

boats are to be chartered. The company controls about 36 leases, on which six seams of gold are known.

The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company are about to close a deal whereby they will acquire large deposits of iron ore in the interior of Brazil. Mr. Harvey Graham is conducting the final negotiations.

Ten stamps will soon be added to the five already in operation at the Beaver Hot gold mine. Mr. S. Clifford MacLean is the resident engineer.

The amount of coal shipped by the Dominion Coal Company from Louisburg during the past four months was 450,766 tons. About 335,000 tons of this amount was shipped to Boston and Portland, while the balance was distributed between Maritime and Gulf ports and Newfoundland.

A rich find of gold-bearing quartz has been made at Montague, near Halifax. It is supposed to be a continuation of the old Rose lead.

Belief is growing in the probable consummation of a merger of the Dominion Iron & Steel and the Dominion Coal Companies.

At a special meeting of the Pioneer Lodge of the Provincial Workmen's Association at Springhill, N.S., it was decided almost without a dissentient vote to refer the "Stone Trouble" with the Cumberland Railway & Coal Company, to a Board of Conciliation for investigation.

ALBERTA.

A seam of coal six feet in thickness has been uncovered near Strathcona.

Coal has been discovered within the city limits of Calgary.

ALASKA.

About the middle of April a general lockout and strike was reported at the Treadwell mines. The trouble is attributed to the poor diet provided for the workmen.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE MINING MANUAL FOR 1907, by Walter R. Skinner, London, 11-12 Clements Lane, Lombard street, E.C. Twenty-first year of publication.

The information set forth in the Mining Manual is classified into three sections—Australia, African, and Miscellaneous, covering 1,135 pages. The present issue contains particulars of 3,054 companies, of which 410 are Australia, 1,033 African, and 1,611 miscellaneous. As in previous issues, alphabetical lists of mining directors and secretaries and a dictionary of mining terms are included. These are supplemented by a list of engineers and mine managers, giving the names of the companies with which they are connected. A remarkable amount of information is condensed within the Mining Manual. Its practical utility is at once evident from the mere mention of what a field it covers.

FIRE ASSAYING, by Evans W. Baskett, B.S., D. Van Nostrand Company, 23 Murray street, N.Y., pages 105, price \$1.25. This is a most useful outline of fire assaying. The illustrations are numerous and well chosen. Particularly valuable are the chapters on "Reagents and Fluxes" and on "Laboratory Tests." Being written with the avowed object of clearly presenting the subject to persons of no technical education, it is simple, lucid and direct in diction and manner. The book should prove useful to those who wish to acquire rapidly a working knowledge of fire assaying.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Dix Fraser has returned to New Glasgow, after an extended visit to England.

Mr. A. G. Burrows is among the newly appointed Ontario Mines Inspectors.

We regret to learn that Superintendent S. D. Madden, who has been in charge of the diamond drill work on Little Nipissing, is temporarily incapacitated owing to an accident. We wish Mr. Madden a speedy recovery.

Dr. A. E. Barlow was in Toronto on mining business on the 5th and 6th of May. He then left for Cobalt.

The Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Mines for Ontario, has returned from a long visit to the Old Country, restored in health.

Mr. Nicholas Flynn has been appointed general manager for the La Rose Mines Company at Cobalt.

Mr. A. P. Low, Director of the Geological Survey, has returned to Ottawa from spending a few weeks in the South. We are glad to learn that his health is completely restored.

Mr. J. C. Haas, of Spokane, Wash, well known as one of the pioneer engineers of the Boundary district, where he has still large interests, recently visited the Cobalt district to report on properties for a syndicate.

The Dominion Coal Company is being sued by Mr. Austin King, formerly superintendent, for \$85,000 for wrongful dismissal.

Mr. Frank Robbins has been engaged to report on placer deposits on the Colorado River.

Mr. R. R. Hedley has been commissioned by the Federal Government to report on the smelters and reduction works of British Columbia in connection with the work of the recently created Department of Mines. The appointment is an excellent one, and the authorities are to be congratulated upon securing the services of so well known a metallurgical expert to undertake the duty.

Mr. Thos. Kiddie, formerly manager of the Tye Copper Company's smelter at Ladysmith, B.C., has assumed the management of the Alaska Mining & Smelting Company's smelter at Hadley, Prince of Wales Island, where it is proposed to install the Kiddie hot blast system.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS

The following figures give the ore shipments of three districts of British Columbia for the week ending April 27th, and for the year to date:—

Boundry shipments—

Mine.	Week.	Year.
Granby	19,836	178,060
Mother Lode	6,808	53,649
Brooklyn	1,440	23,643
Snowshoe	2,699	20,756
Rawhide	1,760	19,481
Sunset	736	8,004
Emma	303	3,021
Mountain Rose	140	1,803
B.C.....	12	1,358
Oro Denoro	814	990
Idaho	384	896
Providence	74	467
Morrison	150	469
Strathmore	31	53
Duncan	21	21
Other mines	327
Total	35,208	313,000

Kootenay-Slocan shipments—

Mine.	Week.	Year.
Sullivan	600	9,600
La Plata	46	1,177
La Plata, milled	425	6,800
St Eugene	354	4,321
Queen milled	185	2,960
Second Relief, milled	145	2,330
Hunter V	107	1,546
Silver King	645	691
Queen Victoria	80	352
Last Chance	22	274
Sunset	31	74
Idaho	26	48
American Boy	18	18
Other mines	5,711
Total	2,684	35,902

The total shipments from the mines in the above districts for the past week were 43,375 tons, and for the year to date 326,143 tons.