

feet thick of superb quality—roof and floor excellent. The value of this discovery to the Company can not be over-estimated.

The Company will make preparations for working both seams. The top seam will be worked to a certain distance first, and then the lower seam will be started on. Both seams will be worked along in this way.

The coal exports for March, were:

	Tons.
New Vancouver Coal Company.....	25,539
Wellington Colliery.....	19,937
East Wellington Colliery.....	2,832
Union Colliery.....	8,660
	56,668

The transfer of the Tumblo Island Coal Co. to Messrs. Green & Watlet was announced some time ago. On the 21st January last, Mr. P. Watlet arrived in Victoria, and at once proceeded to the property and commenced development work. He has continued his arduous labors ever since, and a few days ago was rewarded by discovering a seam of coal at a depth of 60 feet, and running a considerable distance from south-east to north.

The works for the sinking of the shaft, etc., are on the south side of the island, about 50 feet from high water mark, with ample harbor accommodation, so that the shipment of the black diamond will be comparatively inexpensive. Operations have been progressing wonderfully, more than 50,000 square feet of rock having been blasted, and a shaft of 10 1/2 ft sunk to a depth of 60 feet. The machinery is all in position, and Mr. Watlet is delighted with the prospects, and hopes soon to commence the shipment of coal. From the position of the mine and the quantity of the coal, it is safe to predict a large output and a cheap article.

Nelson.

(From The Miner)

Two shifts of men continue development work on the main tunnel of the Silver King, which is now in 854 ft. The character of the ore remains unchanged. John McDonald, the secretary, has gone to Spokane Falls to receive instructions as to the contemplated increase of the working force.

Next to the Hall mine group of claims on Toad Mountain there is no property in the district that presents a better showing for the amount of development work that has been done on it than the Unatilla, Lizzie C. and Uncle Sam on Mineral Mountain, about two miles behind Nelson. Tom Collins and his partners have been working all winter driving a tunnel on the Lizzie C., about 300 feet below the old shaft. The tunnel, which will be 220 feet in length when completed, is now in 120 feet, and will tap the shaft at a depth of 150 feet. The rock in the face at present is diabase schist heavily mineralized with iron and fine-grained galena. The tunnel will be finished in about 75 days, and provided the character of the gangue remains the same, it will establish the group as a first class concentrating proposition. The bottom of the shaft is in solid mineral, averaging \$42 per ton in silver, lead and gold.

John Macdonald, secretary for the Hall mine-owners, has returned from Spokane Falls where he met Mr. Crossdale. Although the property has not changed hands, there will yet be a considerable increase in the number of men employed in development work as soon as the season opens. The effect of forbidding others to inspect the property will be enforced as vigorously this year as last, and absolutely no outsider will be admitted to the mine.

William Lynch, one of the prospectors who discovered the first mineral in the Sloane district, has given a working lease to a syndicate of Spokane Falls moneyed men, represented by S. K. Green, on a south interest in the Pon Juan, and a quarter interest in the far-famed Washington claim, for 90 days. The price mentioned in the lease is \$1 and other valuable considerations—the "other valuable considerations" being currently reported to be \$20,000. W. L. Murray has sold a highling interest in the latter claim to T. J. Jefferson, of Spokane, for \$250.

Although the Dandy may not have the same fabulous amount of mineral wealth conspicuous to the naked eye that is to be seen on its neighbor to the southeast, it has nevertheless been at least developed to a stage that makes it a matter of absolute certainty that it will become in the near future one of the greatest ore-producing mines in the Kootenay Lake country. Ever since the middle of January last, when the first firm streak of gray copper was struck in the crosscut to the west of the main tunnel, every blow of the hammer has shown the property up better than it ever was before. The character of the ore has been gradually changing—gradually becoming more and more similar to Silver King rock each week, thus giving color to the supposition that the two claims would soon be having identical ore. That this theory was correct is at last proved by the fact that perovskite-copper is continuous in the face of the south drift, dipping towards the Silver King. The strike was made at a depth of 200 feet, about 40 feet east of the old shaft—indicating that the vast body of high grade borate on the Silver King is continuous on the Dandy, but further down. The ordinary country rock through which the

drift has been run, assayed 43 ounces in silver and 7 per cent. in copper. A. M. Esler who has employed the shift working there all winter, was in Nelson this week, but was unable to get up the hill on account of the snow. He had, however, specimens from the face brought down, and left on Friday's train more fully convinced than ever that the Dandy will be a great mine. Mr. Esler expects to be back in Nelson about the first of next month, to make arrangements for increasing the working force, and says that just as soon as the mine is sufficiently developed a concentrator will be running on Giveout Creek.

