

THE Kootenay Gold, Silver and Copper Co., Ltd., have made a good strike on their Agnes claim. The ore appears of much higher grade than any previously obtained (altogether former tests show the concentrates worth over \$400 in gold, silver and copper); at present there are three feet in width of this ore in sight, with good promise of as much more behind.

THE Stellarton, N.S., *Trades Journal* reports that Mr. Evans' manager of the Dominion Coal Company's mine, at Port Morien, occasionally undertook to run the locomotive on the Dominion Coal Company's Railway. While he was practising on August 20th, something went wrong, and the brakeman, Hector McLean, was killed. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, and now manager Evans is in jail.

THE Lindsay Post gives the following as an instance of the profit in Canadian mines: Twelve years ago Mr. O'Grady, of Peterboro, went to British Columbia, and engaged in gold mining in the Kootenay district. He returned last week, but before doing so sold an interest in the mine for \$120,000. In addition he still retains a large interest in this mine, which yields ore that assays a large percentage of the yellow metal. Since returning Mr. O'Grady has purchased his father's homestead in Otonabee.

THE list of foreign and home companies, heavily capitalized and having for their mission the development of British Columbia's mineral resources, has received five important additions during the past few weeks. The companies are the Iron Horse Mining and Milling Company and the Kootenay Mining and Milling Company, both of Spokane, and each capitalized at \$100,000; the Crown Point Mining and Milling Company, also of Spokane, with capital of \$500,000, the Western Prospecting and Promoting Company, of Vancouver, \$100,000; and the Kootenay Consolidation Mining Company, of the same city, \$500,000.—*Colonist*.

A. BLUZ, Director of the Ontario Mining Bureau, in his annual report, says that the number of mining locations sold in the province during the past year was 40, extending to 3,271 acres, the price being \$7,646. The number leased was 66, of 7,080 acres in extent, the receipts from rents of locations being \$10,296. The total value of the product in 1894 was \$6,085,758, and number of persons employed in producing it was 6,076, who received \$1,840, 289 in wages. In 1893 the product was valued at but \$46,000 less than in 1894, while 1,087 more men were employed in 1893 than in 1894, and \$95,301 more was paid in wages. In the petroleum industry 486 employees turn out products to the value of \$2,146,937, and get \$279,930 in wages, or roughly speaking, about an eighth of the value produced. The work done in the gold fields of the province is in development, and preparing for the erection of mills. During 1894 the amount of gold produced in Ontario was 2,022½ ounces, valued at \$32,766. To the 92 men engaged in gold mining, \$38,032 were paid in wages.

REPORTS this month from the Okanagan district, state that as rich a field of gold, copper and silver ore has there been discovered on Kruger's Mountain, near Osoyoos, as that which is now being worked by nearly 3,000 miners at Rossland, in West Kootenay, where the output, though the camp is only four months old, already reaches a value of \$140,000 a month and is rapidly increasing. The North Star Mine, on St. Mary's River, East Kootenay, owned by Montreal capitalists, is about to be opened. The company has built a road costing \$10,000 to connect the mine with Jennings' Station, on the Great Northern Railway, on the other side of the International boundary, the point at which a large portion of the ore will probably be delivered, though some will, as British Columbians hope, also be shipped up the Columbia River for smelting at Golden, where a large smelter has too long remained unused. Two sample car loads of ore from the mine, recently shipped to the smelter at Everett, Wash., showed a gross return per ton of \$68.70, at which rate a mine where a hundred thousand tons of ore are said to be already exposed, should yield a splendid return to its owners.

DR. ORTON is heading an exploratory and surveying party on a trip to Hudson Bay from Winnipeg. The idea of the party is that a barge route can be established between Winnipeg and Hudson Bay via Lake Winnipeg and the Nelson and Hayes rivers. They will make surveys of the falls which impede navigation, so that an estimate may be got of the cost of canals and locks that will be required to overcome these natural obstacles. One of the gentlemen of the party has gathered a great deal of information on the subject, and he calculates that all the necessary locks can be built and the route opened up for a much less amount than it will take to build and equip the Hudson Bay Railway. The Saskatchewan river with its one thousand miles of navigable water, would do for a western branch of the route.

