

COAL MINING NOTES.

The West Canadian Collieries, Ltd., of Blairmore, is stated to have purchased the Mutz and Scott coal lands, lying between Blairmore and Coleman, southwest Alberta, and which the old owners had announced their intention of working.

The installation of a new tippie and other coal-handling plant at the colliery of the Canadian-American Coal and Coke Company at Frank, southwest Alberta, having been completed and provision thereby made for an increased output of coal, a cross-cut is being driven from the main haulage way of the present workings with the object of cutting an 8-ft. seam of coal occurring about 100 ft. west of that now being worked. This cross-cut has been started at a point about 4,500 ft. in from the portal, so as to admit of coal being mined in both directions from where the new seam shall be entered.

The Hillcrest Coal Company, operating in the Blairmore-Frank district, has substituted a small steam locomotive for mule haulage for hauling the larry cars to the incline.

The Alberta Coal Company, in which A. C. Flumerfelt of Victoria is largely interested, is opening up a promising coal property situated near Lundbreck, Alberta. H. N. Galer (who is also manager of the International Coal and Coke Company with coal mines and coke ovens at Coleman, Alberta), is manager, and he has placed David Davis, formerly of Frank, in charge of the development work. The coal is described as being lignite of excellent quality and a market for it is being found at Spokane, Washington. Tunnels are being driven on seams Nos. 1 and 2, the former showing about 8 ft. of coal.

The Pacific Coal Company's main tunnel and parallel air tunnel at Hosmer are now in 400 ft. and a cross-cut has been started about 250 ft. from the entrance. Three machine drills are in use and progress is being made at the rate of about 150 ft. per month. The tram-line grade has been extended to some 600 ft. from the tunnel entrance. The company is employing about 100 men on the property, which is in the Crow's Nest Pass, between Fernie and Michel.

The Canada West Company, operating at Tabor, Alberta, is putting in the foundations for a steel tippie and for engines. It is reported to be employing some 300 men and mining about 700 tons of coal per day.

The Reliance Coal Mining Company, says an exchange, whose plant is situated 70 miles west of Medicine Hat, Alberta, has discovered a bed of fire clay 17 ft. thick, lying just above a 4-ft. seam of coal it is working.

The Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company is opening an 18-ft. seam of bituminous coal on its Coal Creek property, Nicola Valley. The coal has been used in the contractors' locomotives running on the new railway from Spence's Bridge to Nicola, and has been found of excellent quality for railway purposes.

The Diamond Vale Coal and Iron Company is arranging to erect necessary mine buildings at the Forks, Nicola Valley, and to sink two shafts. Boring with the diamond drill has proved the occurrence of coal of good quality in considerable quantity, so development work is to be proceeded with as expeditiously as is practicable.

A brief review of the production in 1906 of the Wellington Colliery Company and the Western Fuel Company, both operating on Vancouver Island, and of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

In connection with the world's production of copper during the past twenty-five years, it is stated that in 1880 the principal producing countries were Chili, Spain and Portugal, United States, Australia, and Japan. In 1905 they were United States, Mexico, Spain and Portugal, Australia, and Japan, the United States producing 44 per cent. of the world's copper supply. In 1880 Chili produced 28 per cent., and in 1905 only 4 per cent. of the world's supply.

COAL MINES REGULATION ACT.

BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following constitute the Boards of Examiners for the various Collieries during the year 1907:—

CUMBERLAND COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—Charles Matthews.

Alternates—David Walker,
David Nellist.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—John Kesley.
Elected by the Miners—Thomas Ripley.

Alternates—Joseph W. Horbury,
Daniel Stewart.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. John Kesley, of Cumberland, B. C.

EXTENSION COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—James Sharp.

Alternates—Alex. Bryden,
Alex. Shaw.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—W. G. Simpson.
Elected by the Miners—Thomas Doherty.

Alternates—William Anderson,
Benjamin Berto.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. W. G. Simpson, of Ladysmith, B. C.

NANAIMO COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—Thomas Mills.

Alternates—George Wilkinson,
Charles Graham.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—Thomas Budge.
Elected by the Miners—John Carr.

Alternates—Thomas P. Piper,
George Moore.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Thomas Budge, of Nanaimo, B. C.

MICHEL COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—Robert Strachan.

Alternates—John John,
James Derbyshire.

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—Evan Evans.
Elected by the Miners—Sidney Birt.

Alternates—Joseph Thomas,
John Laurensen.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Evan Evans, of Michel, B. C.

COAL CREEK COLLIERY.

Appointed by the Owners—David Martin.

Alternates—John Hunt,
Henry Miard

Appointed by the Lieut.-Governor in Council—John McCliment.
Elected by the Miners—W. H. Moore.

Alternates—Charles Webber,
Abraham Brown.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. John McCliment, of Fernie, B. C.

NOTE—Alternates act as Members of the Board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.
Dated this 20th day of December, 1906.

RICHARD McBRIDE,

Minister of Mines.