## SIMILKAMEEN

ASHNOLA, B.C., Nov. 25.—(Special.) Advices from Nelson confirm previous attach analysis of the principal lignites reports that the deal with the Toronto worked in the States, by which you syndicate for the purchase of eight of will see that in the essential elements, the coal claims owned by the Similkameen Valley Coal dompany will unis coal ranks with the best, while meen Valley Coal dompany will unis as low in ash and practically devoid doubtedly be taken up by the first of the of sulphur: month. It will be remembered that the deal was made on a basis of \$35,000, of which \$13,000 is cash. This sum was deposited pending a report on the coal Utah ....... 41.97 lands. Early this month William Oregon ...... 48.98 Blakemore, M.E., a former superintendent of the Crow's Nest Coal company, accompanied by C. B. Murray of Toronto, who represented the Toronto syn- the existence of bituminous or anthradicate, and D. R. Young, managing cite coals, and with reference to this I director of the Similkameen Valley Coal can only say that the lignite coals occompany, were here making an examin- curring in the upper formation there ation of the land. Mr. Blakemore's re- is no inherent impossibility of discovport has been issued, and is in every ering bituminous coal underneath. As respect a most flattering one. The correspondent of the Miner was shown a copy of the report and made copious extracts. As will be seen, Mr. Blakemore describes the coal in the Prince ton basin as lignite, and his comparison with the lignites of several states shows the local measures to be all that has been claimed. It may also be pointed out, that besides its extensive holdings of 7,040 acres in the Princeton basin, the Similkameen Valley Coal company have a large tract of land up Collins' where there is a 14-foot seam of excellent bituminous coal. It is underhere that the engineer's advice regarding prospecting the coal measures with the aid of drilling machat depth will be taken up at once and acted upond

report itself is too lengthy to verbatim, but the following extrac's contain some of the principal Seatures that will be read with interest, not only by the shareholders in the company, but by many others who have acquired coal lands in what is generally termed the Princeton coal basin.

The Report.

The opening section of Mr. Blakemore's report deals with the location of the company's eleven claims and the eight claims under option to the Toronto syndicate. He says:

In addition to your coal claims, I consider your surface areas are valuable, being situate in a fertile valley, in the neighborhood of a good ranching country with a favorable climate. In addition, the water power originally belonging to the Anglo-American Gold Mine Ashnola is upon undulating ground up- end of the claims bonded to Mr .Muron the west banks of the Similkameen ray near the banks of the Similkameen river and is admirably situated for river at a depth of about 600 feet. drainage purposes. Its proximity to the coal measures and also to the mining camps of Copper mountain and Kennedy mountain should make it an important centre whenever this district is developed, and in my judgment the site could not have been better chosen.

Topography.

Your land rises from the east bank of the Similkameen over a series of undulating hills to the height of about four miles from the river and a height of 300 feet in the west two miles from the river on Bromley creek. The valley which runs north and south assumes the ordinary level of the Similkameen river and therefore affords easy access for a railroad. Upon both sides of the river at a considerable elevation are a number of small lakes, which form natural reservoirs for these watersheds. Geology. The geological formation is the upper

series of the Cretaceous era, the coal measures being inter-stratified with sandstone rocks and shales. The coal occurs in a basin the centre of which is about three miles south of Princeton and two miles north of Ashnola. Into this basin the coal measures dip from each direction and outcrops are visible in the creeks which flow from the mountain into the Similkameen river. All coal seams uncovered are lignitic in character and dip at an angle of 30 to \* \* The largest seam 40 degrees. uncovered is on Bromley creek, which flows into the Similkameen on the west bank four miles south of Princeton. At a point two miles up this creek a large seam has been exposed for at least 100 feet on the surface. This seam dips to the east at an angle of 35 degrees It is clear that a coal basin exists approximately eight miles in length from north to south, and seven miles in width from east to west, the outcrops of coal seams being visible all around the rim of the basin. There can be little doubt, therefore, that whatever coals are found in any portion of are no evidences of faults, dikes, or disturbances of any kind, and there is every reason to conclude that the for named. mation is regular within the basin.

The eastern limit of this basin is determined by a granite ledge running from north to south and crossing the Similkameen river near Five Mile creek. The western limit is probably determined by a large porphyry dike also run- from surface openings. I do not, howning north and south, crossing the Tulameen about four or five miles west of can be made from your property ex-Princeton. The southern determination of the basin is in the neighborhood of Whipsaw creek, where the old hydraulic gold mining works of the Anglo-American Gold company are situate, as a little distance south of this we find Copper mountain and Kennedy mountain, both rich in copper ore.

Character of Coal.

