

Trains are now running on the White Pass Railway.

It is said that the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company, the purchasers of the Erie & Huron, will spend \$50,000 in building shops at Sarnia and Port Huron. As soon as the shops are completed the car ferry "Huron" will make regular trips between Port Huron and Sarnia.

The Bedlington and Nelson Railway Company is applying for running powers over the Crow's Nest line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The proposed line would lessen the distance between Kootenay Lake and Bonner's Ferry by 53 miles. The Bedlington road is owned by English capitalists, and when a change was made two years ago, work on the railway was stopped, although the line was staked. Meanwhile the C.P.R. secured the charter for a line from Lethbridge to Nelson through the Crow's Nest Pass.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is applying for permission to operate a railway from its Stonewall branch, Manitoba, northerly and northeasterly to a point on Lake Winnipeg between Gimli and Arnes; and also a railway from a point on the one last named, thence in direction generally northwest to a point on the east shore of Lake Manitoba between Marsa Point and the north boundary of township twenty-five; and also a railway from Reston, on the company's Souris branch, in a general westerly direction to the Moose Mountain district, thence in a westerly direction to Regina.

Mining Matters.

There have been received some very fine specimens of gold quartz from the Atlin country, B.C.

Ottawa will have a large mica factory. It will be operated by the Eugene Munsell Company, of New York.

A very rich find of gold is reported from McDonald Creek, Northwest Territory. It is close to the boundary line of British Columbia and the Northwest Territory.

Next summer will witness a greater boom than ever at the Bell Island iron mines in Newfoundland, as the company expect to have 600 men employed on April 1st.

The Centre Star mine at Rossland, B.C., is to be developed and the stock placed on the market, by the same group of capitalists which gave the War Eagle mine such a boom.

W. D. Pettigrew, Winnipeg, who is developing mines at Wabigoon, Ont., has placed an order with the Jenckes Machine Co., Sherbrooke, Que., for hoisting, crushing and pumping plants.

The Lake Manitou Gold Mining Co., St. Paul, U.S., has placed an order with the Jenckes Machine Co., Sherbrooke, Que., for a ten stamp mill to be erected on its property near Wabigoon, Ont.

John D. Chipman of St. Stephen, representative of the English company now in control of the Chronicle Co., N.B., nickel deposits, learns that the shipments of ore have proved satisfactory.

The John Sykes Mining and Milling Co., Toronto, has purchased from the Jenckes Machine Co., Sherbrooke, Que., a ten stamp mill, engine, boiler and saw and shingle mill, to be erected immediately on its property near Dinorwic, Ont.

The East Bay Coal Mining Co., is said to be embarking in earnest upon its extensive oil-shale enterprise at McAdams Lake, C.B. Next summer will see extensive developments. The company's expert has recently been over the ground.

The Guffey-Jennings Gold Mining Co., at Caribou, N.S., it is reported, will tear down the old mill located on its areas and replace it with a modern plant comprising 40 to 50 stamps, together with the improved Wilsley Table Concentrator.

The present installation of 30 stamps in the new mill of the Dufferin Mine at Salmon River, was started the other day and everything found to run smoothly and in a satisfactory manner. The mill is arranged for a capacity of 60 stamps, which will give when running a crushing ability of 240 tons every day of 24 hours.

The Hammond Reef Gold Mining Co., Toronto, has decided to install at once, thirty additional stamps, a new crusher, aerial tramway and water power plant, to operate the new mill. It is expected that the whole of the machinery will be delivered early in April. The Jenckes Machine Co., Sherbrooke, Que., has been awarded the contract.

The Hall Mines, Ltd., Nelson, B.C., was expected to start the treatment of lead ores in its smelter about March 1. The company has made a contract with the management of the Queen Bess, a Slocan mine, for the output of that property for the next three months. In addition to this ore, the company is receiving regular shipments from several of the silver-lead mines in the Slocan, as well as from some of the properties around Ainsworth.

Early in December a very rich find of platinum was made on the Hootalinqua, Yukon. Black sand is found in nearly every stream of the Yukon Territory, and while considered a good indication of gold, is always a nuisance to washers. On account of its great specific gravity it remains in the sluice boxes with the gold, and even hand panning will not always separate the two. Twelve pounds of it was taken from near the mouth of the Hootalinqua and found very rich.

The improved condition of the New Glasgow and Bluenose mines, at Goldenville, N.S., is well illustrated in the returns for the month of December last. From 1,500 tons of quartz 650 ounces of gold were obtained, valued at \$12,500. The cost of mining and crushing this quantity is stated to have been about \$3 per ton or a total cost of \$4,500, leaving a balance of profit on the month's operation of \$8,000, which, it must be confessed, is a very handsome return.

At the annual meeting of the Hammond Gold Reef Mining Company, the directors in their report to the shareholders announced a policy of active operations for the immediate future. Upon that report the stock has been very active and has made rapid advances in price. A meeting of the directors was held in this city yesterday and a contract was closed with the Jenckes Machine Company of Sherbrooke, for thirty additional stamps, the necessary ore crushers, aerial rope tramway, frue vanners, water wheels, etc. This will give the company a thoroughly equipped 40-stamp mill, and will make it one of the largest and most complete free milling gold mill plants in Canada. A contract has also been let to the Canadian General Electric Company for generators, motors, electric line and complete equipment for the production and transmission of electric power from Clearwater Falls, a distance of less than two miles.

Marine News.

The St. Lawrence canals will be opened for traffic May 1st. Northwest Transportation Co., Sarnia, Ont., is putting in new boilers in the S.S. "United Empire."

Toronto recently sent a strong deputation to Ottawa to urge the claims of the city to harbor improvement.

The dry dock at St. John's Nfld., was resorted to by 26 vessels in the past year, many of which were in need of considerable repairs.

Application is made to incorporate a company to construct a ship canal from Lake St. Clair to some point on Lake Erie between Point Pelee and Rondeau Harbor.

The C.P.R. declines to allow the city of Toronto to land the proposed chain ferry at the Queen's wharf at a lower rental than \$1,500 per year, and so the ferry will remain in abeyance for another season.

The steamer "Minnehaha," which is being built at Seaton Lake, Lillooet, B.C., is a neat model. In the neighborhood of fifteen tons of freight can be carried.

The Canada Steamship Company, of which Sir Robert G. Head, of London, England, is president, and which is now organizing a transatlantic line between Milford Haven, Wales, and Paspebiac, has just prepared designs for the construction of an elevator at the latter place. It is intended to build it of corrugated iron. Its capacity will be 1,000,000 bushels of grain. The construction will begin shortly.