine, near Nelson, to the company's smelting works at Greenwood.

On the Coast it is reported that Tonopah-Belmont Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., has acquired an option of the gold mining property of the Surf Inlet Gold Mines, Ltd., situated on Princess Royal island, and that conditions of the provisional sale require that a stamp-mill and cyanide plant, to have a treatment capacity of 400 to 500 tons of ore a day, are to be erected and equipped by the first mentioned company.

An interesting reminder of the early days of Rossland camp is contained in the following excerpt from "Spokesman Review," of Spokane, Washington, which under the heading of "Twenty Years Ago To-day," on April 5, reprinted the following news item: "The first steamer-load of ore from the Le Roi mine was taken down the Columbia river from the Trail landing to Northport on Monday. There was 987 tons at the landing, the result of the winter's work; the steamer took away 64 tons."

During the period from January 1 to April 7 of this year there has been treated at the Granby Con. Co.'s smelting works at Grand Forks, Boundary district, 323,141 tons of ore, of which 315,909 tons was from the company's mines at Phoenix and 7,232 tons was custom ore. The quantity of blister copper shipped to the refinery during the same period was 5,578,550 lb.

A report has been published in Vancouver that the Horsefly hydraulic gold mine will be operated during the coming summer. It is also stated that several other placer gold mines in the Horsefly section of Quesnel mining division, Cariboo district, will be worked as well.

#### GRANBY.

Boston, April 27.

A call has been sent Granby Consolidated stockholders for a special meeting to be held May 13, "for the purpose of authorizing directors to borrow and secure repayment of moneys for purposes of the company up to \$3,000,000."

President Nichols of Granby Consolidated, in supplementing recent report to stockholders, says that on March 16 the first furnace at Hidden Creek smelter went into commission, and the second started April 11.

"The new plant starts up in a very gratifying manner, and while it is yet too early to give exact smelting figures which will be reached, enough has been

learned to warrant assumption that we shall deliver refined copper in New York at less than ten cents a pound.

"Under our charter directors are not permitted to borrow in excess of \$1,000,000 without sanction of stockholders. As our output of copper will be more than doubled, a large portion of which will at all times be in transit, additional working capital will be required and directors should be in position to take advantage of temporary loans whenever it is more desirable than to sell bonds which can be paid off at 110."—Boston News Bureau.

In our last issue we published a despatch from Vancouver stating that the delay in starting the new smelting plant of the Granby Cons. M. S. & P. Co. was caused by a break in the dam. We are advised by our B. C. correspondent, Mr. E. Jacobs, that no such accident occurred. Mr. Jacobs also calls attention to the fact that the Granby Co.'s engineers estimate that at the Hidden Creek property there has been developed about 9,000,000 tons of ore, carrying 2.2 per cent. copper, besides a large quantity of lower grade ore.

#### DANE MINING CO.

According to the secretary of the company, the Dane Mining Co., Ltd., owns 240 acres of patented lands in the townships of Teek and Lebel, all in one block, good buildings and an up-to-date plant. About 72,000 tons of low grade copper ore has been blocked out. The company shipped 62 tons of 8.4 per cent. to the smelters at Chrome, N.J., in January of this year. The works have been closed down since December 1st, 1913, partly on account of damages sustained by fire and the lack of sufficient power. The company's properties are very promising and will, no doubt, be further developed in the near future. The location of the Dane mines is two and a half miles directly south of the Tough-Oakes gold mines in the Kirkland Lake district. Mr. Shirley Ogilvie is president and Mr. Alex. McKinnon is secretary-treasurer of the company.

#### THE IRON INDUSTRY.

According to reports from Ottawa the Government proposes to institute an enquiry by the Mines Department into the iron resources of the country and improved methods of treating iron ore.

Mr. Frederic Nicholls, Consul for Portugal, Toronto, has received the following letter from the Commercial Association of Lisbon, Portugal: "Being desirous of enlarging our commercial business, especially the foreign one, the directors of the Association have approved of the installation of a room for catalogues of the most important commercial houses in the world, in order to have our business men acquainted with prices of all articles in the world's market, and for the above reason we ask you to be kind enough to invite by the most practical means the commercial houses of your district that export their products to present their catalogues to the Association."

#### PAINKILLER LAKE.

Mr. H. C. Crow, of the Cartwright Gold Fields, Ltd., states that it is the intention of the company to sink a shaft on one of the veins on the property at Painkiller lake. The report of Mr. E. W. Phillips states that deposit contains gold tellurides.