

A MINING INSPECTOR.

At the last session of the Legislative Assembly an act was passed creating the office of inspector of metalliferous mines. Nothing further has been done in the matter. By the Act, authority was given to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to appoint a man of at least seven years' practical experience in mining, whose duties should be the inspection of working mines with a view to protecting the lives and health of those employed in and about them. Every owner, agent, manager or lessee of any metalliferous mine in this province shall admit the inspector to such mine on the exhibition of his certificate of appointment for the purpose of making the examination and inspection of all hoisting machinery, engines, boilers, whims, cages, buckets, ropes and cables in use, the method of working and timbering shafts, tunnels, etc., all exist, how the mine is ventilated and its general sanitary condition.

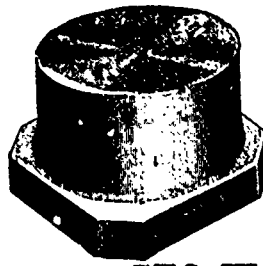
Why does the government delay in making the appointment?

It would be well for owners and managers of mines to get a copy of this act, as it also contains regulations which, unless observed, will make them liable for the payment of heavy fines.—Nelson Miner.

FOR THE YUKON.

The Clondyke rush has taken a firmer hold of the Ottawa district than most people are aware of. In so far as the qualification for river navigation counts, there is no better material than that of which the Ottawa lumber crews are composed, and it so happens that this year the prospect of winter employment in the lumber shanties and next spring's log drive is now almost nil, because of the excessive shipments of lumber from Ottawa during the past few months and the certainty of a discontinued demand for Canadian lumber in the United States owing to the restrictions of the new tariff. Under these circumstances the readiness of the "shanty-men," as they are locally called, to engage in anything that promises permanent employment is being taken advantage of by at least one Ottawa lumber firm. E. Moore, of the Moore Lumber Company, is now engaging men at \$40 per month to go to the Yukon country, and he is having his pick of the best river men in this Ottawa district. As miners they may not count for much, but in portaging and boating supplies they certainly have no equals, so that with the present congestion of freight at Dyea the Moore outfit can at least be profitably employed in transportation work when spring opens up.

The Clondyke gold excitement has



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specious advertisements in the local papers, offering shares in fabulously rich Kootenay mines at nominal prices, solely, of course, with the patriotic object of enriching their fellow citizens. The mining brokers did well for a brief period, but even Torontonians are not always fools, and there came a time when the big advertisements were withdrawn and the mining brokers had to seek other bait for suckers. The advertising columns of our Toronto exchanges testify that the bait has been found. Torontonians are now invited to purchase 10-cent shares in Clondyke prospecting companies and, in the words of the Toronto Telegram, "Gentlemen who would not risk their precious lives working the Clondyke for gold with picks and shovels will now proceed to get rich working the good old eastern public for money with the prospectus and the mining advertisement."

Though the extravagant tales of Klondyke riches is fated to send back to civilization many sadder but wiser men, nevertheless the interest awakened in the northern portion of British Columbia will have the good effect of turning attention to Lillooet and Cariboo. These places have by no means been overlooked by some, still they have not been estimated at their true value. So, even though thousands are rushing to certain hardship and disappointment, if this excitement shows British Columbia the imperative necessity for better transportation facilities in the upper portion of the province, this grand rush for phantasmal riches will be beneficial. Far away fields have fair nuggets and we sincerely hope those who are stampeding to the Yukon are not doomed to disappointment and we shall rely on the saying that "It is an ill wind which brings no one luck" and hope that this excitement will be the means of building the roads in Lillooet, Cassiar and Cariboo which they have so long needed but have been unjustly left without.

The Nelson Tribune, in a jocular article berating the coast papers for their too free advertising of the Clondyke gold fields to the detriment of Kootenay, concludes thus soberly: "It is to be hoped that our Coast contemporaries will sober up before next Christmas so as to fully appreciate the announcement then

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Leaving Spokane 8 a. m.; Rossland, 10:30 a. m.; Northport, 1:50 p. m.

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Arrive Boundary, Sunday 6:00 a. m.
Arrive Bonner's Ferry, Sunday 11:00 a. m.
Leave Bonner's Ferry, Sunday 1:00 p. m.
Arrive Boundary, Sunday 5:00 p. m.
Arrive Kaslo, Sunday 10:00 p. m.

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