

of the bond purchased by Hewitt Bostock, M.P., having been placed to the credit of the city.

A new boat, the *International*, has been placed on Kootenay Lake to run against the *Kokanee* of the C. & K.S.N. Co.

The Mugwump is showing up well, and bids fair to become one of the great mines of the Rossland camp.

There are forty-five shipping mines in the Slocan and this number is likely to be increased to sixty the coming winter. The ores of this district average \$100 per ton.

The Le Roi declared another dividend of \$25,000 on the 21st of October. This brings the total dividends up to \$225,000, and by the 1st of January the mine is expected to be in a position to pay \$50,000 monthly.

The capacity of the Trail smelter is to be largely increased and the new machinery is expected to be in place within ninety days. The capacity of the works will then be 600 tons per day.

"As Others See Us."

A RECENT arrival in Victoria is R. W. Wilson, a traveling correspondent of the *Mining & Scientific Press*, published in San Francisco—the oldest mining journal on the American continent. In the interests of that paper Mr. Wilson is making a tour through the mining districts of British Columbia. For a year past he has been visiting the gold mines along the great mother lode of California, and prior to that he has had extensive experience in other gold fields of the United States, the Australian colonies and elsewhere, where British money is invested in mining.

"It is interesting to observe," says Mr. Wilson, "how the present revival in gold mining is world-wide, and how nearly every gold-producing centre is reporting an increased yield. Even to the United Kingdom itself the search for gold has spread. On the Duke of Sutherland's estates in Scotland some prospecting is being done. In Ireland an English syndicate is opening up some quartz ledges at a place where alluvial gold was found in large quantity by the soldiers of Cromwell. In Wales Wm. Pritchard Morgan, M.P., an old Australian miner at Charters Towers in Queensland, is working at a profit, with cheap water power, an enormous low grade ore proposition. With recent doings in South Africa the public is familiar, while into Australia and New Zealand the inflow of British capital is large and steady and the development is continuous and upon the most enlightened lines of modern scientific mining. Even British New Guinea has joined the ranks of producers, a large shipment of placer gold from there having recently reached the mint at Sydney, N.S.W."

"The industrial depression that has so long prevailed over nearly all the world together with the improvement in the various processes for the reduction of refractory ores is increasingly leading investors to place at least some portion of their savings in mining ventures. Perhaps no better evidence of the increased interest that is being taken in gold mining in British Columbia can be found than in the inauguration of such an excellent, high-class journal as the B.C. MINING RECORD, which is eagerly looked for and carefully read by numbers of people who never have seen, and probably never will visit, the Dominion, but are not unlikely in many cases to send their savings there for investment.

"To the great credit of the newspaper press of British Columbia, it may be said that there is not to-day another gold-field in the world where the press as a whole has more conscientiously endeavoured to give the exact facts of the new discoveries without any high-falutin' attempts at a nonsensical boom, which in the long run only retards the prosperity of a district. Facts speak for themselves, and the facts about British Columbia are now being stated by the MINING RECORD and other papers in such a straightforward, matter of fact way that the reader of general mining news turns with a feeling of freshness and relief to what emanates from the Canadian Pacific Coast.

"In California, gold mining is progressing as favourably as its best wisher can desire, but miners are a proverbially restless class and there are many who will next spring find their way to British Columbia. Of my own knowledge I know of several men who are now putting in the winter 'making a stake' to come here in spring. These men are English miners, of whom there are a great many in California, much of the mining speculation in that State being in English hands. Many of the men who went to Alaska last summer will come to British Columbia next spring.

"The laws for the protection of miners are better here than in California, but this fact is not so well-known there as it ought to be. For instance, it is almost universally understood amongst American miners that in coming here and taking out miners' licenses they have necessarily to take an oath of allegiance to the British Crown and forfeit their American citizenship rights. Of course everybody on the ground knows that this is entirely incorrect, but for the benefit of United States miners the MINING RECORD might advantageously point out the liberality—unparalleled by that of any nation in the world—with which Great Britain and her colonies receive into fellowship the alien stranger, without requiring him to sever the ties that bind him to the country of his nationality."

Lookout Mountain.

Tunnel on Sovereign eight feet, will strike the vein within twenty-four feet. Shaft is in five feet of \$20 ore.

Diamond drill on Red Point claim cut through one vein six feet wide. Do not know value, but the company put \$10,000 in bank immediately for owner. Ten days ago changed to new position to cut two other veins and are now making ten feet per day through very hard rock.

The Wolverine Company (stocked) have made several changes in their *personnel* and are now surveying for Crown grant, and are working small force of men. It is looking very nicely.

Crown Point, working forty men, have 8,000 tons of pay ore on the dump and will astonish the public shortly.

Two feet of \$30 arunical iron ore was found on Little Joe claim four days ago. A small force of men, working on the adjoining claim—the Western Spry—have two feet of \$10 rock.

The Deadwood Company are putting in a gravity tramway and when it is completed they will ship ore. This mine has the highest grade ore in Trail Creek and, though a small vein, will cut quite a figure.

Trail is growing gradually, there now being fifteen