I took samples of the coal at every point where it was exposed and after careful examination of same have to property in view of the cercareful examination of same have to pronounce that all these samples are tainty of railway construction and dissolved in water can be given safely to the youngest infant. If lignitic, some of them of good quality running as high as 45 per cent fixed ability of this occuring in the near furunning as high the cent volatile combustible ture you are as well able to judge as 25 cents to the Dr. Williams' Medicine matter and as low as 2 per cent in ash. any one, and I think you will be justimatter and as low as a post of the samples are comparatively defied in assuming that a railway will be sent you by mail, post paid.

void of sulphur. Coal of this quality, be carried through this district at any whilst inferior to bituminous or anthrac.te. is valuable for steam and domestic purposes, and even if further explora- have been located, together with the tion should fail to reveal the existence excellent character of land throughout of the other grades of coal referred to, the Similkameen and Tulameen valthere is no reason why a good trade leys, promise a rich harvest to the should not be developed for lignite. I first transportation company building find on reference that these seams will through this country, and in view of compare favorably with the lignite which is being worked on a large scale in the United States. For comparison I way companies in Southern British

Volatile Fixed Matter. Carbon. 35.60 18.86 Iowa . ..... 37.00 11.26 41.85 Wyoming ..... 38.78 33.32 33.32

Oregon ...... 42.98 The greater value of the property, however, turns upon the question of to whether such coal actually exists as no coke of first rate quality is prothere is no evidence in the very limited amount of exploration work done upon the property to enable one to judge, but the strongest evidence of fully with the coal produced on the probability of its existence is to couver island, which is both costly be found in the fact that upon Granite and difficult to mine. In the latter creek, Collins' gulch and Cedar creek, event there would be no difficulty in at distances varying from 12 to 20 miles west of this property upon the Tulameen river, there is satisfactory evidence of the existence of bituminous coal. Although the eruptive forces which have been at work in this neighborhood, and which have interjected miles, the railway rate would not ex the porphyry dike already referred to, and also the large granite ledge crossing the Tulameen river and up Granite creek, establishes a breach in the continuity of the coal measures, it is not improbable that the measures found to the west really represent the lower coals of the Princeton basin. I examined a seam 14 feet thick upon Collins' gulch on land held by the company. It was merely uncovered and no development work had been done, but from the samples taken I have no doubt that it will on further

exploration turn out to be a good seam of bituminous coal. I have now recited all the facts which I could glean as to the character of the coal known to exist or likely to be found under the property in question, from which you will see that there can be no doubt as to the existence of valuable seams of lignite coal and a reasonable probability of the existence of bituminous coal at a greater company, which I understand you have depth. What that depth may be is acquired, will be an asset of the highest largely a matter of speculation, but importance not only for furnishing an judging from the data I was able to unlimited supply of water but motive collect I think it fair to assume that power for the generation of electricity the seams of lignite discovered at the mining and town purposes. The site outcrops on the edge of the basin will which you have chosen for your town of be met with at the extreme western

Exploration. This property is very admirably sitnated for the exploratory work and I consider that the best method of determining the extent of the coal measures and their true character is by means of a diamond drill. This drill should be set at work as near as possible to the centre of the basin. In making this all mining ventures, there is an elesuggestion I bear in mind a conversation I had with yourself and Mr. 1,000 feet in the east at a distance of Murray when we were on the ground, that you would be well advised to that there was a possibility of your agreeing upon uni d action therefore advising the location of a bore hole where I think it would be equally servicable to both parties. If satisfactory results were not obtained at this point, prospecting work done upon the surface meanwhile would determine where the drill could be moved. It might be necessary to put down a bore hole with a limit of 1000 feet, and preparation should be made for this. The time required, barring accidents, would be three months. The cost of operating would range from \$1.50 to \$2 per foot. In addition to this the cost of a suitable drill outfit purchased and delivered upon the ground, in-

cluding carbons, would be \$4,000. This

estimate does include professional ser-Mining. If good marketable coal is discovered of non-coking character, whether lignite or bituminous, a capital of not less than \$50,000 to \$75,000 would be required, the amount varying with the depth of the shaft, to equip and develop the mine to a capacity of 1,000 tons a day, and in addition to this it would be wise to have a surplus of at least \$35,000 for working capital and contingencies. If bituminous coking coal should be found of course the proposition would be a totally different one, as such a find would be valuable in the extreme, but would necessitate a largely increased capital outlay for the erection of coking ovens. Assumthe basin referred to will exist under ing an output of 1,000 tons of raw coal the property bonded to Mr. Murray. As per day as a basis of calculation, and far as could be judged during the two that half of this is sold as coal and days spent upon the property, there the other half coked, you would require 100 coke ovens at a cost of \$1,000 each in addition to the capital already

Having regard to the rate of wages prevailing in this country, and likely for some years to be prevalent throught the west, I estimate that the cost of producing coal in this basin would be \$1.50 from shafts and \$1.25 ever, think it likely that any recoveries cept by means of shafts.

