

urge upon the Department of Public Works at Ottawa the necessity of constructing immediately a telephone line to connect Spence's Bridge with Lower Nicola, and thence via Aspen Grove, Otter Valley, Granite Creek, Princeton, Hedley and Keremeos to Penticton, and

"Be it Further Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting, the construction of this much-needed work would be an important factor in developing these great valleys, producing a satisfactory revenue, and will be greatly appreciated by the people."

(Signed)

For Nicola-Aspen Grove Association:

A. E. HOWSE, President.

A. R. CARRINGTON, Secretary.

For Lower Nicola-Coutlee Association:

H. S. GLEASBY, President.

G. B. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

Last week the Secretary mailed the following preliminary notice to members of the Executive Committee:

"A meeting of the Executive Committee is being arranged for to be held at Nelson, probably during the third week in May. As soon as date shall have been fixed and programme of business prepared you will be advised of same. This preliminary notice is sent to you so that you may know what is intended, in case the time between your receipt of more definite notice and date chosen for meeting be short.

"Included in the business to be dealt with will be the question of endorsing the resolutions re extension of bounty on lead, to admit of its applying to a limited quantity of lead shipped to foreign smelters, and the employment of an expert to report on the zinc resources of the Kootenays, which resolutions have been approved by Kootenay Boards of Trade and others concerned; also, the position in regard to the location of placer claims over mineral claims, as shown by the recent Supreme Court decision in the case of the Shamrock and Lucky Jack claims at Poplar Creek. Some printed information on these matters will be mailed to you next week. If you will not be able to attend the meeting of the Executive your written views on these important questions are earnestly desired."

It is expected that a branch of the association will shortly be organized at Alberni. Mr. Leonard Frank, who is interesting himself in the matter is confident that there will be no difficulty in forming a branch, a number of those interested in mining in that locality having expressed their sympathy with the objects and work of the Association.

#### MINING MEN AND MATTERS.

**C**OL. WRIGHT, of the 43rd Mining & Milling Company, which has been working hydraulic claims on Kildare, Manson and Slate Creeks for several years, left the Coast on his return to Omineca last month.

Mr. M. S. Davys, formerly manager of the Hall Mining & Smelting Company's Silver King mine, near Nelson, and now lessee of that property, returned to Nelson last week after a month's visit to Victoria.

Mr. John L. Howard, president of the Western Fuel Company, owning collieries at Nanaimo, has gone to England on business.

Mr. F. W. Rolt, commercial agent for the Canadian Ore Concentration, Ltd., operating the Elmore oil process at Rossland, recently visited Victoria and Vancouver.

Mr. J. W. Westfall, of Trout Lake, is in Philadelphia, where he is doing some effective work in directing attention to the Lardeau.

Mr. A. C. Murray, at Fort St. James, and Mr. Beaton, at Fort St. John, have been appointed deputy mining recorders at those two Hudson Bay Company's posts in the Omineca country.

Mr. John F. Holden, formerly manager of the Venus mine, Nelson, is reported to be in charge of the Coronado Gold Mining Co.'s property at Congress, Arizona.

According to private advices from Ottawa, it has been decided to send Mr. R. G. McConnell, of the Dominion Geological Survey, to the Alsek country this season, to make a report on the new gold fields.

Among the graduates in applied science the faculty of McGill University recently announced, appears the name of Mr. N. W. Parlee, of Rossland, who graduates as mining engineer, winning second Carlyle prize and with honors in mining and ore-dressing.

Examinations for efficiency in the practice of assaying, will be held in Nelson, on May 9th inst., and following days. Information may be obtained from Messrs. Alex. McKillop, B.A., Henry Harris, Nelson, and H. Carmichael, Victoria, the last-named being secretary to the Board of Examiners.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Mount Sicker and Brenton Mines, Ltd., will be held in Victoria, on Monday, May 9th, at 3 p. m., when officers will be elected and general business transacted.

Mr. Andrew Laidlaw, of Spokane, who is one of the principal promoters of the Imperial Coal & Coke Company, which owns 94 square miles of coal lands in the Crow's Nest District, states that work will be started on the company's property, and will be actively prosecuted early in May.

Mr. W. Blakemore, of Nelson, inspected last month a free milling gold property at Lillooet, on behalf of a local syndicate.

Mr. Jas. McEvoy, of Fernie, geologist for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Ltd., was in Victoria for a few days early last month.

Mr. Albert I. Goodell, late manager of the Montreal & Boston Copper Company's smelter at Boundary Falls, is mentioned by an exchange as now being manager of the Takilma S. Co., operating copper mines near Waldo, Josephine County, Oregon, U. S. A.

Mr. F. W. Valteau, of Manson Creek, gold commissioner and mining recorder for the Omineca District, has returned from a visit to Mary's Island. It is expected he will leave for his post in the Omineca early this month.

Mr. H. B. Wright, of Fernie, chief engineer for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Mining Co., and Mr. Henry L. Manley, also of Fernie, a mining engineer in the employ of the same company, were two of seventeen new members elected at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute. Among the thirty-seven members of the Engineering Society of the School of Practical Science who, on the same occasion, were affiliated as Student Members of the Institute, were Messrs. P. C. Coates, of Victoria, and G. Galt, of Rossland.

Mr. Frederic Keffer, of Greenwood, recently visited several mining properties in the vicinity of Kamloops.

Mr. E. H. Thurston, representative of the owners of the Carmi mine, situate on a tributary creek of the West Fork of Kettle River, returned to the Boundary District last month, after an absence in England of nearly two years.

Mr. H. P. Dickinson, of Rossland, agent for the Giant Powder Company in the Kootenay and Boundary Districts, was in Victoria during part of last month.

Mr. S. Bywater, of Kalispel, Montana, is president, and Mr. Edward King, of Chicago, Illinois, general manager of the Broken Hill Mining & Milling Company, operating the Wilcox mine, near Ymir, in the Nelson Mining Division.

Mr. F. August Heinze, of Butte, Montana, who built the Trail smelter, and the Trail to Rossland and Trail to Robson sections of the Columbia & Western railway, afterwards selling these to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, visited the Province again recently, ostensibly to look over the lands the Province gave the Columbia & Western as a subsidy, he still holding a half interest in them.

Mr. Geo. B. McAulay, of Spokane, managing director of the Cariboo-McKinney Mining & Milling Company, is reported to be in Scotland. He left Spokane last October with the stated intention of visiting Bermuda for the benefit of his health.

Mr. A. J. G. Swinney, who succeeded Mr. Donald G. Forbes as general manager of the Great Western Mines, Ltd., and the Silver Cup Mines, Ltd., with headquarters at Ferguson, Lardeau, has lately been busily engaged in preparing for the season's work at the companies' mines and silver mill.

Mr. S. H. C. Miner, of the Eastern Townships, Quebec, president of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, will, it is announced, next month pay his annual visit to the company's mines and smelter in the Boundary District.

Mr. Anthony J. McMillan, managing director of the Le Roi Mining Company, and the Snowshoe Gold & Copper Mines, Ltd., left London last month on his return to British Columbia.

Mr. John M. Scrafford, at one time superintendent, under Mr. S. F. Parrish, of the B. C. mine, near Eholt, is now manager of the Rathmullen, also in the Boundary District.