

A third instalment of the purchase money for the Queen Victoria mining property near Nelson has been paid to the seller by the Cronin syndicate.

Coke is being obtained from Australia for the Britannia Smelting Company's smelter at Crofton, Vancouver Island. It was found impossible to get sufficient British Columbia coke to keep the works regularly supplied.

In many ways, observes the Cranbrook *Prospector*, the mining industry of southeast Kootenay during the past year has shown vitality and displayed great progress and promise. The outlook for 1908 is exceedingly bright.

A mining class will meet on two evenings a week at Nanaimo during the winter months. The *Herald* says that B. Browitt, who will conduct it, is well qualified to do so as he holds first-class certificates as mine manager for British Columbia, England, and Illinois, U.S.A.

Some bars of silver bullion, from Silver Gance ore, reduced by Jas. A. McFarlane, assayer, were among the miscellaneous exhibits at the Kaslo fair. The Silver Gance claim is a high-grade silver property.

A cake of gold, value \$3,300, was received in Nelson recently from the Kootenay Belle mine, situated in the Salmo section of Nelson mining division. This was recovered from rather more than 200 tons of ore, which therefore averaged between \$16 and \$17 per ton.

Satisfactory progress at the Cambrian Mining Company's property at Moyie Lake is reported. About 35 ft. of the caisson shaft has been constructed and lowered into the lake. A steam boiler and 4-drill air compressor have been installed and buildings are being erected for the protection of the plant.

The manager of the Fern mine informed the Nelson *Daily News* about the middle of September that he had two carloads of concentrate ready for shipment to a smelter whenever he shall have made suitable arrangements for its treatment. There is plenty of ore in sight, and about 100 tons per week are being put through the 10-stamp mill at the mine.

We have to acknowledge the courtesy of the editor of the *Mining and Scientific Press*, of San Francisco, in acceding to our request for the use of the engraving block showing, on p. 357 of this issue, part of the smelting works of the British Columbia Copper Company, at Greenwood, Boundary district.

On September 14 the Grand Forks *Gazette* said: During the past week the Granby smelter has been

running eight furnaces and making a splendid average of about 3,000 tons a day. This is the first time since the enlargement of the furnaces that the whole battery has been in commission steadily.

The Barkerville correspondent of the Ashcroft *Journal* lately wrote: "The air locks in the main tunnel at Slough Creek were closed the second week of September to keep the bulk of the water from the shaft and pumping was discontinued. In the meantime a comprehensive development scheme for this property is under consideration."

The Fernie *Free Press* says: John Brown, manager of the Pacific Coal Company's mines at Hosmer, Crow's Nest Pass, went up the Elk River the first week in September to inspect progress on the new wagon road. Bridges are badly needed on this route and the Provincial Government should do something to assist development in the Upper Elk. It is impossible to get up during high water.

"It is a difficult matter to forecast the fortunes of a mining camp, more particularly an old one, but it is truly believed that Camp McKinney offers as good a prospect as any mining camp in the Province, to give a good return for the investment of capital, provided always that such capital shall be intelligently expended." The foregoing is the opinion of one who knows that camp well.

The Rossland *Miner* appears to be gradually recovering from the insidious malady it has had the misfortune to have suffered from for several weeks, viz., shortage-of-coke hysteria. Now that the Boundary doctors have correctly diagnosed its case and agreed upon "isolation" treatment rather than "arbitration," its own family physician, following his discovery that the disease had not proved nearly so "ketchin'" as he had expected it would, has reviewed its symptoms, changed its medicine, and varied its diet. As a result its early convalescence may be looked for. It is not likely to suffer a relapse until such time as demoralizing conditions shall be general rather than merely local—if they shall ever be.

A correspondent writing from Beaverdell, a mining camp on the west fork of Kettle River, Boundary district, sends the following information: Things are quiet here, but a number of mineral claims on Wallace Mountain are looking well. I have been doing some work on a claim called the Buster, located just above the Rambler, and have a fine showing on it. I had an assay of ore from 8 ft. down in the shift which ran \$153.38. I have sunk 15 ft. and the ledge at that depth has widened to 2 ft. 6 in. The Rambler has shipped five cars of ore, which ranged from \$80 to \$179 per ton. I understand the Sally group looks well and the owners have shipped a lot of ore. The Duncan is looking fine and so is the Kocomo, which is taking out ore.