

THE "Nickel Plate" and "Josie" mines near Rossland, B.C., will resume work as soon as the coming of snow allows sleighing. The "Le Roi" will ship about thirty tons of ore per day as soon as sleighing commences.

IN the "Similkameen," Kaslo district a large body of high grade copper ore, showing, it is said, 71 per cent., has been discovered by A. R. Brown, who has staked three claims, called the "Sunset," "Vancouver," and "Helen H. Gardner." The ledge has been traced for a length of 4,000 ft.

AT the Cape Breton collieries there has been great activity throughout the past shipping season, all the mines having been taxed to their full capacity to meet the demand of the local and the St. Lawrence markets. The "Old Sydney" will probably show the largest output of any one mine, says the *St. John Telegraph*.

THE recent survey of the international boundary line, north of Spokane, Wash., disclosed the fact that twelve mining claims, owned by C. Knulton and others, were situated on the Indian reservation in the United States. The unfortunate miners immediately ceased work, but are on the watch for future developments.

A COMPANY has been incorporated under the name of the Bocabec Black Granite Co., of Portland, Me., to work the quarries at Bocabec, near St. Andrews, N.B. Capital \$250,000. The company will also be incorporated under the New Brunswick laws, and later on polishing works will be established either at St. Andrews or Bocabec.

AT the "Last Chance," Kaslo, a ledge of ore about thirty inches wide has been disclosed. The tunnel is run on an incline, and is in 52 feet. About 30 tons of ore are now on the dump, and about 100 tons more will be shipped shortly. Clean ore runs 205 oz. in silver to the ton and 96 oz. in carbonates. The owner of this mine is E. H. Tomlinson.

THE gold output of the Kootenay, B.C., district this year is approximately \$200,000, divided as follows: Trail Creek district, \$150,000; Nelson, \$28,000; Trout Lake, \$20,000; Revelstoke, \$10,000, and Fort Steel, \$10,000. Most of this is from quartz mines, especially in the Trail Creek region, whereas the Cariboo output is from gravel mines.

ABOUT thirty-three claims will work and ship ore in the Slocan this winter. Times promise to be more prosperous there than in any other mining section of the North-west. The output will probably reach 17,000 tons by next spring. The town of Three Forks, in the centre of the mines, is building up very fast and anticipates a large amount of business.—*Nakusp Ledge*.

A DISPATCH from Kaslo, B.C., states that the placer excitement still continues; all the leading men in town have recorded claims to be worked as a whole. Twelve claims were recorded on Saturday. The poorest day's work on the claims known is \$2 per yard and the highest was \$950 per yard. The gold is all coarse in many instances, and large as a silver five cent piece and about twice as thick.

THE Isaac's Harbor, N.S., Gold Mining Company has been formed, with John McMillan, president, and S. R. Giffin, Robert C. McMillan, Roderick McLeod, Reuben H. McMillan and Howard Richardson, provisional directors. Having previously located the gold-bearing anticline in two shafts on their property, they now purpose making the road to their mine, and operating on it as soon as possible.

THE profit obtained from the "Treadwell" mine, B.C., during the past year exceeds any previous record, it being \$429,949. During the year the owners paid four dividends of \$75,000 each, besides a bonus dividend of \$150,000. The yield averaged \$3.20 per ton, against \$2.94 for the previous year, owing to the level worked showing higher grade ore than heretofore. The reports show that the total receipts were from bullion sold, \$705,948; interest, \$3,000; profits of store, \$18,835; making a total of \$727,838. The working expenses were \$297,924, leaving a profit of \$429,949 for the year.

A WAGON road is being built from Three Forks to the Idaho basin. This will serve the Idaho, Alamo, St. John, Cumberland, Democrat, Young Dominion, Queen Bess and other mines. The output of this one basin this winter should be not less than 3,000 tons. The Montana Chief will ship probably 700 tons. Finch & Campbell are building a trail to and erecting winter quarters at the Wonderful, and will ship 500 tons. On the south fork of Sandon creek the Ruth, which has already shipped one carload, and the Wills group, owned by Moore, Humphreys & Blackaller, on which thirty men are at work, will also be heavy shippers.—*Nakusp, B.C., Ledge*.

Railway and Marine News.

THE Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway Co. now have trains running to Wilberforce.

THE C. P. R. car shops at Winnipeg are to have an extension measuring 145 ft. by 45 ft.

THE Nelson Loop Railway connecting Nelson with Chatham, N.B., has just been completed.

A COMPANY is applying for a charter to build a railway from Arrow Lake to Trout Lake, B.C.

THE steamer "Ripon City" went aground last month at Long Point near Montreal, and was badly damaged.

THE Lake St. John Railway have just received from Deseronto, a large lot of box cars for the Chicoutimi division of the road.

THE machinery of the lighthouse at Pointe Plate, St. Pierre, has been destroyed by fire. It will be replaced as soon as possible.

THE South-Eastern Railway has passed into the control of the C. P. R. Co., who owned \$1,200,000 in first mortgage bonds on the road.

THE Lorne Bridge at Wellington over the Rideau canal is to be rebuilt this winter. The piers are to be of wood and the superstructure of iron.

A DEPUTATION interviewed the Minister of Railways recently, and endeavored to obtain Government assistance for the repairing of Marsh Bridge, St. John, N.B.

IT is now stated that the report published recently with regard to the coming consolidation of all the important east coast steamship lines is totally untrue.

IT is stated positively that 175 miles of the Hudson Bay Railway will be built this year, and that next year the road will be extended as far as the Saskatchewan.

THE Donaldson line steamer "Hestia," bound from Glasgow to Quebec, last month lost her propeller and broke her shaft in mid-ocean, but was towed home in safety.

TRACK laying has now begun on the Fort Fairfield branch of the Bangor and Aroostook Railway. The new bridge across the Meduxenkeag at Monticello is well under way.

THE O. A. & P. S. Railway Company are surveying the route from Long Lake to Emsdale, and it is expected that contracts will be given out shortly for the construction of that section.

THE sheriff's sale of the Montreal & Lake Muskegon Railway, running from St. Gabriel de Brandon to St. Felix de Valois, with its dependencies, has been postponed until the 9th prox.

THE railroad now under construction by the C. P. R., from Mattawa to Lakes Temiscamingue and Kippera, is ironed for a distance of 43 miles, and the line will be about completed this month.

THE Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Co. are pushing work on five bridges east of Cainsville. They have just placed with Wood, Vallance & Co., Hamilton, an order for 30 tons of iron bolts for the same.

CONTRACTOR REID, who is engaged in building a railroad across Newfoundland, has stopped work and discharged 1,200 men for the winter. This action is understood to have been caused by the unsettled state of the colony's government.

THE C. P. R. is to begin construction work on its new East End Depot, Montreal, next May, and it must, according to contract, be completed within a year, when the city is to pay over to the company \$750,000, its stipulated share of the cost.

TEN miles of the Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound Railway, between Barry's Bay and Opeongo Forks, are now completed, and have been pronounced by the Government inspector as satisfactory. Twelve miles beyond the Forks, in addition, are almost completed.

THE P. & P. J. Railroad Co. have decided to make Black River the terminus for their line for some time to come. To continue to Pembroke would require the expenditure of \$200,000 for bridges over the Ottawa River at Allumette Island, and for this the company is not at present prepared.

D. D. MANN, a Montreal contractor, has been on a visit to British Columbia to determine the best route for a proposed railway from some point on the C. P. R. to Barkerville, a distance of 280 miles through the centre of the Cariboo gold mining district. The promoters of the scheme include Sir Wm. Van Horne and Mr. Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R. Company.