

LAST month the smooth wire manufacturers held a meeting, at which they decided to reduce the prices of their goods, in order to meet American competition. The lines chiefly affected are annealed, oiled and annealed, and galvanized wire, the decline in some cases being over 10 per cent. A new list had been decided upon only a month previous.

## Mining Matters.

UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT, N.S., gold mines are being worked vigorously.

THE "Stemwinder," Midway, B.C., is showing ore which assays at \$54.60 per ton.

MR. JENNINGS is engaged in putting down a shaft on his Wild Creek property, near Fort Steele, B.C.

THE Surprise mine, Slocan, B.C., is working steadily, and about 100 tons of ore are ready for shipment.

THE Stellarton, N.S., Gold Mining Co.'s property turned out a gold brick valued at \$8,000 from January's output.

SEVERAL locations have been recently made on Ten-mile Creek, B.C., the ore assaying from 500 to 1,000 ozs in silver.

THE new machinery for the Goldenville, N.S., Mines will be put in next month. Development work will then go on as rapidly as possible.

THE Cumberland, N.S., Railway & Coal Co. have started to rebuild the boiler house at the North Slope, which was burned down recently.

THE "Last Chance," Slocan, B.C., has shipped 60 tons of ore from its 120 ft. tunnel. The ore runs about 150 ozs. in silver and 60 per cent. lead.

SEVERAL gold properties in Nelson, B.C., district are likely to be purchased by Duluth and Minneapolis capitalists during the next two or three weeks.

THE "Goodenough," Slocan District, has galena sampling 768 oz. of silver and 66 per cent. lead, and 375 oz. silver and 17 per cent. lead in carbonates to the ton.

THE output of the Leamington, Ont., gas well No. 1 is now stated as being about 7,000,000 feet, which is worth, if it could be utilized fully, over \$200,000 per year.

THE Ontario Natural Gas Co. have elected the following officers: President, Hiram Walker; managing director, Dr. S. A. King; general superintendent, S. T. Copus.

THE ore chute in the upper tunnel of the "Cumberland," near New Denver, B.C., is 70 feet long, and shows four feet of good clean ore and some occasional grey copper.

R. M. SHERMAN has purchased from F. T. Kelly and J. M. Harris a half interest in the "Deadman" and "Wild Goose" properties, New Denver, the price being \$7,000.

J. A. MARA, Jas. McIntosh and others will likely purchase the "Homestake" claim, Kamloops, B.C. Development work will be continued so as to prove the true nature of the mine.

THE ore which the Bonanza Nickel Mining Co. have been taking out of their gold vein property near Lake Wahnapiat, Nipissing District, is said to assay as high as \$100 per ton.

THE Sunshine Mining Co., of Duluth, Minn., are commencing work on their claims at Ainsworth, B.C., known as the "Sunshine" and "Free Silver." W. W. Warner is superintendent.

D. GALLOP and his partners have been working on their group of claims near Nelson, B.C. They recently struck a 2-foot vein of carbonates, assaying 381 ounces silver and 40 per cent. lead.

THE Kootenay Hydraulic Mining Company have commenced work on the foundation of a new pump to draw water from the Pend d'Oreille River, in order to wash up their claim near New Denver.

THE Boston & Nova Scotia Coal Company (Ltd.) will make Mabou Harbor, 16 miles from the mines, their shipping port. A new railroad will be built to connect with the I.C.R. at Orangedale.

It is stated that an American syndicate are negotiating for the purchase of a gold property at Oldham, N.S., which was worked some years ago. The property is believed to be still very valuable.

A LARGE party of gold miners will, next May, leave Buffalo for British Columbia, where they will engage in mining on the Fraser River on an extensive scale. Each man in the party contributes \$750 to a general fund devoted to the purchase of machinery, which will be obtained in Toronto.

THE Campbell-Payne Placer Mines, in the Trall Creek, B.C., district, are being worked vigorously. The first clean-up, which was held two or three weeks ago, netted \$4 per day of six hours for each man.

