

own procrastination. One man had made up his mind and by riding all night got in Greenwood Camp at 2 a.m. But the bond had been signed the night before. Work is to be started immediately on the property and the payments are in three equal installments at the end of six, nine and twelve months.

Mr. E. M. E. Munns, of the Powys Syndicate, has under the superintendence of Mr. J. C. Hole, started two tunnels on the Anaconda group. Winter quarters are being got ready and it is expected that work will be carried on continuously.

Few of our readers appreciate the immensity and high grade of some of the copper properties in this district. The B.C., which is now being developed, is certainly an unusually rich property as far as developed. The vein is twenty feet wide and almost solid copper pyrites. The shaft is down some seventy feet and no waste has been taken out. Every pound of dump is high grade copper ore.

The Sunset and Crown Silver bond for \$1,600 has been taken up. This property has been developed by a tunnel and a shaft. At the bottom of the shaft and in the crosscut a fine body of copper ore has been struck.

The outlook for the winter is very satisfactory. Nearly every camp will have development carried on. In Longlake Camp on the Enterprise and possibly North Star; in Summit, B.C. and R. Bell; in Greenwood Camp, Ironsides, Knob Hill, Snowshoe and Stemwinder; in Wellington Camp, Brandon and Golden Crown and Winnipeg; in Deadwood, Mother Lode, Sunset, Great Hopes, Anaconda, Kootenay, and Columbia; in Skylark, the Last Chance; in Smith's Camp the Boundary Falls.

There will also be work done by private individuals. Altogether there will be a very good pay roll during what is usually our dull season.

Greenwood, B.C.

PIERRE O'TITE.

NEW DENVER AND SURROUNDING CAMPS.

THAT the variable and still unpropitious state of the silver market effects the Slocan to a minimum degree is plainly evident to anyone who will take the trouble to analyse the customs returns for September, where an enormous advance in mineral exports is shown over the same month of last year. The Payne and Ruth are simply excelling themselves as producers, while the Star and Whitewater are keeping up a continuous record a little in the rear of the leaders.

A distinct triumph for the believers in the permanence of Slocan veins has happily again to be recorded. Since ore was struck in No. 4 tunnel of the Star, few have had the temerity to question the possibilities of deep mining on a large scale, and the fact that during the week the No. 5 tunnel has reached the ore body, looking as promising as ever, at a vertical depth of 750 feet, goes far to confirm even the most optimistic opinions expressed. That a limit will eventually be reached, beyond which galena will cease to exist in paying quantities, nobody in their senses will gainsay, but that it is not within measureable distance of fulfilment at the present time is evidenced by the fact that another tunnel will be commenced in the near future to tap the vein at a depth of over one thousand feet.

It is very gratifying to learn that the reported cave-in at the mine was much less serious than supposed, and operations are now being resumed as before.

Big deals are still the order of the day; the latest transaction of the kind resulting in the sale of E. H. Tomlinson's half interest in the Last Chance, for a considerable, though unnamed amount (reported to be somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$150,000), to Scott McDonald, Bigelow Wilson & McCune, of the Payne mine.

The new management has recently taken hold of the Queen Bess, after making the first payment of the bond of \$120,000. Everything promises to run satisfactorily. The mine is a good one, and should add to the reputation of the district in London, where the company operating it have their headquarters. A waggon road has just been constructed, and a concentrator will follow before the snow goes. Two car-loads of ore are already awaiting shipment, and the force will be largely increased as soon as accommodation can be obtained for the men.

The Three Forks road is now completed, thanks to the energy displayed by the contractors; but there is unfortunately an adverse balance amounting to eighteen hundred dollars. In view of the local enterprise shown in the matter it surely would not be asking too much of the government to make good at least part of the deficit.

A leading feature of the months was the visit of Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Mackenzie Bowell to these parts. Sir Charles, who is interested largely in the Exchange group, on Dayton Creek, made an inspection of that property, and also admired to the full the glorious scenery to be everywhere observed around beautiful Slocan Lake.

Phenomenal specimens of quartz, exhibiting free gold have of late been brought from claims near the Lemon Creek townsite, and it is to be hoped that development will further demonstrate their value. A shipment from the Chapleau is expected to reach fully one hundred and fifty dollars to the ton in gold, and it must not be forgotten that five tons from the Little Daisy, on Eight-Mile, gave returns of \$124 per ton in gold some time back; proof positive that gold is worth looking for, even in the silvery Slocan.

How badly a waggon road is needed up Springer Creek was not fully comprehended until a small boiler destined for the Arlington, was forced to remain at Slocan City all summer, pending means of transportation. After strenuous efforts it has now been hauled in over the old trail, and will assist greatly in the economical working of that property, which, by the way, has undergone a change of management.

Slocan towns are now little, if any, behind outside places in the matter of civilizing adjuncts. With the electric light in Sandon and New Denver and an excellent water-works system also in the former, the subject of efficient fire protection is now engaging public attention, and doubtless before long Sandon will be as safe from fire as any town so situated could possibly be.

HOWARD WEST.

THE GOLDEN MINES.

PROFESSOR Hardman, of Montreal, has been on a visit of inspection to the International and Burns Basins, near Golden. He expressed himself highly pleased with what he saw of the mineral prospects of the district, and informed the writer that he looks forward to the northern portion of East Kootenay proving more valuable as an ore producing section