

HAMILTON MERRITT, C.E., Toronto, a few days ago paid a visit to the "Glendower" mine, near Kingston, in company with students of the Prospectors' Class, School of Mining, their object being to see the Government drill at work. Iron ore has not been met with in any quantity so far, but should the prospecting work prove successful the ore will be shipped to the new smelting works in Hamilton. Mr. Merritt thinks there is plenty of iron ore in the vicinity.

T. E. McWILLIAMS, of Peterborough, draws attention to the rich mineral country lying south of Moose Jaw. Besides vast masses of iron ore, there are veins of bituminous coal some 12 feet wide. This coal is of the sort known as petroleum shade, yielding 150 gallons of crude petroleum to the ton. Copper, magnesium and antimony are other metals present. He also states he obtained some wonderful samples of beautiful sandstone, which is present in large quantities and might easily be worked.

THE mica industry languished during the greater portion of last season but towards the end it brightened up considerably, and work was carried on actively by the Vavassour Mining Association Hull, Que.; Lake Girard Mica Mining System, Templeton; Wallingford Bros. & Co., Templeton; Cascades mica mine, Hull; Blackburn mine, Templeton; Beaver Lake mines, Saguenay; Hayes mica mine, Murray Bay; McGie mine, Saguenay, and Goldering mine, Templeton. The total production in the Province of Quebec was about 400 tons, about 150 men being employed.

THE Colonial Iron and Coal Co. (Ltd.) are applying to the N.B. Legislature for incorporation, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 and power to increase it to \$2,000,000. The object is to acquire coal and other mineral lands, and to work mines, etc. Several million dollars will be spent in developing the mines of Queens county and in establishing blasting works, etc., at St. John. If successful in their application for a charter, they will begin work at once, and have their works in operation by next year. The Londonderry Iron Works will be removed to St. John, owing to that latter city's superior distributing facilities.

THE shipments from Kootenay, B.C., for January aggregate in value a quarter of a million of dollars. Trail Creek is shipping at the rate of \$150,000 worth of ore a month with but two mines in active operation; Slocan is producing less tonnage than Trail Creek, but its ore sells for twice as much. Ainsworth has two shippers, and the great low grade Blue Bell Mine, opposite Ainsworth, is shipping on an average one hundred tons a day to the smelter at Pilot Bay, and within a month will be shipping two hundred tons a day. Southern Kootenay is beginning to be in it. Toad Mountain, believed to be the richest of them all, is not now shipping.—*Victoria Colonist*.

Railway and Marine News.

THE C.P.R. bridge at Farnham, Que., was totally destroyed by fire last month.

THE I.C.R. are shortly to build a new station house at Moncton, N.B.

QUEBEC city council has awarded the contract for the construction of a pontoon to M. Fortin, Quebec.

THE Miramichi-Midland, N.B., Railway Company are seeking incorporation from the Provincial Legislature.

TORONTO city engineer recommends the purchase of a sand pump for dredging in the harbor and Ashbridge Bay.

THE Westinghouse Brake Co., New York, contemplate putting up a branch factory in Montreal, Ottawa or Woodstock.

THE Guelph Junction, Ont., Railway Co. have elected Wm. Bell president, and the mayor of Guelph vice-president.

WM. DAVIS was blown to pieces last month by the premature explosion of some dynamite which was being thawed out for use on the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway, near Hamilton.

CONSOLEY BROS' new steel-hull dredge, which is now being constructed at Kingston, Ont., will, it is said, cost \$100,000.

THE Johnston Steamship Line Co., Montreal, has decided to run a weekly service to Liverpool and a ten-day service to London.

THE directors of the Studholm and Havelock Railway will ask for a renewal of their charter to build a railway from Havelock to Sussex.

CAPT O'NEIL, International Pier, N.S., is building a steam yacht. It is supposed the captain will put her in the towing business.—*Sydney Reporter*

STEPS are being taken for the widening of the Scugog river, at Lindsay, Ont., between the bridge and the locks.

