

The property of the Mikado Gold Mines in the Lake of the Woods District has been advertised for sale by tender at the instance of the Imperial Bank of Canada. The property includes about 300 acres on which three gold veins have been proved. The total production of this property during the long time that it has been worked has been about \$500,000 in gold, but no earned dividend was ever made. From the advertising made by the company it is evident that the present corporation will consider propositions looking to a tender of cash and shares in a company to succeed the present one.

The Atikokan Iron Company has been organized with a capital of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of mining iron ore, and manufacturing iron and steel at Port Arthur, Ontario. This company has been fathered and organized by Messrs. McKenzie and Mann, of the Canadian Northern Railway. The town of Port Arthur has become interested in the company by furnishing a site of 40 acres for the plant. The company proposes to erect a 100 ton furnace this season. It will probably be supplemented by a secondary corporation to be known as the Canadian Coal and Ore Dock Co., which will construct fuel and ore docks of a capacity of 200,000 tons of coal and 100,000 tons of ore. The proposed capital of this supplementary company will be \$500,000.

In the suit of Barron vs. Meyers, Judge Tappin has given judgment in favor of Barron and against Meyers. This suit was taken in connection with the well known properties which have been included in the Big Master Mining Co. and the Interstate Consolidated Co. Mr. Meyers has also been arrested in connection with the same properties by plea of another plaintiff called Bollenstein, who made a note in favor of Meyers, receiving therefor 20,000 shares of Jubilee mine stock and 2,000 shares of Big Master stock. M. A. Meyers will be remembered as the promoter from Warren, Pa., who first came into prominence in connection with transactions relating to the Port Arthur silver mines, and who afterwards engaged in the flotation of gold properties in the Manitou and Rat Portage districts. His methods have not met with the approval of the Courts.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Payne mill has been started up by the lessees on ore taken from No. 8 tunnel.

The Mohican silver-lead mine on Gainer Creek, Lardeau District, is driving a long cross-cut to reach a large ore body shown on the surface.

The Eva Mill, Camborne District, is steadily crushing quartz from the Eva Mine, since the completion of the tramway from the upper levels to the ore bins at the head terminal of the main tramway.

The shipments of zinc ore from Kaslo during the week ending the 5th of March totalled 560 tons, while the shipments of silver-lead ore sent out were only 75 tons.

The Copper King property, on the west coast of Texada Island, announces that it has struck a vein of solid bornite four feet in thickness at a depth of 30 feet. No further particulars are given.

The Le Roi experimental concentrator is expected to be in operation by the first of May, and will have a capacity of 10 tons per diem. The total shipments from Rossland District to the 5th of March amounted to 60,936 tons.

Mr. M. M. Johnson of Salt Lake City, has been making an examination of the Montreal and Boston mining properties for a New York lawyer, Mr. Samuel Untermyer, on behalf of the well known mining and metallurgical firm of the Guggenheims.

The strike of the miners of the International Coal & Coke Co. at Coleman, is still on, and it is reported that the miners are simply using this strike as a feeler to find out the strength of the different coal corporations before extending the strike to other coal companies in the Crow's Nest field.

The Empress group of claims on Howe Sound, in which Mr. O. Furry has a 50 per cent. interest, Mr. G. H. Robinson a 35 per cent. interest, and the Boscowitz Estate a 15 per cent. interest, is understood to have been optioned, as to a half interest, to a New York gentleman, for the sum of \$75,000.

The Executive of the British Columbia Mining Association held a meeting at the Oriard Hotel, Victoria, on the 20th of February, and made arrangements and a programme for the annual meeting of the Association, which is to be held this year in Vancouver during the last week of July.

It is reported from Nelson that the Bank of Montreal is again in negotiation with Americans for the sale or lease of the Bluebell Mine and the Pilot Bay smelter. The Bank, while admitting that inquiries have been made, says that nothing definite has been done.

