

a fine display of minerals to the Spokane Fruit Fair, Spokane, Washington, and Mr. Arthur B. Buckworth, J.P., is also making a collection of minerals for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which will be forwarded to the Boston Mechanics' Fair. There could be no better way of advertising the wealth of the Ymir camp.

The Kenneth Gold Mining Company, owning the Tamarac, reports having disposed of 350,000 shares of treasury stock. I shall be pleased to see work commenced on this property, as I feel confident that there is good material here for the making of a valuable mine.

Some of your readers will, perhaps, be interested to learn that Professor J. Garvin has returned from Douglas Island, Alaska, where he has been reporting for the Walters Company, Spokane, on a large low grade proposition similar to the property now being operated by the Treadwell Gem Company, Juneau. Another somewhat important piece of intelligence is that the Dominion Geological Survey are at work on the North Fork of Salmon River, the party being in charge of Mr. W. G. Miller, B. A., of School of Mines, Kingston.

Midge Creek, or better known on the map as Sixteen Mile Creek, has some very fine showings. The ledges are large, being rarely less than fifteen feet in width, and in the majority of cases containing good ore from the grass roots. I venture to predict that, as a result of development work, this section will be proved to be exceedingly rich.

FORT STEEL MINING DIVISION. (From our own Correspondent.)

The great event of the past month was the discovery by Mr. J. Higbye and others of a large free milling gold ledge, the assays therefrom being astonishingly high, and as it was struck above the placer ground on Boulder Creek, Wild Horse, it is supposed by some that this is the mother lode of the country. The assay returns vary from \$300 to \$2,500 in gold. It is to be hoped that this is a "true bill," for if so it will mean a great deal to Fort Steele. Another strike was also recently made at Moyia, where fifteen feet of solid galena was exposed in the Boissy tunnel on the Moyia claim. On this same claim two or three good showings have lately been made, the galena averaging about sixty dollars per ton. Yet another important discovery was made not far from Moyia City, in a find of a foot of asbestos of good quality.

Throughout the district a good deal of development is now being carried on. The Hall Mines Company are going in for prospecting and bonding on a somewhat extensive scale, their tunnel on Big Three and Mammoth being in over 100 feet. At the North Star mine an extra crew of men have been put on. The discovery this month at the Sullivan group of an ore body of over 100 feet in width, consisting of massive galena, may also be regarded as of importance. The ore is of a somewhat lower grade than that at the North Star, but the quantity seems illimitable. This improves the chances of Kimberley becoming a mining centre, the little town being situated between these mine groups. There are several other reported strikes, but they require confirmation.

The St. Mary's country is being well prospected this year, with the result that several large copper lodes have been discovered. The copper in this section is generally in the pyrite form, carrying gold and silver, sometimes associated with mispickel (assanopyrite) and pyrrhotite. With adequate transportation facilities, St. Mary's will doubtless develop into a first class copper camp.

SHIPPING MINES.

SLOCAN—JULY.

The Collector of Customs at Kaslo kindly sends us the following returns from that port for the month of August:

| | Pounds. |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Payne..... | 1,300,000 |
| Ruth..... | 1,030,000 |
| Last Chance..... | 400,000 |
| Slocan Star..... | 390,000 |
| Whitewater..... | 175,000 |
| Antoine..... | 90,000 |
| Rambler..... | 30,000 |
| Coin..... | 13,000 |
| C. M. Wilson..... | 5,415 |
| Carbonate No. 2..... | 2,800 |
| Fletcher Mine..... | 1,000 |
| Wonderful Bird..... | 425 |

Total 2,718½ tons or.....3,437,640

The destination of the various shipments during August was as follows:

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| Pueblo..... | 2,230,000 |
| Everett..... | 1,065,000 |
| Kootenay Ore Co., Kaslo..... | 112,640 |
| Tacoma..... | 30,000 |

Total 1,718½ tons or.....3,437,640

The ore exported from the port of Kaslo was as follows:

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| Gross pounds ore..... | 3,423,500 |
| Value..... | \$138,086 |
| Pounds lead, contents..... | 1,677,675 |
| Ounces silver, contents..... | 156,895 |

NAKUSP (REPORTING TO KASLO.)

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| Gross pounds ore..... | 1,529,667 |
| Value..... | \$58,716 |
| Pounds lead, contents..... | 624,461 |
| Ounces silver, contents..... | 71,254 |

KASLO AND NAKUSP.

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| Pounds ore..... | 4,953,167 |
| Value..... | \$196,802 |
| Pounds lead..... | 2,302,116 |
| Ounces silver..... | 228,149 |

COAL SHIPMENTS.

The New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company, Ltd,
FOREIGN SHIPMENTS, AUGUST, 1898.

| | Tons. |
|--|--------|
| 2—S.S. Titania.....San Francisco | 5,414 |
| 5—S.S. Burma....." " | 4,446 |
| 8—S.S. Rosalie.....Port Townsend | 43 |
| 9—S.S. Siam.....San Francisco | 4,497 |
| 12—S.S. Amur.....Alaska | 173 |
| 15—S.S. Titania.....San Francisco | 5,424 |
| 16—S.S. Burma.....Port Los Angeles | 4,580 |
| 19—S.S. San Mateo....." " | 3,874 |
| 19—Str. Sea Lion.....Port Townsend | 40 |
| 20—S.S. Horsa.....Alaska | 176 |
| 22—Str. Sea Lion.....Port Townsend | 29 |
| 24—S.S. Siam.....San Francisco | 4,502 |
| 26—Ship J. B. Brown.....Honolulu, H.I. | 2,404 |
| 26—Str. Sea Lion.....Port Townsend | 29 |
| 26—S.S. Amur.....Alaska | 184 |
| 26—Str. Mystery....." | 61 |
| 28—Ship Henry Villard.....Honolulu, H.I. | 2,402 |
| 30—S.S. Titania.....San Francisco | 5,434 |
| 31—Str. R. Holyoke.....Port Townsend | 25 |
| Total..... | 43,827 |

FOREIGN SHIPMENTS ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 1898.

| | Tons. |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1—Bark Grenada.....Honolulu, H.I. | 3,691 |
| 2—S.S. Roanoke.....Seattle | 445 |
| 3—S.S. Burma.....Port Los Angeles | 4,544 |
| 8—S.S. San Mateo.....San Francisco | 4,398 |
| 10—S.S. Siam.....Port Los Angeles | 4,495 |
| 10—S.S. Horsa.....Alaska | 151 |
| 11—S.S. Amur....." | 177 |
| 13—S.S. City of Grand Rapids....." | 50 |
| 15—S.S. Titania.....San Francisco | 5,434 |
| 19—S.S. Fastnet.....Alaska | 70 |
| 19—S.S. Burma.....Port Los Angeles | 4,576 |
| Total..... | 28,031 |

PUBLICATIONS.

The Hudson's Bay Company's Land Tenures* and the Occupation of Assiniboia by Lord Selkirk's Settlers, by Archer Martin, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

ALTHOUGH to most of the people of the Dominion of Canada, and probably to many of the settlers in Manitoba, that land of cattle and cornfields may seem too new to have a history, yet Mr. Archer Martin, under the