THE G.T.R. have awarded the contract for supplying about 750,000 tons of coal to Shipman & Co., Detroit.

THE Dominion Government will shortly award a contract for the construction of a wharf at Burnt Church, N.B.

MR. HATHERLEY is building a steamer at Salmon Arm, Kamloops, B.C., to ply on Shuswap Lake and the Thompson River. It will be 85 feet long.

A RAILWAY will probably be built from Port Hawkesbury to St. Peter's, N.S., and a contract will be awarded for its construction some time this month.

THE Dominion Government are about to place an order in England for a new ice-steamer to take the place of the "Stanley" on the Northumberland Straits, N.B.

THE work of repairing the Richelieu and Ontario Co.'s boats now in Louise Basin, Quebec, is now going on under the superintendence of H. Pelletier, Montreal.

THE C.P.R. is having a new boat built on the Clyde, to put on the route between Owen Sound and the Sault. It will be a side-wheeler, and will run 22 miles per hour.

THE Toronto Dredging and Constructing Co. have been awarded the contract for making borings across the bay for the proposed tunnel, and work will start at once.

THE St. Lawrence & Adirondack Railway Co. will apply to the Legislature for authority to increase the issue of bonds on their line to a sum not exceeding \$30,000 per mile.

THE new French-Canadian line of steamships between Belgium and France and Canada will start running next month. Montreal will be the summer and Halifax the winter terminus.

THE Ottawa River Navigation Co. have elected the following officers—President, R. W. Shepherd, Vice-President, J. J. Gibb; directors, G. W. Simpson, H. W. Shepherd and R. Belton.

THE Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway station at Merlin, Ont., was last month burned to the ground. Loss, \$5,000; besides about \$3,000 worth of goods in two freight cars which were also destroyed.

THE report that the Bangor and Aroostook Railway was to be taken over by the Maine Central and Boston and Maine is denied, and it is stated that there has been no consideration on the subject whatever.

TORONTO capitalists are agitating for the immediate construction of the James' Bay railway, which would do much towards the development of the country north of North Bay. A new charter will probably be applied for.

THE International Steamship Co. held their annual meeting at Portland, Me., last month, and elected the following officers:—W. H. Hills, Boston, C. F. Libbey, G. S. Hunt, J. S. Winslow, and J. B. Coyle, all of Portland.

"KING BEN," a new steam barge built for Capt. Ira Folger, at Davis' shipyard, Kingston, was launched last month successfully. She is 111 feet long, 22 feet beam, 8 feet 6 inches hold and of 160 tonnage, and will run between Oswego, Kingston and Ottawa.

MORE than \$25,000 has been already expended in construction work on the Canadian Western Central Railway, the proposed new transcontinental line to parallel the C.P.R. to the north.

NEWCASTLE, N.B., Board of Trade is petitioning the Dominion Government to buy the railway from Indiantown to Blackville and run it as part of the Indiantown branch. Its price is \$60,000.

THE Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway are asking Toronto's endorsement of their project, and if this is granted they will apply to the Dominion Government for a bonus of \$3,200 per mile.

THE London, Ont., Merchants' and Manufacturers' Co. (Ltd.) are applying for incorporation with a capital of \$50,000. John McClary, F. Leonard and other London capitalists are interested.

THE Thousand Island Steamboat Company, Kingston, is having a fine sidewheel steamer built in Philadelphia. The new vessel is to have a speed of 20 knots, and is to be completed by July. The estimated cost is \$85,000.

THE East Hamilton Improvement Co., which are building the new incline railway, have decided to issue \$5,000 more stock. The following have been elected directors: J. T. Middleton, J. Thomson, J. N. Lake, Chas. Gurney, and D. Newton.

Two parties of civil engineers, one working from the east and one from the west, are surveying along the line of the G.T.R. from Coteau Landing to Kingston. Their object is to settle a discrepancy of about 4 feet in the levels between the two points.