

1. That \$3 be paid for the moving of the McGinty and its setting up as at present in use in the Coal Creek mines, with the exception of what is known as the "jig" in use at the Michel colliery, for the moving and setting up of which \$1.50 is to be allowed, and all payments which have been made for the first mentioned McGinty at the rate of \$1.50, to be made up to \$3 from the signing of the original agreement.

2. That blacksmiths (as claimed to be such by the union) be paid at the rate of \$3.50 per day, and all back pay deficient in this respect be made good.

3. That car repairers be paid at the rate of \$3 per day and all deficiencies in back pay be made up.

4. That the tippie engineer at Michel be paid at the rate of \$3 per diem and all deficiencies in back pay be made up.

5. That the erection of cogs be paid according to the length of the timber used in their construction: \$1 for three feet, and 33 1-3 cents per foot for length over that, and back pay made up.

Col. Spear, described as a wealthy coal operator of New York State, has bonded eight sections of coal and oil lands in Southeast Kootenay, immediately north of the Montana boundary, near Sage Creek. It is said that Col. Spear proposes forming a company in Montreal to exploit this property.

The Wellington Colliery Company have commenced the erection of new machine and car shops at Union Bay, Vancouver Island. The main building, which is to be 80 feet square, will be fitted up with up-to-date machinery for repairing locomotives and cars.

Residents of Rossland who are interested in coal and oil licenses in East Kootenay have prepared and signed the following memorial to the chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: We, the undersigned, prospectors and locators of coal and oil claims in south East Kootenay, in that portion thereof known as block 4593, hereby demand that licenses to prospect for coal and oil on the lands respectively located by us for the ensuing year in the ordinary form and not in the form in which certain documents, purporting to be licenses, but which from the decision of Mr. Justice Martin it would seem were not really licenses at all, were issued from your department. And whereas it appears that the issuance of the so-called licenses was ultra vires, we therefore claim that you hold as trustee for us the sum or sums which we have respectively paid to you to cover the fees necessary to procure a license to prospect for coal and oil on the said lands during the last 12 months. And whereas the claims, in respect whereof we demand licenses, were staked by us under the act in force at the time we made our respective locations, the fee payable under the said act being \$50. And whereas the amendment to the said act making the fee for prospecting licenses for coal and oil \$100 in lieu of \$50 was not made retrospective since the passing thereof, We, the undersigned, therefore demand, in addition to licenses for the ensuing 12 months, that you return to us the sum of \$50 per claim paid to you by us in excess of the fee you were legally able to charge, or in the alternative, an undertaking from you to apply the said sum of \$50 per claim in satisfaction of fees for further renewals of the licenses hereby applied for. And further, in view of the statement made by the Hon. R. McBride whilst here some time since, we quite recognize the futility of attempting to proceed against the government, and therefore have decided to contest the title of any person or persons who may stake over the ground for which we claim licenses, and we request that, if possible, you make this a matter of record on your books, by way of caveat.

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company's mines for the month of July was as follows:

Coal Creek	40,260.06
Michel	23,745.15
Carbonado	9,028.01
Total	73,043.02

ALBERTA.

The West Canadian Collieries Company, near Lille, are now shipping from the No. 1 Colliery some 600 tons of coal daily. The construction of the new tippie was recently completed, and it is said to be one of the largest and best arranged in the district, and capable of handling 2,000 tons a day. The company is now building near the coke ovens a large coal washer. Coke is being manufactured in ovens of the Belgium type, and a daily production of rather over 100 tons is being maintained.

Plans for the proposed new tippie for the Canadian-American Coal & Coke Co.'s colliery at Frank have been completed, and tenders are invited thereon. In addition to the tippie, the box-car loader is about to be installed at these mines.

The West Canadian Collieries mine at Bellevue is now producing over 200 tons of coal per day, and is gradually becoming one of the most important producing collieries in the province.

YUKON.

Three Yukon coal mines are now producing regularly, and two or three others may be opened soon. One of the largest producers is at Coal Creek, and is served by twelve miles of railway, on which the coal is hauled to the Yukon, a few miles below Forty-Mile, and there transferred by boats for Dawson. The Dawson Electric Light and Power Company consumes the greater part of this coal. On the Upper River the Tantalus mine is the most important producing property, most of whose output is consumed by the White Pass Railway on the river steamers. Several promising coal seams have also been located near by. Preparations are being made by a syndicate to open coal properties on Roy Creek below Forty-Mile, where some excellent coal is said to have been found, and for some time past a mine has been worked at State Creek, and the product shipped to Dawson for local requirements.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

The Cariboo Consolidated, Ltd.—A meeting of the shareholders of this company was held in London last month. The chairman, Sir James Bevan Edwards, said that considerable progress had been made in the development of the company's Lightning Creek property. A cablegram had been received from one of the directors at present visiting the mine, conveying certain recommendations for the future and when these were carried out the mine would become dividend-paying.

Britannia Copper Syndicate, Limited (B.C.).—A meeting of this syndicate was held in Vancouver, on August 14th, when the following resolutions to increase the capital stock of the company were unanimously carried:—

That the capital of the company be increased to \$937,500 by the creation of 1,000 additional ordinary shares of \$312.50 each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the existing ordinary shares of the company when and so soon as such existing shares have been subdivided into shares of \$312.50 each.

That the directors be and they are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Henry Stern, of New York, for the underwriting of 884 of such new shares at *par*, viz.:—\$312.50, subject to a commission of 10 per cent. in cash upon all shares unsubscribed for by the shareholders, provided the said Henry Stern will have the opportunity of subscribing for additional shares at *par* to the amount of such cash commission, and provided that notwithstanding such agreement and as a term thereof, the said 884 new shares shall be first offered to the members at *par* in the proportion to the existing shares of \$625 held by them, such offer to be open for a period of twenty days from the date of such offer.

The chairman, the Hon. E. Dewdney, referring to the position of affairs at the mine, said that the plant is now