

WESTERN MINES.

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During March, the Granite Mines mill. near Nelson, ran 20 stamps for 26.1 days. and crushed 1,022 tons. The clean-up produced 620.96 ounces of bullion valued at \$10,240.62. About 30 tons of concentrates were also produced from which returns have not yet been received. The machinery for the property of the

The machinery for the property of the Golden Placer and Quartz Mining Company, East Kootenay, has been placed in position and work will be commenced in a few days.

A good strike has been made on the Nevada mine, owned by the American Gold Mining Company. The lower tunnel has been run some 200 feet towards the vein, and at that point cross-cutting was commenced. After cross-cutting about 70 feet from the end of the tunnel, the vein was encountered, and some very fine ore disclosed, carrying principally an extremely fine-grained galena, together with iron pyrites.

The output of ore from the Ymir district for the first three months of 1900 amountto about 10,000 tons. The Ymir mine was the principal producer, sending about 8,000 tons to the mill. The official returns from the Ymir mine for January are as follows: "During January, 2,160 tons have been milled, producing 1,011 ounces of bullion, and 130 tons of concentrates; have shipped 92 tons of concentrates but no smelting ore; the total receipts for the month are \$14,294; expenses, \$7,930; estimate of outstanding concentrates, \$1,200; the mill has run 22 days; mined 2,500 tons.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES IN ENG-LAND.

The annual conference of delegates representing the friendly societies of Great Britain and Ireland was held at Plymouth on March 15th. Forty-seven delegates were present, representing twenty-six friendly societies, with a membership of three and a half millions, and funds of over $f_{23,000,000}$. Mr. A. Chapman, parliamentary agent of the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Mayor of Plymouth, and Mr. J. G. Jackson, high chief ranger of the Ancient Order of Foresters, welcomed the delegates. Mr. C. Postlethwaite (Odd-fellows), moved a resolution urging the Government to provide an old-age pension of not less than 5s. per week for all members of friendly societies on reaching sixty-five. The number of members of friendly societies of sixty-five and over was estimated at 300,000, the annual amount necessary for their pensions being $f_{3,900,000}$. Mr. Kennedy (Ancient Shepherds), moved the previous question, which was carried by eighteen votes to twelve.—London Review.

-A company of English capitalists, organized by Ernest Mansfield, has bought out the West Kootenay brick and lime works, the price being \$23,500. They will put in new and improved machinery.

-B. F. Pearson has a policy in the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, for \$100,000. This is the largest single risk in the Maritime Provinces.—Truro News.

