

both ways, when the seam shall be encountered, with a view to getting as large an output as practicable in a short time. The company also intends putting down a slope from the main entry and work will be started on this as soon as the necessary equipment can be installed.

Referring to the cement company in which John L. Howard, president of the Western Fuel Company, is interested at Bellingham, a special dispatch to the *Vancouver World*, after stating what arrangements are being made for transportation, continues: "The company also contemplates the extensive development of the Whatcom coal fields, recently acquired by it. This coal is a steam fuel of fair quality, can be mined and marketed cheaply, and it is likely it will be placed on the market in competition with the cheaper coals of the upper Sound. In this case Vancouver will also secure other steam coal than that now afforded by the mines of Vancouver Island."

The March number of the Dominion of Canada *Labour Gazette*, in its correspondence from Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, has the following note: "A number of miners have come to the Western Fuel Company's mines from the county of Cumberland, England. This has helped the company considerably, but in the district there is still a shortage of men."

The *Enderby Progress* is authority for the statement that "the results of the tunneling operations now in progress on the holding of the Enderby Coal Mines, Ltd., to date, have proved very encouraging. As the tunnel is driven further into the seam the quality of the coal improves, the deposit at the same time seeming to widen out. Already the tunnel is about 100 ft. long, and thus far it has been proved that, as depth is attained, the deposit develops into a fine quality coal, of first class steaming properties, and also that the field is an extensive one."

J. L. Stamford, formerly president of the Northwest Coal Company, having extensive holdings on the North Fork and whose interests have been transferred to F. H. Clergue of The Soo, lately spent several days in Frank, Southwest Alberta. He has been credited in district newspapers with the statement that "a syndicate in which he is interested has acquired another large tract of coal land on the North Fork, or the Livingston River and that he was there to arrange for the beginning of work to be carried on this season." He outfitted a few men and sent them out to begin preparations. He will follow as soon as the weather permits.

The Taber coal mine has been shut down under what the reports from Taber characterize as a lockout. The men had a contract with the company extending to November 1 and providing that the eight-hour day shall go into effect April 1. It is said the company locked the men out because they refused to continue working 10 hours. The matter may be investigated by the Government under the new law.

B. C. GAZETTE NOTICES.

Constable Owen F. Conley of Discovery, Atlin district, to be a deputy mining recorder for the Atlin Lake mining division, with sub-recording office at Discovery, in place of William H. Vickers.

William James Parham of Sandon, to be a deputy mining recorder for the Slocan mining division, with sub-recording office at Sandon, in place of E. M. Sandilands, resigned.

Hugh A. Butler of Wynnton, Atlin district, to be a deputy mining recorder for the Atlin Lake mining division, with sub-recording office at Wynnton, in place of Geoffrey Butler.

Harry Wright of Nelson, to be gold commissioner for the Nelson and Arrow Lake mining divisions, from March 25, 1907, in place of Robert A. Renwick, resigned.

Robert A. Renwick, deputy commissioner of lands and works, to be a gold commissioner for the province, from March 25, 1907.

MINING MEN AND AFFAIRS.

J. Laing Stocks has returned to Nelson after having been visiting in Great Britain, chiefly in Scotland, for about three months.

J. J. Campbell of Nelson, general manager for the Hall Mining and Smelting Company, was in Victoria on business about the close of March.

G. O. Buchanan of Kaslo, Dominion Government inspector under the Lead Bounty Act, has been spending some time in Victoria on personal business.

Otto Brenner, well known in connection with gold dredging in the Territory, has returned to the Yukon for the ensuing season's mining operations.

O. B. Smith, Jun., superintendent of the Granby M. & S. Company's mines at Phoenix, Boundary district, recently made a trip to the Coeur d'Alenes, Idaho.

James Cronin, who has been visiting his mother in Ireland, was expected to reach New York about March 20 on his return journey to British Columbia.

The "Placer Deposits of Alaska" was the subject of an address by Emil Weinheim before the Senior Mining Society, Columbia University, New York, U. S. A.

James McGregor, inspector of mines for West Kootenay and Boundary districts, made an inspection of a number of mines in the Boundary during the first half of March.

A. H. Gracey of Nelson, manager of the Eva Gold Mines, Ltd., is expected to shortly return from the East, whence he has been on a trip extending over several weeks.

R. C. Miller, assistant gold commissioner for the Whitehorse mining division, Yukon Territory, is having a three months' vacation. He will spend the greater part of his holiday time in eastern Canada.

Virgil H. Hewes, C. E., of New York City, recently proceeded to the Pacific Coal Company's colliery at Bankhead, Alberta, Canada, in connection with the installation there of a fine-coal briquetting plant.

W. Kirkwood, local manager for the syndicate it is understood intend placing a dredge or dredges on the Fraser River for gold-dredging purposes, now makes Clinton his headquarters instead of Lillooet.

T. F. Sutherland has gone north to superintend the carrying out of some development work the Tel-Kwa Mines, Ltd. purposes having done on its mineral claims in the Telkwa mineral belt, Skeena mining division.

James Finlay, lately reappointed superintendent of the Sullivan Group Company's lead-silver mine in East Kootenay, is actively pushing further development on the property, which is situated near Marysville.

L. E. Gooding has resigned from the position of chief chemist and assayer at the Britannia Smelting Company's works at Crofton, Vancouver Island, to go into the saw-milling business in which he is now a part proprietor.

T. R. Drummond, general manager of the Dominion Copper Company's properties in the Boundary district of British Columbia, has gone to Cobalt, New Ontario, where he will be assistant general manager of the Nipissing mines.

H. H. Claudet, of Claudet & Wynne, assayers and mining engineers of Rossland and Princeton, B. C., after having been in Sonora, Mexico, in connection with installation of the Elmore vacuum oil process plant, is in Mexico City on similar business.

H. H. Jones, manager of the Slocan-Cariboo Mining and Development Company, operating on Canadian Creek, has returned to Cariboo for the purpose of commencing the season's placer gold mining work immediately local conditions shall be favourable for doing so.

Smith Curtis of Rossland, for years actively interested in the development of the Oro Denoro mine, Boundary district, now owned by the British Columbia Copper Company, has arranged to proceed to Boston in connection with the sale of another mining property.