

tawa, where it received prompt and favourable consideration. The portion of the line between Spence's Bridge and Princeton was first completed and this was connected with the previously constructed line from Nicola to Kamloops. Now the other portion, between Princeton and Penticton, a distance of 93 miles, is about finished. This means of speedy communication is proving a decided boon to those having business with the Similkameen points the line reaches, and it is one more step towards the development of that large and prospectively important district, with its great potentialities in connection with mining, lumbering, agriculture, etc.

THE HEDLEY GAZETTE.

The publication of the Hedley Gazette was commenced last month at Hedley, Similkameen, with Major A. Megraw as managing editor. The first number contained, among much of general interest relating to the lower Similkameen, a lengthy description of the Nickel Plate mine, situated about four miles from Hedley, and of the 40 stamp mill erected at Hedley to treat ore from that mine. So much has been published about the unusually high average gold values stated to have been obtained from the Nickel Plate that all information concerning this mine is read with more than ordinary interest, for which reason, together with a growing desire among the public to get reliable news of mining developments in the Similkameen, the Gazette will be welcomed by many. Major Megraw is an experienced journalist and, as well, is familiar with both the theoretical and practical sides of mining. Added to these qualifications is his good habit of stating facts rather than indulging in exaggerations such as sometimes characterise mining camp newspapers. The Gazette may, therefore, be expected to publish reliable information, and to merit the success it is hoped it will meet with.



Mr. Edmund B. Kirby, E. M.

ROSSLAND'S APPRECIATION OF MR. E. B. KIRBY.

Upon the retirement last month of Mr. Edmund B. Kirby from the general manager-ship of the Centre Star and War Eagle mines, Rossland, after having been five years in charge,

that gentleman was the recipient of several presentations and had many assurances of appreciation of his good work, both as mine manager and citizen. From mine employes and office staff, respectively, he received addresses, accompanied by valuable mementos of the cordial relations existing between those thus honoring him and himself. His colleagues on the executive of the Rossland Board of Trade also testified to his zealous labours in the interests of Rossland, while influential speakers at a numerous-attended gathering at the Rossland Club added their tribute of appreciation and expressed sincere regret at his departure from Rossland.

It is pleasing, though, to learn that Mr. Kirby has not said a final adieu to British Columbia, his professional connections requiring that he shall occasionally visit the province.

Mr. Kirby was educated as mining engineer and metallurgist at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. After experience in the Lake Superior copper district and the lead and zinc regions of Missouri, he came west to Colorado and was there occupied as assayer and chemist; as ore buyer in Leadville; in charge of ore purchasing in one of the large smelting works of Denver; as superintendent of the Philadelphia Smelting & Refining Company of Pueblo; as superintendent of the Holden Milling & Smelting Company of Aspen; was for many years engaged in consulting and expert mining and metallurgical work throughout the west, with headquarters at Denver, Colo., and for the last five years has been manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, at Rossland.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Norman Carmichael, manager of the Highland mine at Ainsworth and the Duncan United Mines, Nelson, left last week on a visit to England on business connected with his companies.

Mr. John P. Cosgro, of Rossland, was recently presented with a gold watch by the employes of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines on his retirement from the position of master mechanic at those mines. It is understood that he goes to Chicago to join the staff there of the Allis-Chalmers Company.

Mr. M. W. Loveridge, formerly consulting engineer for the Atlin Hydraulic Mining Company, has been engaged to act in a similar capacity for the Bullion Creek Hydraulic Mining Company, which controls eight miles of placer claims on Bullion creek, Alsek, Yukon territory.

Mr. Carl R. Davis has resigned as superintendent of the Centre Star and War Eagle mines, Rossland, to take the management of the Lancaster mines at Krugersdorp, South Africa.

Mr. N. W. Parlee left Rossland last month for Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, where he will be superintendent of one of the mines of Mr. G. A. Longnecker, who has mining interests in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

Mr. Lorne A. Campbell, manager for the West Kootenay Power & Light Co., is visiting Montreal, Quebec.

Mr. Chas. McMichael, M. E., has been appointed superintendent of a mine at Cripple Creek, for which mining camp he lately left British Columbia.

Mr. John Peck, provincial chief inspector of boilers and machinery, last month delivered an interesting and instructive address to the members of the local Stationery Engineers' Association, on "Applied Mechanics and Strength of Materials." At a later meeting, Mr. T. Wilson took up the subject of "Condensers," illustrating his subject by black-board drawings; and Mr. W. Robertson read a paper on "Feed Water Heaters."

Mr. Jas. Cronin is now general manager of the Centre Star and War Eagle mines, Mr. E. B. Kirby's resignation having taken effect on January 15.

Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, formerly of the Dominion Geological Survey and now engaged in mining operations in the Yukon, came down from Dawson last month.

Mr. J. B. Hobson, general manager of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co., has gone to Toronto, Ontario,