Electric Flashes.

THE Port Arthur Electric Light Co.'s plant has been purchased by the town for \$7,000.

THE Milton Electric Light and Power Co., Milton, Ont., has been incorporated. Capital stock \$15,000.

A RADIAL electric railway between Sarnia and Florence, to run through Petrolia, Ont., is being discussed.

J. F. PAYZANT has been elected president and W. B. Ross secretary of the Halifax Electric Railway Co.

THE shareholders of the London street railway have authorized the issue of \$250,000 in bonds for the purpose of changing the system to an electric power road.

NEARLY \$4,000 has been collected in fees by the electric light inspection branch of the Inland Revenue Department. The branch is thus found to be self-sustaining.

ST. MARY'S, Ont., is to be lighted by thirty-two arc lights of 1,000 candle power each. It is believed arc lights will be cheaper and more effective than incandescent.

It is proposed to organize a company to operate a system of electric railways between Port Hope and Rice Lake, and also to connect with the C.P.R. at Pontypool, Ont.

WORK of construction will not be begun on the Quebec electric street railway until next spring. The delay is caused by the unusual engineering difficulties which the city presents.

AN order for \$30,000 worth of curves, side tracks, etc., and a thousand tons of rails for the Halifax street railway, has been placed with the Johnston Steel Co., of Lorraine, Ohio.

ALL negotiations of the Selkirk Electric Railway scheme have been broken off. It is said that the reason for this is that some of the promoters are showing a disposition to make money out of the scheme.

INCORPORATION is being applied for by the Central Light and Power Company, Montreal, with a capital stock of \$50,000, to supply electric light and heat to provincial towns, and also to manufacture electrical machinery.

A COMPANY, called the Co-operative Telephone Co., of the counties of Lake St. John and Chicoutimi, Que., with headquarters at Hebertville, has been formed to build and operate a telephone line. Capital stock \$10,000.

F. BOIVIN, an employee of the Ottawa Electric Light Company, at Ottawa, while at the top of a pole accidentally touched a live wire. His hands were burned to the bone and he fell 30 feet to the ground. He may not recover.

P. McLAUGHLIN, postmaster at Summerville, Ont., was killed by an electric car on Aug. 23rd. Deceased was walking on the track of the Toronto & Mimico Electric Railway, and was not seen by the motorman until the car was almost upon him.

THE Belt Line Electric Railway from Montreal to Point aux Trembles, is now being graded; work is being carried on in both directions. The contractors for grading work are Leamy, Mills & Murphy, who will finish their work in November.

LONDON, Ont., Street Railway Co. are about to increase their rolling stock by 10 new electric motor cars. The car bodies are being manufactured in St. Catharines, the wheels at St. Thomas, the motors at Peterboro and the trucks at Montreal.

THE Western Electric Light, Heating and Power Co., of Vancouver, have made an offer to light that city for 10 years for 27½c. per lamp 2,000 candle power, if 200 lights are used. The incandescent lights to be furnished at ¼c. per ampere per hour.

AT Windsor, Ont., C. McLeod, a lineman employed by the Windsor, Sandwich & Amherstburg Street Railway, came in contact with a loose trolley wire on August the 22nd. He received a current of 500 volts, and though badly injured he will recover.

THE annual meeting of the stock-holders of the New Brunswick Electric Telegraph Company was held at Rothesay on August 12. The old board of directors were re-elected. They are: C. W. Weldon, president; D. C. Dawson, secretary-treasurer; L. J. Almon, J. J. Tucker and D. M. Sutherland.

E. F. CLEMENTS, manager for Canada of the Standard Telephone Company, New York, visited Charlottetown, P.E.I., a few days ago. He is trying to get permission to construct a telephone system on the Island. This granted, he will land a cable at Cape Traverse and begin operations next spring.