

The creek bottom will afterwards be used as a dump for tailings from the hill and bench claims on both sides of the creek. The conveyor and pump are electrically operated, the power being transmitted by pole line from the company's hydro-electric power house on Twelve-mile, about 30 miles distant. Operations are being directed by Chester A. Thomas.

Japanese fishermen fishing off Moresby island of the Queen Charlotte group last year found near the shore "float" copper ore. Prospecting back from what is now Ikeda bay they discovered a strong copper-bearing ledge. The Ikeda Bay Mining Company was formed in Japan and mining operations undertaken. An old stern-wheel steamer has been beached and converted into a camp. Beside sleeping quarters for the company's 86 men, (including officials and resident physician), there are on the steamer an assay office and a small hospital. The company has 13 mineral claims, each named after a Japanese flower, commencing with the Chrysanthemum claim. There is a paystreak of high-grade copper ore in the ledge. About 1,200 tons of roughly sorted ore are awaiting shipment to a Vancouver Island smelter. A wharf 160 ft. long with an L 50x110 ft. has been built and construction of a tramway to the mine is in progress. The success of the Japanese has attracted much attention to Moresby Island which is being extensively prospected and already other promising mineral claims have been located.

At a meeting of members of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning in British Columbia held lately in Vancouver, it was reported that a site for the new college building had been secured from the Government, for a term of years. Under the terms of the lease the society will be required to spend \$150,000 for educational purposes during the first seven years, and during the term of the lease \$150,000 in permanent improvements. It was decided to take immediate steps towards erecting the new building, to cost approximately \$100,000. Up to the present time four chairs have been endowed in part or in whole in the college. The Robert Dunsmuir chair of mining and chemistry by Hon. James Dunsmuir; the chair of civil engineering by Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt; the chair of pure and applied mathematics by Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, and the chair of modern languages by the McGill University graduates resident in British Columbia. The board expressed the hope that in the near future other chairs would be endowed by friends of the institution. A summer school, for instruction in practical mining, is to be established in one of the mining districts of the Province. It is announced that the mining department of McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, will make British Columbia the headquarters for practical mining education for the university mining classes, as well as for local students.

PRODUCTION OF LODE GOLD IN THE SIMILKAMEEN.

THE HEDLEY Board of Trade appears to consider it has grounds for complaint against the *Mining Record*. A letter has been received from the secretary as follows:

"In your issue of June, you state that according to the 'Annual Report of the Minister of Mines' the Similkameen, Nicola, and Vernon mining divisions produced in 1906 only 6 oz. of lode gold, value \$124. Now, while this statement is officially correct, your publication of the bare facts has already done this camp and valley a great deal of harm.

"As one of the leading mining journals of this country, we expect fair treatment from you, and thought that if the matter was brought to your attention you would publish the facts, which would correct the wrong impression of the Similkameen Valley created by your June issue.

"Camp Hedley, though situated in the centre of the Similkameen Valley, is included in the Osoyoos mining division and if you will enquire at the Department of Mines, Victoria, you will ascertain what was the production of the Osoyoos division which, in the Minister of Mines Report, is linked with the Grand Forks and Greenwood divisions of Yale district, for reasons we cannot understand. You will then find what the Similkameen Valley produced last year, and every ounce of lode gold of that production can be credited to Camp Hedley.

"By making public such facts you will only be doing that which is fair and just to this section."

The Hedley Board of Trade may rest assured the district it represents, in common with all others in the Province, will always be fairly treated by the *Mining Record* which, as is generally conceded, endeavours to publish facts only concerning the mining industry.

It is unfortunate that a small portion of the big Similkameen district is officially designated the "Similkameen mining division," but of course we are in no way responsible for the adoption and long-continued use of nomenclature which is in a measure misleading. We admit that if it had occurred to us to do so at the time we printed the official statement to which exception has been taken, we would have directed attention to the distinction between the Similkameen "district" and "mining division." If, however, we were required to be always making explanations of this nature there would be practically no end to them. Rossland does not demand that whenever we mention the production of Trail Creek mining division we state that all the ore produced in it is from Rossland mines; Ymir does not hold an indignation meeting to protest against its important production being credited to Nelson mining division; Fernie and Michel, with their big coal mines, and Moyie with the largest lead mine in Canada, do not