

of provisions, clothing, blankets, bedding, and sundries, including large quantities of first-aid materials, was got together. On Thursday morning the whole lot was sent off by express, reaching Porcupine on Saturday morning. Nothing could have been more timely.

The incident shows what perfect organization, combined with human kindness, can accomplish.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There are now 67 gold-producing companies operating in the Transvaal. Altogether 9,941 stamps are in commission.

What action the Government of Nova Scotia will take in regard to the flooding of the Port Hood submarine areas is not yet announced.

Keen interest is being manifested in gold mining in Lake of the Woods and Sturgeon Lake. A number of Toronto mining engineers and operators are developing prospects and re-opening abandoned mines.

Dr. A. S. Mackenzie has been elected president of Dalhousie University. Dr. Mackenzie's record in several professional chairs is thoroughly good. He is a Nova Scotian. He will probably occupy the chair of physics.

A strictly followed tradition has hitherto kept from the coinage of Mussulman countries the representation of living creatures. Now, however, the Bank of Morocco has placed with the Paris mint an order to strike silver coinage bearing the effigy of Mulai Hafid.

The British Radium Corporation, Ltd., a subsidiary of St. Ives Consolidated Mines, has already sold \$50,000 worth of uranium oxide and radium extracted from pitchblende mined at the Trenwith mine, Cornwall, England.

Canadian coal is being tested by the United States navy. The flagship of the second division of the Pacific fleet, the "West Virginia," has taken on 900 tons each of Comox, Nanaimo, and South Wellington coal. The coal will be given a thorough test. Eleven days of steaming will be required to complete the trials.

The average annual profits of the Mond Nickel Company for the past five years have been £122,239. In 1911 the profits were £148,214. The authorized capital is £850,000. The preferred stock, £400,000 issued, pays 7 per cent. The ordinary shares have paid from 12½ to 16¼ per cent., and substantial dividends have been distributed on the £50,000 of deferred shares.

The Hillcrest Collieries, Limited, operating the Hillcrest coal mine, situated near Frank, Alberta, on July 15 paid its second dividend of 1¾ per cent. on its preferred stock. The total of dividend was \$12,350. A similar amount having previously been paid, the total of dividends paid to date is \$24,700.

Personal and General

Mr. J. B. Tyrrell has left for a short visit to London. He will return to Toronto in September. His London address is 224 Salisbury House, E.C.

Mr. R. B. Lamb, Toronto, is leaving on an extended trip to Cobalt, Porcupine and Swastika, to inspect properties with which he is connected.

Lieut.-Col. R. G. Edwards-Leekie and Captain Guy H. Kirkpatrick are inspecting several Portland Canal mining properties, including the Lordigordy, Rush-Portland, and American Creek.

Mr. Chester Wells Purington has taken offices at number 62 London Wall, London, E.C. Mr. Purington's specialty is the examination of mining properties in the Russian Empire.

Mr. C. F. Dike, jr., general manager the Crown Charter, Porcupine, visited Montreal and Toronto on business shortly after the fire. He has returned to Porcupine, accompanied by Mrs. Dike.

Mr. J. M. Turnbull, one of the mining engineers on the staff of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd., has lately been engaged in examining mining properties in the Skeena district, B.C.

Mr. M. K. Rodgers, of Seattle, Washington, who, while working under a roving commission to find mines for the late Mr. Marcus Daly, chose the Nickel Plate group, in the Similkameen district, and the Hidden Creek group, near Observatory inlet, as likely to meet the requirements of his principal, is still giving attention to British Columbia.

Mr. W. C. Thomas, formerly manager for the Dominion Copper Company, at Boundary Falls, B.C., recently visited Portland Canal district, with a view to advising the company owning the Red Cliff copper mine concerning the selection of a site for a smeltery should it be found desirable to establish local copper reduction works for Red Cliff ore.

Mr. C. D. Emmons, of Eugene, Oregon, who is acting in an advisory capacity to the B. C. Oilfields, Ltd., of Vancouver, B.C., recently again went north to the scene of the company's operations, on the west coast of Graham island, of the Queen Charlotte group. A standard drilling plant is in use, and it is hoped oil will be found in the bores being put down.

Mr. W. H. Trewartha-James, general manager of the Tye Copper Co., Ltd., has returned to his headquarters at Victoria, B.C., from a business visit to mining camps in south-eastern Alaska, southern Yukon, and northern British Columbia. The Tye Company's mining and smelting business covers practically the whole Pacific coast, from the west coast of Mexico to Alaska.

Mr. W. Satchell Clarke, of Vancouver, B.C., is in charge of the B. C. Drilling and Dredging Company's drilling operations on Tulameen River, where the gravel is being systematically tested in prospecting for placer gold and platinum. At present work is being done along the river above the town of Tulameen, long known as Otter flat. Several streams tributary to the Tulameen yield both gold and platinum.

Mr. William Fleet Robertson, provincial mineralogist for British Columbia, is engaged this summer in examining and obtaining information relative to the mineral-bearing district around Hazelton, in the Skeena River country, in which the occurrence of both metallic and non-metallic minerals is known, and prospectors have been at work during parts of several recent years.