

## MINING MEN AND MATTERS.

Mr. Francis A. Thomson, formerly of the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Co's smelter, at Crofton, Vancouver Island, but now metallurgist for the New Western Reduction Co., which lately erected a sampler and reduction mill at Goldfield, Nevada, U.S.A., has been visiting his parents at Victoria, B.C.

Mr. Norman Carmichael, manager of the Highland mine at Ainsworth, has returned to West Kootenay after spending a fortnight in Victoria and vicinity. While on Vancouver Island he paid a visit to the Tye Copper Co's mine at Mt. Sicker, where he was the guest of the superintendent, Mr. E. C. Musgrave.

Mr. J. T. Laidlaw, of Cranbrook, came down from East Kootenay to attend the meeting in Victoria of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

Mr. A. B. W. Hodges, of Grand Forks, general superintendent for the Granby Con. M. S. & P. Co., is one of the A. I. M. E. excursion party now visiting the Canadian Yukon.

Mr. W. M. Brewer, ore buyer for the Tye Copper Co., is again in south-eastern Alaska and Yukon Territory. *En route* to Whitehorse he served as a travelling encyclopedia, giving the visiting members of the A. I. M. E. abundant information relative to the coast of north-western British Columbia and south-eastern Alaska, particularly in regard to the known extent and development of their mineral resources.

Mr. Paul Johnson paid a visit to the Van Anda mines, Texada Island, last month. Later he spent a short time in the Boundary district, going in at the time the A. I. M. E. party was there.

Mr. John Flewin, of Port Simpson, gold commissioner for the Skeena district, was in Victoria and Vancouver early this month.

Mr. Chas. Simister, superintendent of the Crow's Nest Pass Co's Carbonado colliery, was at Cowley, Alberta, recently on a business trip.

Mr. Edmund B. Kirby was in Denver, Colorado, last month, *en route* to Nevada.

Mr. E. Chipman, of Kaslo, gold commissioner for the Slocan district, visited the coast cities late in June.

Mr. E. C. Reeder, who after graduating as a mining engineer at the Michigan College of Mines, Houghton, Michigan, U.S.A., had several years of practical mining and smelting experience in Montana and Utah, is now the Kootenay representative of an eastern machinery manufacturing company, with office at Nelson.

Mr. Howard W. DuBois, of Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A., a mining engineer giving special attention to platinum and similar minerals, is making his third visit to Cariboo to investigate the prospects for the production of platinum in that district.

Mr. H. M. Stevenson, manager of the Highlander mine, Ainsworth, has returned to Ainsworth after having been absent about six months in the Eastern States and Mexico.

Mr. W. H. Aldridge, chief of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co's mining and metallurgical department, returned to Trail early in July after an absence in the east of several weeks.

Mr. B. P. Little, of Sandon, Slocan, the *Mining Reporter* states, has gone to Helena, Montana, to erect and supervise a concentrator for the East Pacific Mining & Milling Co.

Mr. R. W. Brigstock, who has been in charge of the B. C. Standard Co's Hunter V. mine, near Ymir, is stated to be about to leave the Kootenay for the Temiskaming district of north-western Ontario, to there take charge of the Timmins mine.

It has been announced that Mr. Paul S. Couldrey is to resume charge of the Le Roi No. 2 mines, at Rossland, Mr. Ernest Levy retiring in his favour.

Mr. Charles H. Hurter, for some time assayer at the Tye Copper Co's smelter, Ladysmith, has gone to Boston, and Mr. H. Collinson has succeeded him at Ladysmith.

Mr. John Morton, of Minneapolis, president of the Metropolitan Gold & Silver Mining Co., is in charge of the com-

pany's Triune mine, in the Ferguson district, northern Lardeau.

Mr. Jules Labarthe, superintendent of the Canadian Smelting Works, Trail, last month visited the Sullivan Co's smelter, at Marysville, East Kootenay, where the Huntington-Heberlein process of roasting lead ore is stated to be in successful operation. Mr. H. Harris, assistant superintendent at the Hall Mining & Smelting Co's smelter at Nelson, was also a recent visitor at Marysville.

Mr. C. Hungerford Pollen, of Fort Steele, on his return to East Kootenay from Montreal, Quebec, was reported by the local press to have stated that the construction of the Kootenay Central railway will shortly be commenced. Mining development in the valley of the upper Kootenay and Columbia rivers will be greatly stimulated by the provision of the better transportation facilities this railway will afford.

Mr. D. John, of the combination silver mill at 5-mile camp, owned by the Ferguson Mines, Ltd., of Ferguson, Lardeau, is visiting Sudbury, Ontario.

Mr. John Kiddie, who is accompanying the provincial mineralogist on a three months' trip in northern Cariboo, Omineca and Skeena country, returned last month to his parents' home at Ladysmith after having been for some time in western Alberta, first at the Pacific Coal Co's Bankhead colliery, near Banff, and afterwards on the survey of C. P. R. Co's coal lands, along the line of the company's Calgary-Macleod branch.

Mr. J. C. Gwillim, professor of mining at the Kingston School of Mines, Ontario, has been occupying part of the field-work season in examining the coal lands of the West Canadian Collieries Co., in the Blairmore-Frank district, south-west Alberta.

Mr. D. W. Moore, of the Canadian Smelting Works, Trail, spent part of June and July in Victoria.

Mr. D. R. Forbes, who about eight months ago resigned the general managership of the Lardeau companies operating in Ferguson camp and now merged into the Ferguson Mines, Ltd., has been to Western Australia. He speaks favourably of the gold mining in that country and may again go there after his return from Dawson, whence he went with fellow members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

Mr. J. B. Kendall, who about six months ago succeeded Mr. Phil. Hickey as manager of the Minnesota Silver Co's Ivanhoe mine, at Sandon, Slocan, has resigned that position and returned to the Coeur d'Alene district, Idaho, U.S.A.

Mr. A. J. McMillan, general manager and managing director of the Le Roi Mining Co., Rossland, is proceeding to England. It is probable the annual general meeting of shareholders of this company will be held in the autumn—several months earlier than has been customary in recent years.

Mr. Joseph Hunter, of Victoria, retired from the management of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway on July 1, on which date that system was formally taken over by its recent purchasers, the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Mr. Hunter arrived in British Columbia in 1864, and thereafter, for eight years, followed mining in Cariboo. In 1872 he joined the engineering staff of the C.P.R., and for years was engaged in engineering and exploration in that company's service. In 1876 he was selected by the Canadian government, on the recommendation of Sir Sanford Fleming, to define the international boundary line on the Stikine river between the Dominion of Canada and the Alaska territory of the United States, which important work involved the interpretation of the Convention of 1825. Later he explored and reported on the Pine river pass as a railway route through the Rocky Mountains. In 1883 he commenced the location of the E. & N. railway, which was constructed under his supervision. On its completion he organised the operating and traffic departments and from then until his recent retirement, as general superintendent and chief engineer, he has been responsible for the management of the railway. It is understood he will continue to be connected with the Dunsmuir interests, which include the important collieries of the Wellington Colliery Co., at Extension and Cumberland, Vancouver Island, the operation of which has heretofore been closely associated with that of the E. & N. railway.