

three feet of sinking and 35 feet drifting for this machine, but in addition the level station and the bottom portion of the shaft has been timbered and planked during the month.

Our total footage for the month was 257½ feet.

Crown Reserve.—The foundations for the new plant have been completed and work started on the buildings. The plant will consist of a six drill Sullivan compressor, 100 h.p. Jenckes boiler, an Allis-Chalmers hoist, etc. A complete electric light plant will also be installed. It is expected that the plant will be in operation by July 15th. The working shaft will be sunk fifteen feet deeper to the 100-foot level and a cross cut run to the big vein.

City of Cobalt.—An option for 30 days has been given to an English syndicate. An engineer representing the syndicate is now examining the property. On June 10th, the directors declared a dividend of three per cent. with a two per cent. bonus payable July 10th.

Red Rock.—Drifting has been started at the 100-foot level. Twenty men are now employed.

Trinity Cobalt.—The compressor and boiler recently ordered have been delivered on the property and will be set up at once. The shaft which is being sunk on the shore of Cross Lake, is now down 25 feet.

T. & H. B.—Another dividend of \$2 per share will be declared this month, making a total of \$103 in dividends on every share.

Silver Cliff.—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt and associates have taken a working bond on this property, which lies directly north of the King Edward. Five machine drills are being run, power being obtained from the King Edward and Colonial.

Coniagas.—A thirty stamp battery with 1,250 pound stamps, is to be installed.

#### Montreal River District.

The recorder of this district, Mr. Thos. H. Torrance, received instructions on June 18th, to take immediate steps to move the office from Latchford to Elk Lake. Mr. Torrance will arrange for the construction of the necessary office building at once. This decision of the department is a very wise one and will be received with great satisfaction by the miners and prospectors in the various camps in the vicinity of Elk Lake. The mail service is so very unsatisfactory at all seasons and the difficulty of getting in to and out of this district in the winter months is so great that the necessity of going to Latchford, 52 miles away, to conduct all business in connection with the Recorder's Office or Department of Mines, has entailed a very considerable hardship on the prospectors. Under the present conditions it is also much more satisfactory for all parties concerned that the hearing of disputes and settlement of the many troublesome questions arising from under the Mines Act, be heard and decided on the ground. Elk City is beyond question the most central point for the seven or eight hundred men now in the district and is rapidly becoming a substantial town.

Semi-official announcement has been made that only one inspector has been assigned to this district and no inspection will be made except of disputed claims or at the request of the licensee.

#### Cobalt.

The flotation of the La Rose Merger has been the most important event, affecting the camp, that has happened for some time. It means the active development of properties of merit that have been lying idle for so long. It also means a greatly increased production from La Rose itself, where until now nothing but development work has been going on and ore taken out in that work is all that has been shipped. There is actually blocked out, a greater value in high grade ore, in this

one mine, than the total capitalization of the Merger, namely \$7,500,000. There is a large tonnage of low grade ore on the dump and blocked out in the mine, and undoubtedly a concentrator will soon be put up.

Crown Reserve.—A car of ore, 22 tons in weight, was shipped to Copper Cliff on the 5th inst. Taking the probable value of this car into consideration, about \$135,000 worth of ore has been shipped to date.

T. & H. B.—On the 8th of June a dividend of \$2 per share was paid. This brings the dividends paid per share to \$101. There are about 7,700 shares issued, the capitalization being \$25,000.

Century.—A small force which is to be increased very shortly, is at work here sinking a shaft. The shaft is down 84 feet and a contract has been let to sink an additional 40 feet. A boiler hoist and pump have been installed.

Temagami Reserve.—An option has been given on the Stirling mine at Arsenic Lake near Temagami. Work will be started at once. The ore deposits are big, comparatively low grade ones. The ores are copper-gold bearing mispickel. Five leads have been opened up. From a cut on one of the mispickel leads, 100 tons have been taken, now on the dump, that will average 30 per cent. arsenic and \$12 in gold and silver.

### ALBERTA.

#### Lethbridge.

The past few weeks have seen some very heavy rains in this district. These rains have been welcomed by the farmers as assuring them a bountiful crop in the fall. Miners and all classes of the community have likewise appreciated the rain as good crops mean good business for the West and good business means good coal trade. However, the rains have not been an unmixed blessing, as all the mountain streams are in heavy flood and considerable damage has been done to bridges, etc. The Belly river overflowed its banks and did a great amount of damage, all the "flats" being flooded.

The Alberta Railway & Irrigation Company have considerable mine workings lying under these "flats" and in some cases where pillars were drawn the caves had gone right up to the surface. It was foreseen some time ago that should these "flats" be flooded the water would find its way into the mine, and in anticipation of this several dams had been built. As expected the water soon began to flow into the mine when the river overflowed, and had it not been for these dams confining the water to one district, the whole mine would have been flooded.

It is the intention of the company to pump out this water as soon as additional pumping machinery can be laid down. It is supposed that it will take several months to finally free the workings from water.

The mines are only working two and three days per week, but it is reported that better time may be made in the near future.

#### Bankhead.

Mr. John Galvin, vice president of District No. 18, U. M. W. of A., has been negotiating with the management of the Bankhead Mines Limited, with a view to setting a contract price on pillar drawing in No. 5 seam. Mr. Galvin and the Local Committee met the management but failed to come to an agreement, and the question has been referred to the Disputes Board for settlement. This board meets in the middle of each month to decide all cases which cannot be settled direct at the mines.

At present the pillars are being taken out by day labor, the rate of wages being the union rate of \$3 per day, and the management claim that the contract price the men are asking would mean a wage very much in excess of this.