Promising copper deposits have been found in the Highland Valley district, some five miles from Ashcroft Station, on the C.P.R. The ore is peacock copper on the surface, and the work done to obtain Crown grants has shown a large quantity of merchantable ore. The claims are owned by Messrs. Curtis, Sword, Knight and Hoskins.

The assets of the Winnipeg Mines, Ltd., were sold by the Judge of the County Court at Grand Forks, so as to satisfy labor liens against the property. The property was bid in by Mr. W. T. Hunter for the sum of \$2,500. As the court expenses amounted to about \$160, there will be \$2,340 left to satisfy an aggregate of \$3,400 in liens.

The furnace of the Sullivan Mining Company at Maryville, East Kootenay, is ready to blow in, and the second furnace is supposed to be ready on the 15th of March. This plant, it may be remembered, is equipped with the new Heberlein converter, which has been experimentally tried by the American Smelting and Refining Company at its Pueblo plant.

The first week in March opened with the blowing in of the sixth furnace of the Granby Smelter, and all three of the smelters in the Boundary Country are now in full operation. This makes a total of 19 blast furnaces in operation on the 4th of March. At the present time the tonnage of the three smelting plants amounts to over 20,000 per week.

The Arlington Mine, at Erie, received for the shipments made in January to the Hail Mining & Smelting Co., at Nelson, a gross value of 404.73 ozs. of gold, 771 ozs. of silver, and 8,372 lbs. of lead, the approximate value of which was \$3,800. The amount of ore shipped was 129.4 tons, giving an average value of nearly \$67 per ton.

From items coming to our notice from Prince Albert, N.W.T., dredging is again to be attempted upon the Saskatchewan River. The Saskatchewan Mining and Development Co. are putting in a large dredge at a cost of \$60,000. It will be placed upon the river in the Spring, and another attempt will be made to dredge the sands of the Basin for the gold and platinum contents which they are known to contain.

The French Creek Mining Company, on French Creek, in the Big Bend District, Revelstoke Division, has been acquired by an Indiana outfit, which will repair the headgates, flumes and ditches, and endeavor to get to work hydraulicking at an early date in the Spring. Mr. E. A. Bradley is Superintendent. The richness of the French Creek slope of the hill has been known for many years, but intelligent management has not heretofore been employed.

The St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Co., Ltd., has declared another dividend of two per cent., making a second quarterly dividend of this amount. The two per cent. dividend means the distribution of \$70,000 to the shareholders, which may be considered a very satisfactory return on the investment. The mine is now producing about 2,500 tons of concentrates each month, which are being shipped to the smelters at Trail and Nelson.

The preliminary announcement by the Provincial Mineralogist of the approximate values of the mineral output of British Columbia for 1904 shows that in spite of rumors of business inactivity in that province, the growth of the mining industry is steady, and has substantially progressed since 1903; the largest increase is that in coal (\$1,500,000), lead (\$750,000), and coke (\$534,000). Out of a total gain of \$3,600,000, more than \$2,000,000 of that sum was due to increased shipments of coal and coke.

The Executive of the British Columbia Mining Association has passed a resolution asking the Provincial Government to have its assistance in the matter of investigating the taxation of mines, and requesting that the managers, or those operating mines in the province be asked to furnish information respecting the number of tons shipped during 1904; the total revenue from the sale of products, pay-roll at mine, pay-roll at mill, pay-roll at smelter, supplies at mine, supplies at mill, supplies at smelter, official and general expenses, transportation costs to mill, to shipping points, or to smelter.

The B.C. Bureau of Information has issued in pamphlet form the report of Mr. J. H. Gray, civil engineer, on the Bulkley Valley country. He reports that in the valley of the Telqua River, (nearly 60 miles from Hazelton, several seams of a good quality of bituminous coal have been proved, and reports that some 75 square miles have been applied for by coal mining or development companies. Concerning the copper-gold claims reported in that section, Mr. Gray admits that, until transportation facilities are provided, no development can be expected. He further reports that road-making and communications are somewhat difficult.