THE Kansas City Smelting Co., who have smelters at Kansas City, Pueblo, and elsewhere, are thinking of establishing a smelting plant in Vancouver, B.C., for the treatment of lead, silver and copper ores.

THE American capitalists who are thinking of establishing a steel manufacturing plant in Belleville, Ont., have been looking into the matter more closely, and will decide definitely within the next few days.

D. W. McVICAR and his Nova Scotia syndicate are hard at work developing "Number One" mine, Ainsworth District, B.C. Twenty-four hands are at work, the output being about 4 tons of dry ore per day.

H. T. HAMILTON, a manufacturer of Youngstown, O., has been discussing with the Kingston and Pembroke Mining Co. and the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Co. the establishment of a smelting works, steel plant and billet mill in Kingston.

JOHN WHITZ, Robt. Jardine, K. Shevès, C. N. Skinner, and Sherwood Skinner are applying for incorporation as the Dunsinane Mining Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000. They will work a coal mine about two miles from Penobscis, N.B.

THE Brookfield, N.S., Mining Association are working two shafts in the McGuire lead. The main shaft is 300 feet and the west one 125 feet deep. Forty men are employed at present. The main lead is very variable, but sometimes attains a width of 20 inches.

THE Dominion Coal Co. are seeking accommodation for the handling of their coal business in St. John. They have already leased a large wharf, and will shortly build a trestle, by means of which coal will be run into the sheds on hoppers and chutes after being unloaded from the vessels.

J. DIX FRASER, of the Nova Scotia Iron Works, Ferrona, has returned from Newfoundland, where he superintended the sinking of shafts on the iron property at Belle Isle, owned by the New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway Company. They will commence to ship iron to Nova Scotia in July.

AT the "Blue Bell," Ainsworth district, B.C., a vein carrying copper ore has been discovered on the tunnel level. It shows a width of over six feet, the ore sampling from eleven to seventeen per cent. copper. A shaft will be sunk 100 feet in order to determine the permanency of the find.

THE "Le Roi" mine in the Trall Creek, B.C., district, is shipping on the average 30 tons of ore per day. The main shaft is down 355 feet, and work is being pushed on the 300 and 350 feet levels with a force of fifty men. The ore goes to the smelting-works at Helena, and is netting a good profit.

TRALL CREEK, B.C., district is now producing 70 tons of ore per day. The chief mine is the "War Eagle," which is said to be in a position to pay a net dividend of \$20,000 a month for two or three years to come. Altogether about \$100,000 worth of gold is produced in this district every month.

THE annual meeting of the Le Roi, B.C., Smelting and Mining Co., was held in Spokane two or three weeks ago, and the old directors were re-elected as follows: G. W. Forster, G. Turner, W. W. D. Turner, D. W. Henley, W. M. Redpath, L. F. Williams, J. W. Binkley, I. N. Peyton and W. J. Harris.

OPERATIONS have been resumed on the Elkhorn claim, Midway. It is the intention of Mr. Thomet, the owner, to tunnel on the ledge to the depth of 200 feet. If his expectations are realized, he will then make a shaft. The claim carries a rich vein of gold and silver ore, and is believed by experts to be a valuable property.

A DEPOSIT of low-grade ore on Seven-mile Creek, near Nelson, B.C., is attracting no little attention. Its owners claim that it is fully fifty feet wide and that it shows up for a distance of over 500 feet. The ore goes about \$5 in gold to the ton and is free milling. The owners are Messrs. Duhamel, Revesbech, Paterson and Campbell.

THE Robb Engineering Company, Amherst, N.S., have received the following letter from Principal Grant of Queen's University, Kingston: "The Mining Institute of Ontario held its quarterly meeting here last week, and we took that occasion of formally opening the Mining Laboratory, and your engine and boiler were both voted satisfactory. As a Nova Scotian, I was delighted that we had so much of our machinery from Nova Scotia, and as this is the only Mining Laboratory in Canada, I was delighted that you had contributed to its equipment."