

"The coal operators have already granted an eight-hour day to their employees. The effect of the proposed bill will be to give this arrangement legal status. The principal measure will provide for the compulsory payment of indemnity to coal miners injured while pursuing their ordinary avocation. In the event of death the compensation will be paid to the nearest relative. The bill will be modelled on an enactment which has worked well in practice in England. Our Government takes the view that the injured or survivors should not be compelled to fight long drawn-out legal battles in the courts in order to secure damages."

The measure will be a compulsory one.

Continuing, Mr. Cushing said, "I do not anticipate a fuel famine in the new provinces this winter, although the coal reserves are not large. The weather is exceptionally mild and the remainder of the winter promises to be favorable. This is based on former experiences. Why, at this time last year we had experienced over two months of inclement weather. There has been some talk of a shortage of cars for hauling the coal from the mines, but I don't know what truth there is in these reports. Thus far we have not had any complaints."

GENERAL MINING NEWS

NOVA SCOTIA.

TOBROOK.—At the Annapolis mines, Torbrook, No. 1 shaft is producing two hundred tons of iron ore per day. No. 2 shaft, a new one sunk on a rich hematite vein, is producing sixty tons of ore per day from development work only. The water power is to be harnessed at Nictaux Falls next summer.

ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—An order-in-council has been passed regarding the regulations governing the issue of leases to mine for coal within the Rocky Mountain park and substituting therefor new regulations. The duration of the leases is fixed at twenty years, but may be terminated by the consent of the Crown for non-fulfillment of conditions. The ground rent is fixed at one dollar per acre. It is provided that the lessee shall commence active mining within one year. In addition to rent, a royalty of five cents per ton will be collected, and default of payment, within thirty days shall be followed by the cancellation of the lease. The minimum leased to one person is 160 acres and the maximum 640 acres.

The Canadian branch of the Royal Mint was formerly opened on the afternoon of January 2nd. The first silver half-dollar was struck off and presented to Earl Grey, the Governor-General. The first copper coin was presented to Countess Grey. A distinguished gathering took part in the ceremonies. The officials of the mint are: Dr. Bonar, deputy master; Mr. A. H. W. Cleaves, superintendent; Mr. J. A. Cleaves, assistant superintendent; Henry Ewart, assistant to the superintendent; Mr. A. Pearson, chief assayer; Mr. C. N. Entwistle and Mr. William Groves, assistants; Mr. John Roe, chief clerk; Mr. P. S. Roe, chief of mechanical department. Visitors after January 13th will be shown through the mint by Mr. H. H. Seguin.

COBALT.—Inspector E. T. Corkill is investigating the recent fatalities due to dynamite explosions. The inquests in each case revealed carelessness on the part of the victims themselves.

It is reported that the last car of ore shipped from Trethewey will realize \$40,000.

The Foster Mining Company has a car of high grade ore and the Watts mine has two cars of good ore ready to be shipped.

Referring to a paragraph appearing in the last number of the CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL regarding the sampling of the ground in dispute between La Rose Mining Company and the Right of Way Mining Company, the engineers who made the examination were all Canadians. The excellent work performed was done by Messrs. J. B. Tyrrell, R. W. Brock, A. A. Cole, W. Askwith and A. Wilson.

ALBERTA.

The work of reopening the Breckenridge & Lun Colliery, under lease to the Alberta Fuel Company, is making progress, and the

daily tonnage is about 100, and this is to be increased steadily. The colliery is equipped with a plant costing \$70,000, and the product is turned out in excellent shape.

The decision of the C.P.R. to permit its cars to run south of the international boundary when loaded with coal, will materially improve conditions in Alberta coal regions. It means that during the next five months the Lundbreck collieries will be occupied in supplying fuel to the district and that the output will be largely increased. Heretofore the markets south of the border have been compelled to depend upon foreign cars in transit westward to be loaded with lumber and other products for eastern shipment. The new policy will enable the Alberta mines to fill orders for coal that have been piling up for two months.

The Galbraith Coal Company's new plant has enabled the colliery to fill many orders for the Canadian market, and the pressure from that part is materially relaxed, although orders for more than 100 cars are unfilled. It is expected that by the end of December the bulk of the orders in hand will be filled.

On the Alberta Coal & Coke Company's property, south of the Galbraith areas, another of the parallel seams extensively developed on Galbraith ground has been opened. The Alberta Company now has seams 14 and 15 feet in thickness respectively, and at an interval of 180 feet. The coal is identical with that in the Galbraith seams—hard, clean and bright. The present openings are only 3,000 feet from the main line of the Crow's Nest Railroad, and it is planned to establish permanent workings at or near this point, which can be reached with a spur track having a slight gradient.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BARKERVILLE.—The gold yield of Cariboo for 1907, is expected to show an increase of about one-third over the 1906 yield. During the hydraulicking season this year there was a heavy downfall. This together with the working of three properties, unworked in 1906, will explain the better results. The three properties were the Lowhu Creek, Forrest Rose and Nugget Gulch hydraulics.

The Bear hydraulic, on Cunningham will probably wash 500,000 cubic yards during 1908, and the Russian Creek hydraulic will become a producer.

CRANBROOK.—Placer ground on Perry Creek has recently been purchased by the Illinois Steel Company. The reported price is \$900,000 for nine-tenths, the former owners retaining one-tenth. A flume four-foot square in section conveys the water of Perry Creek a distance of four miles, whence it drops 600 feet at a sharp angle through cast-iron pipes. A pressure of 300 pounds is developed at the bottoms.

PHOENIX.—On December 28th there were from 75 to 100 men at work at the Granby mines. Applications have been received from possibly 250 others. According to Mr. O. B. Smith, the superintendent, full operations will be resumed in a few days,