

It is stated in the same connection that Mr. Slade, of the Black Lake Company is in Russia looking over the situation on behalf of Mr. Greenshields.

In a measure the Russian properties, though of low grade ore, were responsible for the flooding of the markets in 1909-10 and the present negotiations no doubt are with a view of adjusting the supply of raw material to the advantage of all concerned.

ONTARIO.

Toronto, March 18.—As expected, the Ontario Government has come to the aid of Little Nipissing Silver Cobalt Mining Company. On motion of Hon. W. J. Hanna, the rules were yesterday suspended to allow the introduction of a bill to authorize the company to take the necessary steps with regard to capitalization to cover issue of six hundred thousand stock.

Poreupine, Ont., March 18.—In point of development the Vipond, or under its chartered company name, the Poreupine Gold Mines, ranks next to the Dome and the Hollinger. A month ago the Vipond cut the No. 2 vein at the 100-foot level, which, on the surface, has been stripped for 200 feet and shows an ore body 160 feet long.

Kenora, March 11.—An interesting mining case was heard on Thursday and Friday at Kenora, before S. Price, of St. Thomas, mining commissioner for Ontario. The case hinged on four iron claims which were acquired at different times, and in which several local parties have interests, situated near Dinorwic. The properties were taken up some years ago, originally, and it was only when an endeavour to establish a title was made by one interested party some months ago it was discovered that the other owners had not parted with their interests or were not willing to dispose of them. All the various interests were represented by lawyers, with the exception of E. R. Reese, of Winnipeg, who, while not actually interested, is stated to have the iron claims now in question under option of purchase.

No decision was given by Commissioner Price at the time, as, owing to the mass of evidence produced, it will require some con-

siderable time to go over the record. However, it is likely that his decision will be rendered within a week or so.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Nelson.—That there is sufficient ore ready to be taken out of the workings of the Nugget mine to keep the mill in operation during the three months of April, May, and June, when the melting of the snow causes trouble with water and makes operation difficult, was the statement made by W. B. Pool, manager of that well known Sheep Creek property, last night. Mr. Pool came in with a brick, the product of one month's run of the mill, which assays in the neighbourhood of \$5,000.

Silverton.—The new concentrator that has been erected in connection with the Van Roi silver-lead mine has been completed, and has started operations. The last piece of machinery has arrived at the mine and the plant has been started. The necessity for the new concentrator arose from the impossibility of the Van Roi Mining Company securing another long term lease of the Wakefield mill, which it has operated in the past, including last year.

Vancouver, B.C., March 15.—If negotiations now under way are carried out the Vancouver exhibition will this year have one of the finest and most attractive mining and mineral exhibits ever made in the Dominion. The management is taking special action on this line and aims to present an exhibit which shows all phases of the work. At a meeting of the board of control of the association yesterday, H. B. Brown, owner of the Bulldog mine at Hedley, discussed the matter with the managers. He said one of the chief difficulties would be the shipment of ores from the mines to the grounds, but laid before the managers plans for securing an extensive exhibit of minerals as well as the installation of a working stamp mill. After discussion Manager Rolston was instructed to take the subject up with mining companies and endeavour to arrange for a mineral exhibit which would adequately represent the interests.

COMPANY NOTES

WESTERN COAL & COKE COMPANY.

The annual report of the Western Coal & Coke Company contains a statement by E. B. Greenshields, president, and Charles Fergie, managing director. The latter's statement refers to the physical part of the company. Mr. Greenshields' report is in part:

For the past year the attention of the directors has been given to the developing work, and proving the reserves of coal. The main entries are four thousand feet in coal, and the main hoisting slopes are down over one thousand feet, where the coal has been found in fine quality and in regular ground. The seam of coal has been opened up on each side of the Beaver Creek valley, giving two entries into the coal. The result of the work this year shows that the physical condition of the property is even better than anticipated, and the coal reserves greater than estimated, and the directors are very much pleased to be able to state that the mine is now in a position to ship coal in paying quantities. The report received this week from the superintendent is that everything at the mine is in a very satisfactory state, and he expects by this fall to be able to ship one thousand tons of coal a day. As you are already aware, the coal has been thoroughly tested

on the Canadian Pacific Railway with most satisfactory results, and its coking quality has also been proved.

Your directors have made arrangements to have the railway built this summer to connect the mine with the Canadian Pacific Railway at Pincher.

A careful survey has been made of the ground, and a good route chosen which shortens the distance to 13 miles. The road will be built by a separate company, but this will be controlled by the Western Coal & Coke Company.

The difficulties that have been met with in the past history of the company seem at last to have been overcome, and the present prospect is bright with the promise of the successful operation of the mine in the near future, and of its being a large producer and shipper of the best quality of bituminous coal.

LA ROSE DIVIDEND.

The directors of La Rose have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent., payable April 20, to shareholders of record March 31. Books close April 1.