

work that will place the mining industry and the capitalization of its different branches on a plane that is above wildeating? We have in our midst predatory trusts, workmen's unions and farmers' unions; the next big movement will be for a Consumers' Protective Association, for the others are getting too high-handed altogether, so what's the matter with an organization for investors that will fight their battles in Parliament and throughout the land? Its eye, if vigilant, might strike fear to the hearts of those Black Knights who would make a little easy money by aerial financial tactics.

Nelson.—Several of the French capitalists who are interested in the historic Blue Bell mine visited the district during the past week. It is announced that French capital is being consid-

erably attracted to British Columbia, and that large sums of money from Parisian capitalists will find their way to the mines of this country in the future. It would surprise most people to know how many coal and mineral properties are now controlled by French capital in this Province.

The old Fern mine has again been reopened, and is to be worked on a good scale. Another good strike is reported from the Westmount. A 3-foot vein has been uncovered in one of the lower levels. About twenty men are working on the property. Auriferous gravel that is said to run from \$10 to \$20 to the pan has been found on Summit Creek. This is not surprising when it is known that so much gold-bearing rock exists in the vicinity of this rivulet.

GENERAL MINING NEWS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Sydney.—The excavation work for the Dominion Iron and Steel Company's four batteries of new coke ovens is reported to be well advanced.

The four new batteries will comprise 30 ovens each, and the cost will be about a quarter of a million.

Sydney, Aug. 24.—More skilled miners went into the Dominion Coal Co.'s mines to-day. Of these, twenty-six arrived at Sydney last night from Inverness County and were taken immediately to Glace Bay by train. While this train was passing through Gardiner, near No. 1, two rifle shots were fired at it from the neighboring woods. Fortunately no one was hit. Yesterday's output at the mine was the best since the beginning of the strike, 6,470 tons being taken out of the pits and 4,862 from the banks, a total of 11,332 available for shipping. The steamer Dominion has sailed for Philadelphia to load a cargo of coal for the Steel Company.

Last week's shipments by the Dominion Coal Company were 60,011 tons, 48,071 by steamers; 3,079 by schooners, and the remainder, 8,869, by rail. Last week's shipments were the largest since the strike began.

Glace Bay, N.S., Aug. 24.—John Moffatt to-day answered the charge that the Provincial Workmen's Association brought about the present industrial strike in the Province by sacrificing their members' interests, when he issued a statement showing what that organization has done since he has become its head. To the charge made against him by a section of the Conservative press, that he has been the tool of operators, he replies showing the concessions he has secured for the men since he became grand secretary of the P. W. A. eleven years ago, including two general increases in wages and numerous partial ones.

The local industry was, he claims, materially aided by wage agreements whereby labour troubles were obviated for periods of years; double as much work secured, increased business thereby brought about, and improvement in working conditions, until the miners in Nova Scotia now labour amid surroundings unsurpassed anywhere for safety and sanitation. These are the main features of his administration which he points to in answer to the assertion that he has betrayed his trust.

QUEBEC.

Sherbrooke.—The New York Engineering Co. has shipped two drillers, an Empire and an Empire, Jr., to be used in testing placer ground in Compton. On one property, this will be the final test prior to installation of machinery, on others, more of a preliminary nature.

Thetford Mines.—Notwithstanding the apparently quiet state of the asbestos market, all the mines in this district continue to work to their full capacity day and night shifts, and there are

probably more men employed at present in connection with the mines than ever before.

Some of the mines have nearly completed large additional storage sheds, some are in course of construction, while others are contemplated. All of which would indicate that there will be no material cessation of operations during the coming winter.

A noticeable feature of the past few months, and particularly so considering the large number of men employed, is the fact that there have been very few strikes, either of a slight or serious nature. This is worthy of note, for an erroneous impression has existed that there are numerous and frequent accidents attendant to the mining and milling operations. In comparison with the many other extensive industries of the Province, in proportion to the number of men employed, the asbestos mining district will be found to show up most favourably with a very small percentage of accidents.

ONTARIO.

Cobalt.—The Provincial Mine is supplying compressed air to the Waldman property near it on the Gillies' Limit and to the Gould Consolidated on Cart Lake.

Cobalt.—Both the Keeley and the Wettlaufer mine, South Lorrain, will ship ore this week (Aug. 21st).

The Page brothers, of Butte, Montana, who hold the world's championship for hand drilling, won the recent drilling contest in Cobalt. They drilled 43 1-8 inches in 15 minutes. The first prize was \$1,000.

Cobalt.—At the Nancy Helen mine three good veins were cut in the second week of August. None of these veins outcropped on the surface.

Dryden.—There is a probability that the Baden-Powell mine at Eagle River, which has been closed down for some time past, will again be re-opened, the management of the property having recently received instructions from headquarters relative to an early resumption of operations.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Fernie.—The coal miners in the Crow's Nest country are forming a Canadian Mine Workers' Union being dissatisfied with the late strike called by the American officials and by the fact that the unions refused to financially aid the strikers called out under their rules.

Coal Creek.—On August 15 fire destroyed 16 buildings at Coal Creek, including the Coal Creek Club.

Nelson.—The compressor plant of the Hall mines was destroyed by fire on the morning of August 20. The loss will exceed \$15,000.

Rossland.—Reports from the property of the Fife Mines, Ltd., indicate that a fine body of gold-copper ore has been found.