

introduced if the western committee in charge so decide; but in general the foregoing programme will be followed out.

A considerable attendance from Great Britain is anticipated, and the following gentlemen will be the official guests of the Institute:—

Mr. Walter Johnson of Messrs. Bell Bros., Middlesbrough, representing the Iron & Steel Institute. Mr. Hugh F. Marriott (head of the Mining Department in London of Messrs. Wernher, Beit & Co., and member of council of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy), and Mr. Wm. Frechville (past-president of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy), representing the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. John Ashworth, of Manchester, England (president of the Manchester Geological Society); and Mr. James Barrowman (secretary of the Mining Institute of Scotland), representing the Institution of Mining Engineers. Mr. W. D. Wight (president of the South Wales Institute of Engineers), representing the South Wales Institute of Engineers. Mr. W. Head, sub-editor of the Mining Journal, London, Eng. Prof. Dr. H. Potonie, Koniglich Geologische Landesanstalt, Berlin, Germany. Mr. Louis Detrez (president "l'Association des Éléves des Ecoles Spéciales"), Belgium.

In addition the following gentlemen have signified their intention of taking part in the excursion:—

Dr. Frank D. Adams, McGill University, Montreal, Que., (Stage I); Rodger Beek, Esq., The Laurels, Swansea, Wales; C. E. Bloomer, Esq., Shenstoneville, Hales Owen, Eng. (Stages I, II, III); Geo. H. Campbell, Esq., Toronto, Ont. (Stages I, II, III); Dr. Wm. Campbell, Dept. of Metallurgy, Columbia University, New York, N.Y., U.S.A. (Stages I, II, III); Thos. Carlisle, Esq., Workington, Cumberland, Eng. (Stages I, II, III); R. E. Conmans, Esq., London, Eng. (Stage I); Eugene Coste, Esq., Toronto, Ont. (Stage III); Sherard Cowper-Coles, Esq., Westminster, S.W., Eng. (Stages I, II, III); Albert N. Entwistle, Esq., Royal Mint, Ottawa, Ont. (Stage II); Chas. Fergie, Esq., Dominion Coal Co., Glace Bay, N.S. (Stages I, II, III); Stanley G. Flagg, Jr., Esq., Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A. (Stage I); Mr. Gerrard, H.M. Inspector of Mines, Sheffield, Eng. (Stages I, II, III); Dr. Eugene Haanel, Director of Mines, Ottawa, Ont. (Stages I, II, III); John E. Hardmar, Esq., Montreal, Que. (Stage I or Stage III); Henry D. Hibbard, Esq., Plainfield, N.J., U.S.A. (Stage II); John Hogg, Esq., Silverbank, Cambuslang, Scotland (Stages I, II, III); Mark Hurll, Esq., Glasgow, Scotland (Stages I, II, III); D. B. Langford, Esq., London, S.W., England (Stages I, II, III); Sam Mavor, Esq., Bridgeton, Scotland (Stages I, II, III); C. McDermid, Esq., Sec'y Institution of M. & M., Salisbury House, London, E.C., Eng. (Stages I, II); J. C. Murray, Esq., Editor *Canadian Mining Journal*, Toronto, Ont. (Stages I, II, III); J. Obalski, Esq., Supt. of Mines, Quebec, Que. (Stages I, II, III); E. W.

Porritt, Esq., Hartford, Conn., U.S.A. (Stages I, II, III); Gordon Mel. Pyke, Esq., Montreal, Que. (Stage II); W. J. Rees, Esq., Swansea, Wales (Stage III); Nicholas Richardson, Esq., Gen. Mgr., North Atlantic Collieries, Ltd., Port Morien, Cape Breton, N.S. (Stage III); Dr. Heinrich Ries, Dept. of Geology, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., U.S.A. (Stages II, III); Walter Rowley, Esq., Leeds, Eng. (Stages I, II, III); A. Sinn, Esq., Bienne, Switzerland (Stages I, II, III); Aleutt Smith, Esq., London, S.W., Eng. (Stages II, III); Andrew Watson, Esq., Glasgow, Scotland (Stages I, II, III); Walter Wood, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A. (Stages I, II, III).

GOVERNMENT AID TO MINING.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE to the mining industry is freely rendered in some of the Australian states. In a recent number of the *London Mining Journal* instances of applications for monetary aid are mentioned. The Chamber of Commerce at Charters Towers, Queensland, is stated to have decided to ask the State Government for £10,000 (about \$50,000) to assist in the deep sinking of one of the gold mines in the district, and for several other sums, totalling nearly \$100,000, chiefly for shaft sinking, at half a dozen other mines. Then, in correspondence relating to Tasmania it is stated that: "A number of hands have been discharged at the Hercules mine, owing to the closing down of the Tasmanian smelters at Zeehan, and many others will receive notice unless the smelters resume shortly. In connection with this, it may be mentioned that the State Government has had under consideration the request of the Tasmanian Smelting Company for a grant of £10,000, and has forwarded a reply stating that it is prepared to agree to the suggestion made in reference to a reduction of freight on certain lines. It is also willing to submit to the State Parliament a proposal to make a rebate of £5,000 per annum on the general freight paid by the company, provided it deals with a similar quantity of ore and fluxes to the smelters, and bullion from the smelters, as in the year 1907, the amount of the rebates to be payable in the future out of any net profits that may be secured by the company, after provision is made for proper depreciation. In the event of the company dealing with a smaller quantity of ore, flux, and bullion than was dealt with last year, there will be a proportionate reduction in the rebate."

A *Reuter's* despatch from Ottawa to London, England, says: The Supreme Court of Canada has rendered judgment declaring that the Minister of the Interior exceeded his authority in cancelling the Bonanza Creek hydraulic and Klondike Government concessions for alleged non-compliance with the regulations. The judgment of the court confirms the titles of the two largest gold-washing concessions in the Yukon.