

420 tons daily, is the capacity of the ovens, while the percentage of recovery of by-products is very high, and proves beyond doubt the suitability of Cassidy coal for treatment in the Anyox ovens.

The Bear river section of Portland Canal, like all others, is very active in a practical way. Sir Donald Mann's railway, the Canadian North-eastern, fourteen miles long, is being put in shape and a gas locomotive has arrived. After some repairs to bridges and roadbed have been made, supplies and passengers will be transported to the properties up Bear river.

This road was started in 1910 and a reconnaissance to the Groundhog coal fields was made at that time. However, the collapse of the boom in those days led to the road being shut down. The railway is of standard gauge and heavy steel over a well-made roadbed, showing that it was built as permanent piece of work. Except for the damaged bridges it is as good as when laid.

The operation of the railway at the present time is fortunate as the floods have carried out the bridge on the wagon road.

Up Bear River valley six properties are now working. A trial shipment of silver ore from one of them—the Bayview—will be made soon. The Bayview has a showing of very high grade ore on the surface and it is an economical shipping proposition. It is owned by George and Will Cameron and is under bond to R. H. Thompson, of Everett, Wash. J. L. Stamford is in charge.

Some fine looking copper has just been found on the Copper King group, owned by Nesbit & Archie, adjoining their Prince John group.

S. W. Tretheway, of Vancouver, is here and during the week visited the L. and L. group on Glacier Creek, which Tretheway brothers bonded this spring from J. T. Lockwood.

Properties on Glacier Creek, Bitter Creek, upper Bear are having considerable work done on them this season. The Red Top group on Bear River is owned by McNeill Bros., of Stewart, and is under bond to Gustav Seiffert, who has interested outside capital in its development. Contracts for three tunnels have been let and work is now proceeding. The Red Top is a well-known property, having been staked in 1910.

The Lakeview, on Glacier Creek, is under bond to P. Welch and associates. Work is under direction of Al

Harris. Development went on all last winter with such good results it was decided to continue.

On Goose Creek, the Algonian Development Co. will diamond drill the Fitzgerald group. Supplies have been taken in by the railway which was recently put into operation again.

C. G. Skoning and associates of Spokane are opening up the Nabob group, owned by Jack Watkins.

A strike of silver-lead ore was recently made on Silver King mine in the Toby Creek district of East Kootenay. The ledge is about 80 feet wide and runs about \$100 to the ton in values.

The Evening Star, near Slocan City, will be thoroughly developed this year. After the mine is unwatered work will commence. This is a dry silver property and Winnipeg people are interested in it.

With one exception, the retiring board of the Cork-Province Mines was re-elected at the annual meeting held at Kaslo, B.C., last Wednesday. The board is composed of W. E. Zwickey, president; H. Giegerich, vice-president; W. H. Burgess, secretary-treasurer, of Kaslo; R. E. M. Strickland and J. A. Johnston, of Spokane. Mr. Johnston succeeds the late J. D. Sherwood.

The ore body struck on the eighth level of the Rambler-Cariboo mine near Three Forks, several months ago, has improved under recent development. The ore disclosed at the outset was less than a foot in width. Operations were interrupted by a strike of miners in the Slocan district, of which Three Forks is a part. They were resumed by a party of young men who desired employment for a short time.

The sale of the L. L. and H. group, on Bitter Creek, was consummated two weeks ago, the purchasers being an English syndicate. The property is situated on Hartley Gulch, which enters Bitter Creek eight miles from its mouth, and about a mile above the foot of the glacier.

Considerable work has been done on the property. The country rock is an argillite, somewhat altered and broken up, through which run, in a general east and west direction crushed zones usually accompanied by dykes and quartz veins dipping to the south at high angles and carrying varying quantities of white iron-sulphide, galena and copper pyrites. High gold assays have been obtained.

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