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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The *Mining Journal*, London, of July 22 said: "Le Roi shares have advanced sharply to £1. Whether the amalgamation has fallen through or not is unknown, but the position of the company has been improving for some time past."

It is understood that smelting operations are to be commenced in October at the smelter of the Alaska Smelting & Refining Co., erected for that company by Mr. Paul Johnson, the well known smelter man, at Hadley Prince of Wales Island, S. E. Alaska. Mr. B. D. Brown, of New York, president of the company, was in Victoria this month, and confirmed the report that preparations are being made for blowing in the furnace shortly.

The strong tone of the base metal market speaks well for the mining industry in America generally, observes the *San Francisco Mining and Scientific Press*. Copper, lead and spelter are each showing an upward tendency, and this in the face of increased production. The great industrial activity in this country and abroad absorbs the metal output as fast as it reaches the markets, and prices are not only maintained, but advance under the stimulus of strong demand.

Our special correspondent at Princeton, Similkameen, informs us that beside the fireclay met with, as described in his letter published this month, the Vermilion Forks Mining & Development Co. has struck several other seams of clay while drilling on the Princeton townsite. The clay is described as one of the best yet discovered in America, and should prove of value, since it can be got out cheaply in connection with the coal, with which it occurs.

The editor of the *MINING RECORD* is in receipt of a letter from Dr. R. W. Raymond, secretary of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, in which the following occurs: "I have the pleasure of expressing to you the thanks of the Council of the Institute and its visiting members and guests for the important assistance given by the British Columbia *MINING RECORD*, and by you personally, in promoting the professional interests of the late Institute meeting and ex-