The Lundrum-Retallack-Watson interest in the now famous Washington claim in Sloane district—five-twelfths—has been bonded by A. E. Jefferson, of Spokane Falls, for \$20,000.

J. R. Tool, of Anaconda, Montana, came in, last Sunday, to inspect the workings of the M. C. mine company, to report before the final payment for the property is made. He shipped three sacks of ore for test.

Development work is going on steadily on the Silver Queen, and the results are of a very encouraging nature. The shaft has been sunk about ten feet, and at the bottom the ledge is between six and seven feet wide. "Jim" Mack is the acting superintendent.

Ed. Croft, superintendent of the Neosho, reports having closed down the mine on account of water. The shaft is down 100 feet with the bottom in rich black sulphurets. An effort will probably be made to keep the water in check by means of a windmill mill until the mine is thoroughly opened up.

A syndicate of English and Victoria capitalists have procured a working bond on the Waterhead gold mine on Rover creek, about a mile from Nelson. The purchase price is \$90,000. It is the intention to place a stamp mill on the ground as soon as sufficient work has been done to warrant the outlay.

The tunnel on the Grizzly is in about 300 feet. The rock is not as good as it has been, but still it is good enough.

The Hanna and Denver City mineral claims in the vicinity of the Queen, have been sold, through R. G. Tatlow, to east speculators.

W. W. Sprague, the tenderfoot who sold the Tenderfoot last year for \$7,500, brings good news from Tacoma. He says that the Tacoma smelter has proved a great success, and that W. R. Ravi, the manager, has expressed the opinion that the ore from the Kootenay lake country—being a shipment from the Neosho and No. 1 in Hot Springs district—was among the best he had ever handled. A mining exchange has been established there, and specimens from this part of the comment are solicited. The exchange is located on a street in the neighborhood of the Hotel Tacoma. Sprague says that a number of mining men with money are there waiting for the season to open, they being under the impression that this section is under two feet of snow. They will not believe there is no snow in Nelson.

CANADIAN COMPANIES.

Hamilton Natural Gas and Mining Co. (Ltd.) Gives notice that application will be made under the Ontario Act for incorporation to hold, work and sell land containing natural gas, oil, mineral waters, and to lay pipe lines for natural gas, oil, &c., in the County of Wentworth. Head office, Hamilton, Ont. Capital stock, \$50,000 in 5,000 shares of \$10 each. The applicants are: Thomas H. Pratt, merchant; John H. Trilen, iron founder; Lewis Springer, County Registrar; Charles E. Newberry, farmer; Henry Carscallen, barrister; John Milne, iron founder; John E. Parker, manufacturer; Edwin D. Cahill, solicitor; Chas. R. Smith, secretary of the Board of Trade; Joseph Heron, merchant; Alex. Garshore, manufacturer; George H. Bosly, merchant; Edgar P. Wingate, civil engineer; and William Male, veterinary surgeon; all of the City of Hamilton, Ont.

The West York Natural Gas and Mining Co. (Ltd.) Will apply for incorporation under the Ontario Acts. The object of the company is to hold, work and operate land containing natural gas, oil and mineral waters, and to lay pipe lines for natural gas, oil, &c., and to produce electricity for light, heat or power, in the Township of York, Ont. Head office, Toronto. Capital, \$500,000 in 5,000 shares of \$100 each. Those applying are: Joseph E. Stongue, of Weston; John P. Jackson, agent, Weston; Frank Andrew Fleming, agent, Toronto; Edward Eagle, Weston; and Ernest Heaton, barrister, Toronto Junction.

The Saint Nicholas Nickel Mining Co. of Ontario (Ltd.) Gives notice that application will be made under the Ontario Acts for incorporation to explore for, mine, smelt, treat and refine, and export copper, gold, silver, iron, nickel, lead and other ores in the Province of Ontario. Head office, Toronto. Capital stock, \$500,000 in 50,000 shares of \$10 each. The following are the names and addresses of the applicants: Isaac F. Toms, judge, Goderich; Henry W. C. Meyer, Q.C., Wingham;

Henry Lowndes, wholesale merchant, Toronto; John Seaworth, wholesale merchant, Toronto; Richard Cadde, barrister-at-law, Toronto; and Wendham Harrison, stock broker, Toronto.

