

to China. On the other hand Canadian silver coin is made from Mexican silver minted in England. For many years an agitation has been maintained for the establishment of a Canadian mint, but for certain more or less obvious reasons, the banking interests have opposed the proposal. It is now, however, understood that the Canadian Government have the matter under advisement and arrangements will doubtless be ere long concluded for the establishment of a mint at Ottawa.

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#### MINING MEN AND MATTERS.

Mr. S. H. C. Miner arrived in the Boundary last month on his annual visit to the properties of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, of which he is president.

Mr. Geo. E. Cole, an occasional contributor to the *Mining Record*, for the past two years employed at the Granby mines, has returned East. After a few months at survey work in the field he will go to McGill University, Montreal, to there complete his course in mining engineering.

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Mr. A. H. Holdich, an assayer well known in the Lardeau and other parts of West Kootenay, is reported to have had a legacy left him that will provide him with a competence.

Mr. J. C. Haas has returned to the Boundary from a visit to Tonopah, Nevada, whence he went to examine mining properties for clients.

The resignation of Mr. E. J. Wilson, smelting manager at Northport, takes effect on August 1st.

Mr. H. T. Pemberton has been appointed general manager of the recently reorganized Montreal & Boston Company, in Boundary district. Mr. J. Cuthbert Welch has received the appointment of smelter superintendent and Mr. G. H. Collins that of mine superintendent.

Mr. Thos. R. Stockett, Jr., who first entered the service of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company in 1901 as superintendent of the Morrissey Mines, and recently acted as the company's general manager, has resigned that post in order to accept the position of general manager of the Western Fuel Company's collieries at Nanaimo. The duties of general manager at the Crow's Nest collieries are meanwhile being filled by Mr. Drinnam, general superintendent, while Mr. G. L. Pearson, recently of the Republic Iron & Steel Co., Pennsylvania, has been appointed sales agent and superintendent of the coke works.

Mr. Alfred McMillan has joined the staff of the Northport smelter, he being given charge of the automatic sampler.

The services of Mr. Chester W. Purington, of the firm of Doveton & Purington, mining engineers, of Denver, Col. have been temporarily engaged by the United States Geological Survey to report on placer mining methods and costs in the Alaskan territory. Accompanied by an assistant, Mr. Sidney Paige, of Washington, Mr. Purington is making a general inspection of the placer operations in Alaska during the present season. He recently arrived in Atlin, accompanied by Mr. Sidney Paige of the Geological Survey and has inspected the hydraulic operations in progress on Pine, Boulder, Spruce and McKee Creeks, and the dredging operations on Gold Run. Mr. Purington states that the area covered by pre-glacial auriferous gravels is undoubtedly large and will prove a factor of much greater permanency from a placer mining standpoint than the post-glacial or very recent gravels occupying the beds of the present streams. The Atlin district thus appears to afford a field for placer operations on a large scale, which will depend for their success largely on a preliminary mapping and prospecting of the ancient river channels.

Mr. Thos. Kiddie, manager of the Tyee Copper Company's smelter, last month paid a visit to Nicola and afterwards to the smelters of the Kootenay and Boundary.

Mr. George B. McAulay, for many years actively associated with the company owning the Cariboo gold mine, at Camp McKinney, of late years as managing director, died recently in Scotland, whilst visiting his old home in that country.

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