

Mr. H. G. Pemberton, general manager for the Montreal & Boston Consolidated Company, is about again, having nearly recovered from injuries received when a horse he was riding fell with him last month.

Mr. Paul Johnson, manager of the Alaska Smelting & Refining Company, was in Seattle last month to confer with his principals. It is stated that the company's smelter at Hadley, Prince of Wales Island, Southeast Alaska, will shortly commence operations.

Mr. A. J. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi Company, who visited Victoria during the last month, made the statement that steps were being taken to continue explorations in the lower levels of the mine by diamond drilling, and a contract has been let to a Spokane firm to proceed with the work.

During October silver-lead production was made from twenty-nine mines in East and West Kootenay, shipments aggregating 1,221,501 lb. lead.

At the annual meeting of the Pathfinder Mining Co., Ltd., held in Grand Forks last week, the following officers were elected: John Rodgers, president; W. K. C. Manly, vice-president; M. S. Martin, secretary-treasurer. The accounts showed the mine to be now free of debt.

At a meeting of the directors of the B. C. Copper Company, held in New York on November 13th, Mr. John Weir, a pioneer investor in Boundary district mines, he having been one of the original purchasers of the Mother Lode mine, was elected a member of the directorate.

Mr. G. Alexander, of Kaslo, speaking the other day of the zinc situation in Kootenay, stated that when the new works at Kaslo were completed, it would be possible to obtain a 50 per cent. product for shipment as against 36 per cent. product obtained by water concentration. The new works would have a daily capacity of about 120 tons, and from the known zinc capacity of the Ruth, Slocan Star and other Slocan properties, there would be no difficulty in getting all the zinc necessary. Meanwhile good progress is being made with the installation of plant.

Mr. C. H. Robertson, managing director of the Britannia Company (Howe Sound), has purchased the Leonard interest in the Company, amounting to approximately one-eighth of the issued shares. The price paid has not been made public.

A despatch from Ottawa states that tenders have been called for the building of a mint at the capital, the assurance being given that Canada will shortly coin her own gold and silver currency.

The death occurred recently in California of Captain J. R. Gifford, formerly superintendent of the Silver King mine at Nelson. The deceased was a Cornishman by birth. Previous to his engagement by the Hall Mines Company, he was employed by John Taylor & Co., and Taylor & Sons, of London, as mine manager of properties in the Western States and in Australia. He was also for a time manager of the Great Boulder mine in the Rainy river district of Ontario.

YUKON MINING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Dominion Government has established a new temporary office for the recording of claims on Bunty Creek, to which a "rush" recently took place, a number of claims having been staked. The discoveries in the Tanana country have had the effect of depopulating Dawson to some extent, statistics showing that compared with last year the population has decreased to the number of 2,401 persons.

A new road is now being built from Barlow to the Clear Creek mines. In the past miners in this locality have been much handicapped by the cost of getting in supplies, particularly in the summer months when the creeks are in flood. This season, however, operations were carried on upon a fairly extensive scale, pay having been located on the left

fork covering a distance of about eight miles. The ground is mostly shallow.

Dawson's fuel requirements during the past year have been supplied by a local company operating mines at Coal Creek from which an output of 6,000 tons of excellent coal has been made. The Company expended during the year \$50,000 in permanent improvements, including new docks and coal bins, the latter having a capacity of 2,000 tons. The coal is brought in cars from the creek a distance of twelve miles. In the old workings, which have been operated by means of an incline shaft, there are 200,000 tons of coal blocked out. During the winter a few men will be kept employed sinking a new shaft to tap a seam 200 feet below the present workings. The shaft will be vertical and will be 250 feet deep. The new seam is eighteen feet thick, the coal being of a harder character. About 800 tons from the new vein near the surface have been marketed.

The new discoveries on a tributary of Rosebud Creek are reported to be exceedingly promising, the ground, in the opinion of many experienced miners, being thought to be a continuation of the famous white channel. Over thirty claims in the Mellish group have been staked. So far as prospected ground is very shallow. The only anticipated difficulty is the distance water would be required to be brought to some of the claims. On the discovery claim, meanwhile, good prospects have been found in the shaft.

Dredging operations on Bonanza Creek and the operation of a steam shovel plant at the mouth of Bear Creek were suspended on October 22nd. The dredging season has been a long, and, it is reported, a satisfactory one, work having been first commenced on May 5th. At Bear Creek a great quantity of gravel has been moved by the steam shovels.

A new order in council has been passed pertaining to the reservation of certain rights by the crown upon mineral lands to which crown grants have been issued, amending section 53c of the quartz mining regulations to the following effect: That patents conveying the surface as well as the under rights shall reserve to the crown forever such right or rights of way and of entry as may be required under any regulations in that behalf now or hereafter in force in connection with the construction, maintenance and use of works for the conveyance of water for use in mining operations.

On Sulphur Creek active preparations are being made for a busy winter working on claims from 56 above to 98 below discovery. The work will be chiefly carried on by individual miners working on lays.

Mr. W. L. Breeze, of New York, who recently effected the consolidation of a number of hydraulic properties on Bullion Creek, in the Alsek district, intends to work them on an extensive scale and is purchasing supplies in large quantities, most of which are being procured at British Columbia coast cities in order to save the duty, the claims being located in Canadian territory. Mr. Breeze has some 125 men at work and intends to do a large amount of preparatory work during the winter, such as the erection of a sawmill and sawing of lumber for flumes. He has now on the property, or en route, some 80 head of horses which will be employed in freighting from Whitehorse to Bullion Creek. The survey of claims from No. 1 above discovery to No. 84 below inclusive has meanwhile been staked.

At some of the mines near Dawson sluicing is still in progress. Never before in the history of the camp has sluicing continued so late in the season, the weather having been quite exceptionally mild.

A strike recently reported on Bunty Creek, between Stewart and Pelly, and on a tributary of Rosebud, created a considerable stampede to that locality. Men went from Dawson and other distant points, hurrying a hundred miles over barren wastes of snow, up and down hills and through a wilderness of timber, but many have since returned bringing reports that the alleged discovery was relatively unimportant.

A number of miners are doing winter work on Miller and Glacier creeks. Highatt, however, promises to be the busiest