

after having been in France several months. The West Canadian Collieries company owns working coal mines at Lille and Bellevue, near Frank, beside other coal properties, also in the Blairmore-Frank district, not at present being operated.

O. E. S. Whiteside of Blairmore, Alberta, manager of the West Canadian Collieries, Ltd., has resigned to become manager of the International Coal and Coke Company, Ltd., at Coleman, in the same district. His successor at Blairmore is to be L. Rameau, who lately arrived from France. The change will take place on January 1, next.

J. H. Mackenzie, known in British Columbia as a former general manager of the Le Roi Mining Company at Rossland, has been appointed general manager of the properties of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines' Company, Goldfield, Nevada, succeeding John W. Finch, who takes the position of consulting engineer to the company. Mr. Finch was also connected with mining in West Kootenay several years ago.

George H. Collins, of Vancouver, well known in the Boundary district where for years he was a mine manager, has been appointed managing director of the recently incorporated Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company, which will operate in the neighbourhood of Queen Charlotte Islands and erect a large cold storage plant at Prince Rupert.

A. B. W. Hodges of Grand Forks, Boundary district, general superintendent of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Compa. , has been spending some time in Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., since the suspension of work at the company's mines and smelter. His assistant superintendent at the smelting works, W.

A. Williams, proceeded to St. Louis, Minnesota, on a holiday visit.

OBITUARY.

Sir James Hector, formerly chancellor of the University of New Zealand, who many years ago was geologist of the Palliser boundary-marking expedition and rendered invaluable services in connection with explorations in British Columbia and other parts of northwestern Canada under Captain Palliser, died recently at Wellington, New Zealand. He discovered the Kicking Horse Pass in the Rocky Mountains through which pass the Canadian Pacific railway runs *en route* to the Pacific coast. This pass and the Kicking Horse River were so named in consequence of Dr. Hector, as he then was, having been, when exploring in that locality, disabled by a kick in the chest from his horse and rendered senseless for some time.

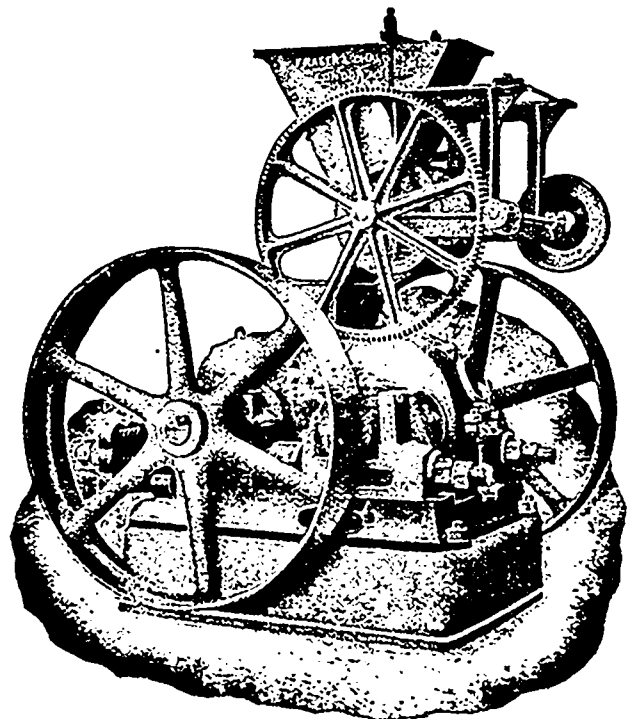
Sir James Hector was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, with the degree of M.D. He was created K.C.M.G. in 1887 in recognition of his distinguished services in western Canada as a geologist and explorer. After leaving Canada he went to New Zealand, where, as chancellor of the University of New Zealand he occupied a prominent position in that country. He retired from the chancellorship in 1903 and shortly afterwards, in company with his only son, revisited scenes of his early labours in the Rocky Mountains. While so engaged the son contracted fever from which he died at Revelstoke. A monument was later erected at Field, in the mountains, to commemorate the untimely death of the young man. The stricken and bereaved father returned to New Zealand, where he lived in comparative retirement the few remaining years of his life.

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