

perties to the point of shipping, exclusive of those interested in the Consolidated company, the Canadian Pacific Railway company and other existing ore-treating companies, should associate to form a distinct and permanent organization of mining men. The resolution was suggested, including an invitation to all eligible mine owners and operators, was then read a second time before the meeting.

A considerable discussion followed, finally resulting in the motion that the synopsis as outlined by Mr. Battey be placed on any resolution which might follow that would lead to the organization of mining men. Immediately following the first resolution, R. H. Battey moved and T. Murray seconded a motion that an organization to be known as the Mine Owners and Operators' association of the Kootenays, be formed. The resolution was unanimously carried.

Temporary officers were then elected as follows: C. F. Caldwell, president; F. A. Starkey, vice-president, and W. H. Burgess, secretary-treasurer. The three officers elected will hold office pro tem, until the next meeting of the association, to be held at some future date most convenient to the mining men. This date will probably be set about the middle of December, it was stated. In the meantime the officers of the society will act as an executive committee and will have power to go ahead with the further organization necessary.

The association then expressed appreciation for the interest shown in the matter by the premiers of Canada and the province.

Preliminary work is already under way for the extension of the electric power line of the West Kootenay Power Co., to Copper Mountain, a distance of about 100 miles in an air line. The line will be run by the way of Camp McKinney and it is expected branches may also tap Penticton and Princeton. Roughly speaking, the new lines with the laterals and necessary substations is estimated to cost \$2,000,000 and may run considerably more.

The project has been under consideration for some months and several trips over the district have been made by L. A. Campbell, general manager of the power company; President J. J. Warren of the K.V.R., who is also managing director of the Consolidated Smelting Company of Trail, and whose interests are closely allied with those of the power company, as well as officials of the Canada Copper Corporation, which is spending millions in the development of their Copper Mountain mine.

At present the power company supplies "juice" to the mining and smelting industries of West Kootenay and the Boundary districts, as well as for domestic use at Rossland, Trail, Grand Forks, Phoenix and elsewhere. While the extension will be primarily to give power to Copper Mountain mining and mill industries, it is also intended that it will tap Camp McKinney. This is the camp which shipped much gold nearly a score of years ago, but has been dormant for the past 15 years. During the past year the Consolidated have acquired by staking and purchase a large number of mineral claims at Camp McKinney and mining of a more or less important scale there by the Consolidated will shortly be undertaken. Indeed preliminary work with this in view is now under way and the extension of the electric power thereto is part of the program.

It is understood the wires from McKinney to Copper Mountain will be run in the air line and a preliminary survey is now under way.

E. E. Gibson, local manager, and F. M. Kerby, local surveyor, visited Princeton last week and camps have been started near McKinney to initiate the work.

While branches will depend on the location of the main power line, it is expected that a line will be run to Penticton in order that a 24-hour electric service may be given there, as well as supplying power to the K.V.R. shops. (It is understood that Granby has some promising claims in that district which may require power in the near future.)

The following item comes from Nanaimo:- The old saying that "Coal is King," is being proven on Vancouver Island today. At no time has there been such an amount of prospecting and development work under way as at present.

Cumberland mines, which have been large producers for years under the management of Mr. Thomas Graham, are bound to increase their output. It is understood that Mr. Graham is modernising the plant and mines as rapidly as possible and in the near future better results may be expected.

Nearer Victoria the new mine at Nanoose Bay, while only recently opened, is producing over 100 tons per day. When hoisting and shipping facilities are installed it will be a large shipper.

There is also some talk of a company buying up coal lands and doing some boring further up on Nanoose Bay.

Around Nanaimo great activity prevails. The Western Fuel Co. is working full blast. This company has opened a new mine at Harewood, which while only a few months in operation, is already turning out over 300 tons per day. This added to the regular output will bring the total up to an amount which will tend to allay the fears of Mayor McBeath, of Vancouver, of any shortage of coal either on the Island or the Mainland.

The Canadian Collieries is opening a tunnel about five miles south of Nanaimo. At present the company is driving through rock, but has the coal located. It will be only a short time before the mine is shipping, as the coal is of good thickness and easy to mine.

Another very large undertaking is under way by the Granby smelter people. For a long time they have been putting down holes about eight miles south of Nanaimo, and have been rewarded by discovering a splendid vein of coal twelve feet thick. It is their intention to mine their own coal and ship it to new coke ovens they are building at Granby. This will be a great asset to the district tributary to Nanaimo.

From these facts those in touch with the situation declare there will shortly be a big boom in the coal business on Vancouver Island, such as has not been experienced before. As wages are excellent for the miners and the men are working steadily it will not be long before Nanaimo will be the busiest city on the Island.

Coke for the Anyox smelter, which comes from Fernie, and which has been shipped via Seattle, will henceforth go through New Westminster, owing to labor troubles in Seattle, it is announced. The Granby Smelting & Mining Company has decided to transfer this business and is making the necessary arrangements, including the construction of an electrically driven conveyor, for loading 3000 tons of coke each month from railroad cars to barges.

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