

for another tramway, which will enable them to handle the product of the mine more economically.

Mr. M. S. Davys, of Nelson, and others, are negotiating for a lease on the Silver King mine at Nelson. The deal has not been put through yet.

The Vancouver mine, controlled by Le Roi 2, Limited, Rossland, and the Eureka (Consolidated) are working right along and are improving with every round fired.

The operators of the Krao mine find it a very expensive proposition to work their property with the present workings on account of the water they have to contend with. A 4,000 foot tunnel is planned, something similar to that driven a while ago by the Rambler-Cariboo, to overcome this difficulty.

A strike of good steel galena has been made on the Aurora property opposite Moyie. This property is supposed to be on the St. Eugene lead, as well as the submarine workings of the Cam-

brian people, in the centre of Moyie Lake. It does seem that where there is such a magnificent showing as the St. Eugene has there should be other valuable mines.

The Perry Creek Hydraulic mine near Cranbrook has been sold to the Illinois Steel Company of Chiciga for \$900,000, the original owners retaining \$100,000 interest in the mine.

Mr. D. C. Corbin, the Spokane capitalist, who controls nearly 10,000 acres of coal lands on the Crow's Nest, is putting plans into operation to tap them with a railway and work the measures. This will give the Crow's Nest district another producing coal property.

The coal mines of the Crow's Nest, International and Royal Companies are being operated daily. The properties of the Canadian-American Coal & Coke Company at Frank and those of the West Canadian Collieries at Lille have suspended work temporarily.

## GENERAL MINING NEWS

### NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The Hon. Robert Drummond, editor of the *Maritime Mining Record*, writes strongly on the decision of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in the Coal-Steel case. The vital clause 3 is taken as the text for a remarkably frank editorial, in which Mr. Drummond states that the specifications were here incorporated by the Coal Company for the express purpose of preventing the Steel Company from securing coal at \$1.28 for any other than the direct needs of manufacturing iron and steel. The decision of the court is traversed point by point. Strong allusion is made to the fact that for every ton of cheap coal obtained by the Steel Company, the public must suffer by paying an enhanced price for domestic coal.

SPRINGHILL.—Manager Cowans of the Cumberland Coal & Railway Company, Springhill, has refused to meet the Conciliation Board or the representatives of the workmen. Mr. Cowans claims that there is nothing to arbitrate. However, the Board is meeting and has taken evidence in the "stone" question.

ANTIGONISH.—Hugh Fletcher, of the Geological Survey of Canada, is investigating the recently discovered coal deposits at Big Marsh. Diamond drills are being used. Deputy Inspector of Mines Blackwood is associated with Mr. Fletcher.

WESTVILLE.—The fire clay and firebrick plant of the Drummond Colliery had a prosperous year in 1907. Their market is largely in Sydney and Sydney Mines with the two steel companies. For ladle linings their product is unsurpassed.

The Drummond colliery exceeded all previous annual records.

SYDNEY.—The Dominion Iron & Steel Company is reported to have struck a large seam of coal on the Cowan's areas. Thirty men are working on these areas.

### ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—The Railway Committee of the House of Commons discussed the building of a branch of the British Yukon Railway Company to the valuable copper deposits of the Takhiena River district. The branch is to be commenced within two years and completed within five years of the passing of an Act authorizing the company to build it. It will be 25 miles in length.

TORONTO.—The shareholders of Peterson Lake at a special meeting held on January 22nd refused to approve the proposal of the directors to sell thirty acres of their property to the Nova Scotia Cobalt Mining Company for 150,000 fully paid shares in the latter company. The proposal to elase ten acres on the west side of the lake to the Little Nipissing Mining Company was unanimously adopted. The Little Nipissing people thus secure ten acres for five years on condition that they do all the development and pay the Peterson Lake Company 25 per cent. of the receipts from ore sales.

Frank Law was fined \$200 on Monday, January 21st, by Magistrate Kingsford. The charge laid was that Law as president of Law & Company, and as an officer of the notorious Highland Mary Mining Company, Limited, had committed a breach of the Companies' Act in issuing false prospectuses.

COBALT.—In the Foster mine vein No. 8 has been struck at the 140 foot level. Good results were obtained from this vein on the 70 foot level.

During 1907 Nipissing shipped a total of 2,406 tons of ore, valued at \$1,375,000 gross. Ore blocked out, ready for mining, on January 1st, 1908, has an estimated gross value of \$1,057,000.

Silver nuggets totalling more than one hundred pounds in weight were stolen on January 21st from the King Edward mine. It is reported that a reward of \$1,000 is offered for information leading to the apprehension of the thieves.

PORT ARTHUR.—J. S. Steele, manager of the St. Anthony's Reef gold mine, on January 20th deposited in the vaults of the Port Arthur branch of the Bank of Montreal several gold bricks. These were the result of a clean-up at the St. Anthony mill. Fifty-five miners are employed at the mine and the mill is running regularly.

Major J. K. Harley, of London, Eng., is reported to have organized a company for the purchase of a large block of iron ore areas at Loon Lake and Beck Siding.

COBALT.—The shipments of ore from the Cobalt camp for the week ending January 4th amounted to 204,420 pounds, as follows:—

La Rose . . . . .	104,910
Nipissing . . . . .	54,410
Townsite . . . . .	45,100

SAULT STE. MARIE.—The "Soo" steel plant is closed; the blast furnaces will be kept in operation.