

The manager of the Tacoma Smelting Co. has made a contract with the Glenn Mining Co., of Kamloops, for all the iron ore they will require during next year. The company also expect to complete arrangements, in a few days, to furnish another smelter with a large quantity of ore.

The Dunnville (Ont.) Natural Gas Company celebrated the striking of its new well, by treating the village and the surrounding country to a grand illumination. The well is in the lower part of the village, and has a capacity of 300,000 feet, and is increasing in strength. A long pipe was run up and the gas ignited. The flame shot high into the air. Even at the late hour which the blaze was touched off, it attracted a great crowd. So successful has the company been in their venture, that another well will be put down at once in the upper part of the town.

Mr. S. J. Ritchie and several other mining men from the east have been at White Fish, O., with the object of purchasing an extensive range in Denison, and building a mineral railway from Cooper Cliff to the Vermillion mine. A party of Boston capitalists has also been in the neighborhood examining nickel properties in Drury, while Professor C. R. Fletcher, State Geologist for Massachusetts, has been visiting the district for the same purpose. These are the first buyers of the season. They all want property taken up under the old law.

The summit of Toad Mountain, says the Nelson, B.C., *Miner*, is beginning to show up like a mining camp, now that development work is being done on half a dozen contiguous claims. On the Grizzly Bear men are at work building quarters and making a face for a tunnel. Superintendent Robertson says he has the finest tunnel site in the district, and on a ledge too that is fully thirty feet in width. A road will be built from the mine to the main road, a distance of two and a half miles through a good country and by an easy grade. The distance from Nelson will be less than six miles.

The owners of mines in the Sudbury district have advanced the price of nickel 40 per cent., it is quoted now at 70 cents per pound. All the nickel matter has been bought up, and contracts have been made for all the products of several of the mines for months ahead. The mines now in operation cannot supply the increased demand for nickel, and a large amount of new machinery is being put in. Those who know anticipate a big boom in nickel this fall, and are acting accordingly. So far most of the capital has been supplied by Americans, but Englishmen are beginning to take hold.

Mr. E. J. Rainboth, C. E., has completed surveys of the properties of the General Phosphate Corporation, and is now preparing topographical maps with a view to obtaining estimates for laying a permanent plant at High Falls and Ross Mountain. Mr. Rainboth is unable to say whether the motive power will be steam transmitted by air pipes, or utilized and applied by electricity transmission. The question is now under consideration. This is rendered urgent by there being insufficient water for the boiler power on Ross Mountain. The output has been low of late, partly on account of this, but the exploratory works so far done have proved the deposits to be extensive. It remains, therefore, he says, to work them on a large scale in order to arrive at a reduction of working cost.