

## B. C. IN LONDON.

**A** FEW developments there are to report in connection with British Columbia matters. The most important perhaps was the meeting held at the offices of the agent-general with the object of arranging a British Columbian dinner in London. This, which was a very representative gathering, was held on Tuesday, 4th of March, and a committee was formed composed of the following gentlemen:—Mr. Geo. S. Waterlow, D. L., J. P.; Mr. A. J. McMillan, Mr. K. N. McFee, Mr. C. G. Kekewich, Mr. Wm. Walter, Mr. C. H. Wilkinson, Mr. Robert Ward, Mr. Hewitt Bostock, Mr. Cecil Ward, Mr. W. Pellew-Harvey, Mr. C. K. Milbourne, Mr. O. Hickling, Mr. Oliver Wethered, Mr. C. V. Paull, the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, the Hon. J. Turner being elected chairman of the committee. The dinner took place at the Whitehall rooms, on Tuesday, March 18th, the Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G. C. M. G., high commissioner for Canada, presiding. The agent-general and those associated with him were well supported in their efforts to make the dinner thoroughly representative, and I understand it was businesslike in character.

In addition to the work entailed in connection with the British Columbian dinner in London, the new agent-general has found time to lecture upon the Province before the members of the Royal Colonial Institute and the Imperial Institute. On both occasions he met with a very hearty reception and made very interesting statements regarding the Province. I was present at the former lecture and was much gratified to note the very large attendance. Added interest was lent to the occasion by a number of splendid views of British Columbia which were thrown upon a screen, and which certainly helped to assist the agent-general in his efforts to describe the physical characteristics of the Province. At the lecture before the Royal Colonial Institute, Lord Strathcona presided, and, in introducing the new agent-general referred to the important steps which were being taken to reduce the time occupied in covering the distance between this country and the capital of the Province. He also stated that as a result of Mr. Turner's very interesting lecture, his information regarding the Province had been materially increased, and he highly complimented the lecturer on the very able way in which he had dealt with a subject of such paramount importance.

Developments in the stock markets have been few and far between. Le Rois have been very heavy and at the lowest point on record, at all events, since the company passed into the hands of a British proprietor. The wrangle in connection with the past management of the company has continued, and Mr. Macdonald circulated the statement which he had said he would publish, giving his version of this many-sided story. It is satisfactory to find that on the whole Mr. Macdonald is hopeful regarding the future of the property, but it is significant that notwithstanding his statements the shares have hung about in the neighbourhood of 4. The efforts to re-organize the Rossland Great Western and Kootenay Mining Cos. have made material progress, and it is evident that the shareholders now they have started will insist upon the properties being conducted on quite different lines in the future.

At the meeting of the Rossland Great Western mine, Mr. J. A. Fower explained the position taken up by his firm in the matter, and after Mr. Macdonald had made his statement upon the property and the chairman had stated that the present board were quite at the disposal of the shareholders, a committee was appointed to consider the proposal to re-constitute the board with an instruction to report the result to a further meeting of the shareholders to be held March 17th. The meeting of the Kootenay Mining Co. was practically a replica of the Rossland Great Western gathering, the shareholders in the result appointing a committee, and adjourning the meeting also until the 17th March, on which date the committee reported to the shareholders. During the meeting the chairman stated that he and his colleagues were in this case also quite at the disposal of the proprietors. The movements in prices have been unimportant as a rule. One of the most noticeable changes has been the sharp decline in Alaska Goldfields, whilst Hall Mines have been irregular. Another feature was the sharp recovery in the Le Roi No. 2, owing to the belief that this property will ultimately give a good result of itself. London and British Columbia Goldfields have remained steady. In connection with this group much regret was expressed at Mr. Robertson's tragic death. The question of the appointment of his successor is still, I believe, engaging the attention of the board. The Ymir continues to steadily pay quarterly dividends, the last one having been just announced. Despite the general dullness of the market, Ymirs are thought so highly of that they continue to maintain their quotation at over £2.

At last the enquiry into the affairs of the London & Globe Insurance Corporation is over, and another chapter in the history of this ill-starred concern is closed. The important case which has yet to engage the attention of our Law Courts is eagerly awaited both in the stock exchange and in the city generally, as it is believed that it will result in a number of further interesting revelations regarding the *modus operandi* of the group, the downfall of which has done so much to retard the development of the mineral resources of the Province.