Market.

It is hardly necessary for me to say, the country yourself, that the whole question of the value of the property turns upon railway construction. Without a railway its mineral value would be merely nominal, although it would be a good investment to hold such a

rate within two years from date. The important mineral properties which the competition which has been enter Columbia it is not likely there will be much more delay before one or the

other commence operations. Assuming that a railway is co structed from Kootenay to the Coast it must pass through Princeton, and whichever route may be taken west of that point, whether by the Tulameer valley or south down the Similkameen then up Whipsaw creek and over Hope summit, it will in either case serve you property, and a branch line of less than a mile would place you in connection with either route. If you property is confined to lignite of good quality, there would be a market for domestic and steam purposes within a radius of 150 miles. If you were fortunate enough to discover a seam of coking bituminous coal you would be able to control the smelting trade o the Boundary district and the Coast, duced west of Fernie, and the distance to the coast would not be sufficient to prevent you from competing sug securing a market for considerably more than my estimate at remunerative rates. Crow's Nest coal costs at the Boundary smelters \$5 per ton. Assuming the distance of a new railway from Princeton to Grand Forks at 150 ceed \$1.50, as against \$2.75 from Fernie. If you sold your coal at the same price as the Crow's Nest Coal comrany, viz., \$2 f. c. b. at works, you could deliver it in the Boundary country at \$3.50, a figure with which they could not possibly compete.

Conclusions. Having made a thorough examination of your property I have no hesitation in saying that you possess apart from the question of its value as a coal mining proposition. The surface townsite and water power which you control must, in the event of a railway passing through this district, become increasingly valuable, and as indicated above I consider that in all respects this portion of your property is favorably situated with regard to any other similar property in the district; but I imagine that it is mainly upon the prospects of coal mining and coke that you rely, and the only conclusion that I can come to is that you have good grounds for believing that there is at this point a large tract of high class lignite coal as evidenced by the numerous outcroppings which have been examined and analyzed. probability of your discovering bituminous coal is at least good. There is no inherent impossibility, and the general conditions are favorable. cost of ascertaining the truth of this important matter is moderate, and if H. P. BROWN, borne entirely by your company would not exceed \$7,000. If however you arrange, as has been suggested, to share this expense, it will of course be proprotionately reduced. The last word that can fairly be said is that you have a first class prospect, although, as in ment of speculation. I consider that in this case the chances are good and spend the moderate amount necessary to determine the actual character and value of your property. (Signed)

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Few social event the Golden City ha cessful and deligh given by St. Andre sonic hall last nig was largely attende ing, in fact, almos throng of guests who pate in the hospita Auld Scotia. The society exerted the most to give their

evening, and succe The hall was ha for the occasion, a tee having spent a adorning the ball 1 their efforts was t the building present pearance.

The reception con its duties thoroughly hospitality was exte as they arrived during the evening. Through nothing was left undtribute to the pleasu this spirit did much joyment of those pre Luncheon was s this feature being Lucas of the Koote charged his trust s

Dancing was conti a:m: and the affair success. The committee incl MacNeill, J. S. C. Fr A. B. Barker, Dr. Johnson, T. S. Gilr W. Grigor and J.

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daintiest brides of After the ceremony was driven to the where a reception was attended by about o'clock the wedding in the new Moorish It was the first tim been thrown and its magnificent

still further adorned array of flowers and The floral decorati in chrysanthemums among the finest eve An orchestra furnish the dinner, and afte a delightful little da bride and groom le and Mrs. Klockmann pients of a number

some presents. They are at the l day, but will leave to land, where they will They expect to retu to Spokane, where their home.

The marriage of Mi Miss Hewitt is the con romance in which the tinental mine, in the trict, has had an int two had been engage A few weeks ago Mr cluded arrangements under way for the s nental. He received part interest in the tained practically a l mine is being pushed hope to make it soon Having settled the Klockmann claimed marriage yesterday v

Mr. Klockmann is known mining and British Columbia. T first saw the Contine a fearful trip over th snow 20 feet deep, wh his life from expost friends. At that time interest in the Cont been accumulating r until he now has th on the way to make

sonally he is a man dinarily wide list of f The bride is the da John M. Vaughn of well known as an ope has appeared in Spol before most appreci She has much talent gaging personality.

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