

Current Mining News.

Contributions from any part of British Columbia and the mining districts of a reliable nature will be published in these columns, and we request that mining men write us about the progress of the mines of their district. We desire to publish all mining news.

ANOTHER LE ROI DIVIDEND.

The Le Roi Mining & Smelting Company has declared another dividend of \$50,000. Meanwhile the mine continues at the lower depths now reached to yield a steady daily output of about 200 tons.

THE BRITISH AMERICA CORPORATION.

The Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, Mr. W. A. Carlyle, Mr. D. J. Macdonald, and other leading representatives of the Corporation meet in Rosslund in conference next week, and, as a result, important immediate developments of the Corporation's plans may be expected.

MAJOR WALSH'S ESTIMATE.

It is stated that Major Walsh's estimate of this season's gold yield of the Yukon is in round figures \$30,000,000. The Yukon administrator therefore places a higher than average value on this expectancy, the more usual figures quoted by responsible Yukoners ranging between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

A COAL SHIPPING RECORD.

The New Vancouver Coal Company of Nanaimo succeeded last week in loading no less than 6,000 tons of coal aboard the whaleback collier steamship *Titania*, within the space of twenty-one hours, and it is said that when the company adds new bunkers and other appliances to its coaling gear, even the limited time thus occupied in loading a big shipment will be greatly reduced.

KLONDIKE HYDRAULICING.

A plant worth nearly \$250,000 has been ordered for the working of the hydraulic gold gravels on Hunker creek, recently located by Mr. Robert Anderson. This is the property in which Messrs. Raud & Carroll of Vancouver are interested. Wealthy English capitalists have taken up the property to the immediate considerable benefit of Mr. Anderson and his associates, and it is hoped to the ultimate large profit of all concerned. The greatest interest naturally attaches to this, which will be the pioneer hydraulicizing effort in a country of exceptional difficulty for such work. Indeed success is only rendered likely by the quite exceptional richness that is reported of the Hunker creek gravels.

IN THE LILLOOET COUNTRY.

The contractor for the Golden Cache dam is reported to be pushing work well ahead. The Lillooet mining season is on the whole opening about a month later than usual, and already many men are waiting their opportunity to get into the Bridge River district, where some have for weeks been camped. Their provisions are, however, rather short, and they find much trouble in replenishing their food stocks just now, as neither the river nor the trails are in condition for present transit. There is every reason to expect the settlement of a large mining camp this season in the Bridge River district. A slight accident is reported from the Forty Thieves group, where one of the workers lately lost parts of three fingers by the premature explosion of a blast.

A CROWDED PASS.

The MINING CRITIC's representative in the Yukon, Mr. A. McLean, writing from Lake Tagish on March 3rd, states that the White pass is so crowded with Yukon travelers that general progress is made very slow indeed. At one point there are at least 800 tents pitched close beside each other, implying a temporary camp of at least 2,000 persons. It is stated that if the United States and Canadian authorities do not take steps to cremate the bodies of several thousand dead horses, ere the warm weather comes, the stench arising from decomposition will not only cause great sickness but actually render travel by the route quite unbearable.

AN INVESTING VISITOR.

Mr. J. Oakley Maund of London, England, who represents large English moneyed interests, has lately visited Victoria and Vancouver, whence he has now departed homeward. Mr. Maund is the purchaser from Mr. Thos. Dunn of Vancouver of several Klondike claims. He was also largely interested in the sadly disappointing venture of the Takush Harbor Yellow Cedar Lumbering Company, but this, notwithstanding, has, it is understood, under consideration important offers of British Columbia mining properties.

THE SNOWFALL AT CARIBOO.

The depth of snow at various Cariboo points, as furnished by Mr. G. T. Hall of 150-Mile House, was on April 2nd as follows: Beaver lake, 1½ feet; Quesnelle Forks, 2½ feet; Keithley creek, 3 feet, 10 inches; mouth of Showshoe creek, 5 feet; head of Snowshoe creek, 6 feet; Snowshoe mountain, 8 feet. The snow is, however, now melting steadily, and operations will very soon recommence throughout Cariboo.