Black Jack Quartz Mining Co. (Ltd.)—There is delinquent upon the following described stock, on account of assessment levied on 8th February and assessments levied thereto, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders, as follows:

G. A. Veith, 200 shares.....	\$45 00
C. Hagenau, 1,500 ".....	31 37
C. Paulsen, 600 ".....	13 37
A. Barlow, 400 ".....	3 00
Thos. Robb, 200 ".....	4 40
Wm. Forrest, 400 ".....	9 00

And in accordance with law, so many shares of each parcel of said stock as may be necessary will be sold at Clarkeville, on Saturday, the 7th day of May, at 2 o'clock p.m., to pay said delinquent assessments thereon, together with the costs of advertising and the expenses of the sale.

West Kootenay Mining Development Syndicate (Ltd.)—This syndicate has been formed in London for the purpose of leasing, purchasing or otherwise acquiring mineral properties in British Columbia, Canada, or elsewhere, and to develop these properties with a view of re-selling them to existing companies or forming other companies to work the same. Authorized capital, £100,000 sterling, divided into 9,500 ordinary shares of £1 each and 100 founders' shares of £2 each; payable 2s. 6d. on application, 2s. 6d. on allotment, and the balance in calls not exceeding 5s. per share, at intervals of not less than two months. In a division of profits the ordinary shares will receive a preferential dividend of 8 per cent., and subject to provision for a reserve fund, the balance will be equally divided between the ordinary and founders' shares. Directors: W. Pellet-Harvey, Golden, B.C.; Peter McCarthy, Q.C., Calgary, Alta.; Alfred Mowbray-Waite, London, Eng. London Office: A. M. Waite & Co., 16 St. Helen's Place, London. Canadian Office: W. Pellet-Harvey, Golden, B.C. The company has obtained a concession to an argenteiferous galena property known as the Gladstone location, situated about three miles from the town of McIlwaine. Four samples of ore taken from the "Gladstone" give the following returns:

"No. 1 Galena. Out of tunnel.	Silver, 93 ozs. per ton. Gold, \$9. Lead, 70 3/4%.
"No. 2 Galena. Out of shaft at bottom.	Silver, 293 9/5 ozs. per ton. Gold, nil. Lead, 68 7/2%.
"No. 3 Galena. From Main Lode.	Silver, 70 ozs. per ton. Gold, \$3. Lead, 70%.
"No. 4 Grey Copper. Forming stringer to lode in shaft.	Silver, 58 7/5 ozs. per ton. Gold, \$2.50. Lead, 11 5/4%.

A contract has been entered into, dated the 14th day of April, 1892, and made between Alfred Mowbray-Waite of the one part, and William Littler, on behalf of the Syndicate, of the other part, and the same, together with the concession above referred to, dated 12th March, 1892; the report of Mr. W. Pellet-Harvey, dated July 7th, 1891, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association can be inspected at the registered offices of the Syndicate.

British Phosphate Co. (Ltd.) This company (practically an offshoot of the Anglo-Continental Guano Works Co.) has been registered at London on the 18th ult., with a capital of £20,000, divided into 4,000 shares of £5 each. The objects for which the company is established are: To purchase or otherwise acquire, either absolutely or conditionally, and on such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient, any phosphates, ores, coal or other mines, lands, hereditaments and premises and real and personal estate situate in Canada and elsewhere, and all or any mining and other rights and privileges in any way appertaining to or connected with all or any such mines, lands, hereditaments and premises, or any part thereof respectively, etc. The first subscribers are:

Ad. Horney, merchant, 15 Leadenhall Street, London.....	20 shares
Hermann Voss, merchant, Holstein House, Beckenhamp, Kent.....	20 "
W. H. Hutchinson, merchant, Fordwych Road, Bromsbury, London.....	20 "
E. Waits, accountant, Ivy Dene, Durnton Road, South Croydon.....	1 "
Max Hirsch, cashier, 29 Ickburgh Road, Upper Clapton.....	1 "
Otto Trubenbach, merchant, 56 Ferdinand Strass, Hamburg.....	20 "
Gustav Martens, merchant, 25 Rue du Robinet, Antwerp.....	20 "

The company has taken over the Squaw Hill and other phosphate properties, formerly owned by the Anglo-Continental Co., in the Township of Buckingham, County of Ottawa, Que. The Canadian manager is Mr. J. Butley-Smith, Glenora, Que.

The Buckingham and Lieves River Railway Co.—Messrs. Hatton & McLennan, solicitors for the appli-