## MOUNT BAKER DISTRICT.

**T**HIS district which is one of great promise, is beginning to attract considerable attention and several properties are being operated under company auspices. Among others the Red Mountain Mining Co. is developing a ledge of white quartz running north and

south on the two principal claims, averaging two feet or more in width, carrying free gold and tellurium. This vein can be traced without a break for over 400 feet, and outcrops occasionally for a long distance farther. The claim is situated about two miles north of the Post Lambert ledge, the first discovery in the district, made in the fall of '97. Cuts have been made at several points on this ledge for the purpose of determining whether it carries its values down, and with highly satisfactory results in each instance. A tunnel has also been run in along the ledge for 125 feet or more giving at that distance a back of about 75 feet. By extending it a short distance farther a back of several hundred feet will be obtained. Development has sufficiently progressed to justify the erection of a mill. There is a magnificent water-power and plenty of timber in the immediate vicinity. The property is accessible at all seasons of the year by the Canadian route and during the summer season by the Nooksack or American route. The Chilliwack and Silicia creek way is the one used owing to its being at all times feasible, and because there is no intervening mountain to pass over as there is on the other road and trail. The president of this company is Mr. Elmon Scott, ex-chief justice of the Washington State supreme court, and the directors are also prominent Puget Sound men. The claims were surveyed in the summer of 1900, but development operations have been greatly retarded for want of a road over which to transport machinery. The building of the road to the Chilliwack crossing this season by the Dominion government has assisted in this respect very materially, and the owners, in company with the holders of other promising properties in the vicinity hope to see it extended soon to the boundary line, which will bring it right to the foot of the Red Mountain company's property. The company have also located a mill site and water right on the American side of the line and have not fully determined yet which one will be used. The question of duties on mining machinery may have some considerable weight in determining this matter. Some of these properties, notably that belonging to the Pierce Gold Mining Company, lie on the British side of the line. It is firmly and generally believed that this district will forge rapidly to the front rank and become one of the most important mining sections in the Cascade range. If these expectations are realized it will contribute materially to the prosperity of the contributory territory on both sides of the line to the west. The great part of the district is more naturally tributary to the Canadian side. But great and determined efforts are being made in Whatcom county by building waggon roads and a railroad to attract as much of this trade as possible, and Canadians should equally bestir themselves.

The Post Lambert properties above alluded to are situate on Bear mountain three or four miles south of the boundary in a direct line, but about ten miles by trail. This property is now owned by the Mt. Baker Mining Co., composed principally of Portland, Ore., capitalists, including the Hon. Henry Habn, president of the chamber of commerce, and Mr. Leo Freide. Mr. Henry Stanislawsky is supt. Until the latter part of last season supplies for the mine were taken in by the Canadian route. The trail was built by this company principally. With the extension of the B. E. & B. C. road to Hardan and the building of a waggon road to Shuksan, all supplies have gone in by the Nooksack or American route. An effort to get machinery onto the property last fall was not successful. Part of it was taken to the mine but the heavier parts were stalled at the foot of the mountain over which it had to be taken. There is no mountain to go over on the Canadian route, but the trail is a much longer one since the building of the railroad and waggon road above mentioned. The effort to get the machinery over the mountain has just now been renewed. There are many other promising properties in the vicinity. One claim called the Lincoln, owned by Mr. Thomas Lay of Chilliwack, lies just north of the Red Mountain property; also the Gold Basin claim, situate just east, and owned by Messrs. Neville Smith, J. G. Carlisle, A. D. McGhan and Robert Hatfield of Chilliwack. Considerable development work has also been done upon the Pierce group of claims, of which Mr. George Pierce, sr., of Chilliwack, is the manager and superintendent. Work is steadily progressing and the extension of the waggon road built to the Chilliwack crossing, under the supervision of Messrs. Cruickshank and Kingkum, to the boundary line, would bring these properties all within direct and easy reach of British Columbia markets.

KAMLOOPS MINING NOTES.  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

**P**RINCIPAL developments of the past two months has been in connection with the transfer of a large group of claims on the cinnabar-bearing formation on Hardie mountain, some 24 miles west of Kamloops to a company recently organized in London as the Hardie Mountain Cinnabar Mining Co., Ltd. This company was organized by Mr. Ward, formerly of the law firm of Fulton & Ward, Kamloops, and now at Dashwood House, London. Mr. Thos. Luce, M.E., of Utah, has been placed in charge with a well-known local man, Mr. J. Fleetwood Wells, as manager. The latter has for many years operated the Glen iron mine, as the demands for iron ore required, besides having done exploratory work on the Hardie Mountain and other properties, mainly for the Hall Mining and Smelting Co. Extensive buildings have been erected and under the capable management of the above named gentlemen it will soon be known what can be made of those cinnabar deposits, which are said to be the only extensive occurrences