

THE Silver King smelter put through 120 tons in the first 24 hours working.

THE ore now being brought up from the bottom levels of Le Roi mine, Rossland, B.C., is worth \$300 per ton.

THOMPSON & ABELL have disposed of their oil property, west of Marthaville, to Calvert & Cameron.—*Petroleum Topic*.

THE Petrolea Electric Light Co. are putting down a few wells on their Tank street property. Recently the second one was finished, and proved an excellent well, starting off with a production of three or four barrels a day.

It is understood that efforts will be made to develop the coal find at Lutz Mountain, about nine miles from Moncton, N.B. Several prominent business men of this city have ascertained that the deposit gives evidence of turning out excellent if worked.

It is said that the dispute as to ownership has been decided, and the Revelstoke Smelting Company will make another start with the Revelstoke smelter. A. H. Holdich, formerly of Revelstoke, now of the Hall mines smelter at Nelson, has received instructions to investigate the condition of affairs, and will probably manage the smelter.

A KINGSVILLE, ONT., despatch of 27th March, says: "While boring for gas on Pelee Island on the 9th inst., the Kingsville and Pelee Oil and Gas Company struck a flowing oil well at the depth of 800 feet. Oil spurted 35 feet in the air, and the well was quickly capped, and the stockholders are bound to secrecy. The Standard Oil Company, who have leases on 3,000 acres on the island, got wind of it, however, and great rivalry is now going on for new leases. Fabulous prices are being offered. The oil tested 40 per cent. specific gravity. Great excitement prevails. The truth leaked out only this morning."

Personal

SAUNDERS & WIGGINS, civil engineers, Brockville, Ont., have dissolved partnership.

THE death of Wm. Masson, since 1853 a shipbuilder in Newcastle, N.B., occurred on March 2nd.

J. DUVAL, of Chicago, succeeds W. G. King, for a number of years superintendent of the car shops, Perth, Ont.

JOHN O'BRIEN, foreman of the boiler department of the Burrell-Johnson Iron Company, Yarmouth, N.S., died on Feb. 28th.

E. M. STACY is succeeded as superintendent of the St. Stephen, N.B., water works, by Mayor Roy, of Milltown, N.B.

A. J. PARKER, car foreman in the C.P.R. shops at Carleton Place, Ont., goes to North Bay, Ont., in a similar capacity.

J. BRIGNELL, formerly general manager of the Western Counties Railway, N.S., is to be the manager of the Central Railway, Nova Scotia.

SAMUEL LAMBERT, Kingston, Ont., has been appointed inspector of bridges and carpentering on the G.T.R., between Brockville and Toronto, including the Midland division.

SAMUEL RISLEY, formerly chairman of the Dominion board, boiler and steamboat inspectors, died in Toronto in February, aged 74. Mr. Risley designed for the Great Western Railway of Canada the first ferries to carry trains across the Detroit River.

WM. BREAK, formerly of the city engineer's office, Toronto, and latterly superintendent of street railways in London, Ont., and Detroit, is going to South Africa as a missionary, according to a Toronto paper.

F. W. WARREN, superintendent of the street railway, St. John, N.B., is leaving this road, but will it is said be given a most responsible position in the management of the different street railway systems in which Mr. Ross, of Montreal, is interested. Mr. Neilson, assistant superintendent, assumes control in St. John.

J. MCCREDIE, of Shawville, Que., received what are probably fatal injuries by being caught in the shafting of his planing mill recently.

JAMES MACDOUGALL, engineer of York county, Ont., has been elected an associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of England.

ARTHUR W. WHITE, London, Ont., who was umpire on the Duryea motor, which won the moto-cycle race at Chicago, has been appointed one of the umpires on the *Cosmopolitan* moto-cycle race in New York, to be held on the 30th May next.

BRIDGE Inspector C. F. Hanson had a narrow escape on the Kettle Creek bridge, the L. E. & D. Railway, on the 20th ult. In attempting to jump on to a moving train, he would have fallen from the bridge but for one of the employees catching him as he was falling.

D. A. COSTE, Bridgeburg, Ont., has removed to Buffalo, where he takes the place of his brother, Eugene Coste, as manager of the Provincial Natural Gas Company. Eugene Coste left his position to take the management of an oil company in Ohio.

J. F. HILL, comptroller of the Montreal Street Railway, has resigned, and has taken a position in Chicago in a railway company. Mr. Hill in the last ten years has been successively accountant in the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Toronto Street Railway, and the Montreal Street Railway.

JOHN GOLDIE, of the Goldie & McCulloch Company, died at his residence, Galt, on the 26th March, after an illness of several months, from blood poisoning. Mr. Goldie was in his 75th year, and has been a resident of Galt for over 40 years. He was a most exemplary citizen and held in the very highest esteem by all classes of the community. A widow, one son (Alex. R. Goldie) and two daughters survive. The deceased was a brother of Jas. Goldie, of Guelph, and the late David Goldie, of Ayr.

THERE is a family residing in Burlington whose home is far from a happy one at present. A dark cloud hovers over it, and they at least cannot see the proverbial silver lining. Some months ago R. C. Stewart, then employed as a draughtsman in the chief engineer's office, had the misfortune to lose his right leg while passing from one car to another on his way to his home in the above-mentioned village. Shortly after this Mr. Hobson, his chief, was called to take charge in Montreal, and Mr. Stewart was among those who were left without employment. Only the other day the doctor who amputated Mr. Stewart's injured member sued and obtained judgment for some \$85. Mr. Stewart bears up under all these disasters like a man. His friends hope that some kind influence will replace Mr. Stewart on the G.T.R. at Hamilton, with which district he is thoroughly acquainted, and has proved a useful man.—*Hamilton Herald*.

NAT. W. PRATT, treasurer of the Babcock & Wilcox Co., died last month at the age of 44. He was born in Baltimore, of old American stock. Young Pratt entered the employ of the firm of Babcock & Wilcox in 1870. His energy, engineering ability and remarkable business qualifications won the confidence of his employers. In 1881 the Babcock & Wilcox Co. was organized as a corporation. He became treasurer and manager of the new company, retaining the position until at the death of Geo. H. Babcock in 1893, he was elected president. He combined engineering knowledge and inventive genius with extraordinary business qualifications. As illustrating his versatility: In 1884 he became consulting engineer to the Dynamite Gun Co. Under his designs and patents the first successful dynamite gun was built. It was with this gun, 8-inch calibre and 60 feet long, that the experiments of throwing aerial torpedoes were conducted at Fort Lafayette, N.Y. Mr. Pratt was noted not only for his sound business judgment and remarkable energy, but also for his generosity and kindness of heart. Even his business opponents admired him for his singular aggressiveness as applied to business, and by all with whom he came in contact, both at home and in trade, he was universally loved and admired.

A COPY
OF OUR
LARGE
BOOK

STEAM

WILL
BE
SENT

FREE

UPON
APPLI-
CATION
TO

WM. T. BONNER, GENERAL CANADIAN AGENT FOR THE BABCOCK & WILCOX BOILERS
415 BOARD OF TRADE BLDG., MONTREAL