

A ledge has been located near Nelson carrying native and ruby silver. Ore found on the Mayflower and Hilltop, Sheep Creek district, carries 16 ounces gold, 64 ounces silver and 7

per cent. copper. The Sheep Creek country is presenting a very lively appearance this season and is slowly forging to the front.

GENERAL MINING NEWS.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown.—An appropriation of \$35,000 has been made by the Dominion Government, most of which is to be spent in boring for coal in this province. The discovery of merchantable coal would be of immense benefit to the island.

ONTARIO.

Ottawa.—The following is the text of the lead bounty extension bill:

An Act respecting the payment of bounties on lead contained in lead-bearing ores mined in Canada.

Whereas under the provisions of an Act passed on the 24th day of October, 1903, being chapter 31 of the Acts of 1903, payment of a bounty on lead contained in lead-bearing ores mined in Canada, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars in any fiscal year, was authorized to be paid until the thirtieth day of June, 1908; and whereas the total amount of bounty paid thereunder up to the thirty-first day of March, 1908, was six hundred and sixty-six thousand nine hundred and twenty-two dollars, and it is estimated that a further amount of forty-five thousand dollars will be payable on or before the thirtieth day of June, 1908, leaving unexpended about one million seven hundred and eighty-eight thousand and seventy-eight dollars of the total amount authorized to be paid under the provisions of the said chapter 31: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The Governor in Council may authorize the payment of a bounty of seventy-five cents per one hundred pounds of lead contained in lead-bearing ores mined in Canada, on and after the first day of July, 1908, such bounty to be paid to the producer or vendor of such ores: Provided that when it appears to the satisfaction of the Minister charged with the administration of this Act that the standard price of pig lead in London, England, exceeds fourteen pounds ten shillings sterling per ton of two thousand and forty pounds, such bounty shall be reduced by the amount of such excess.

The total amount of bounty payable under the provisions of chapter 31 of the Acts of 1903, and of this Act, shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars.

2. Payment of the said bounty may be made from time to time to the extent of sixty per cent. upon smelter returns showing that the ore has been delivered for smelting at a smelter in Canada. The remaining forty per cent. may be paid at the close of the fiscal year, upon evidence that all such ore has been smelted in Canada.

3. If at any time it appears to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the charges for transportation and treatment of lead ores in Canada are excessive, or that there is any discrimination which prevents the smelting of such ores in Canada on fair and reasonable terms, the Governor in Council may authorize the payment of bounty, at such reduced rates as he deems just, on the lead contained in such ores mined in Canada and exported for treatment abroad.

4. If at any time it appears to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that products of lead are manufactured in Canada direct from lead ores mined in Canada without the intervention of the smelting process, the Governor in Council may make such provision as he deems equitable to extend the benefits of this Act to the producers of such ores.

5. The bounties payable under the provisions of this Act shall cease and determine on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand, nine hundred and thirteen.

6. The Governor in Council may make regulations for carrying out the intention of this Act.

Sault Ste. Marie.—The Lepage Gold Mining Company, which is operating the Grace Mine at Michipicoten, held its annual meeting of stockholders at Minneapolis recently, when a new board of directors was elected. The members of the board are: President Dr. D. A. Stewart, Winona, Minn.; M. B. Webber, Winona, Minn.; L. S. Peek, Minneapolis; J. H. Foster, Minneapolis; A. B. Robbins, Elroy, Wis.; N. C. Eklund, Basa, Minn. Mr. Angus Gibson was reappointed general manager of the company, and Mr. Roy Earle will continue as superintendent at the mine. Ten stamps are to be added to the present mill.

Madoc.—The tale-grinding mill is now in operation. An output of from 10 to 12 tons of various grades of ground tale per day is expected. This is an important addition to Madoc's activities.

Cobalt.—The power plant of the Silver Queen was burned to the ground on Sunday morning, July 12. Repairs to the machinery are being rushed with all possible speed. Meanwhile a supply of compressed air is arranged for with the Cleveland-Cobalt Company. The damage is estimated at \$5,000, fully covered by insurance.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Nelson.—Mr. John L. Retallack, who did excellent work in connection with securing an extension of the lead bounty, has succeeded in organizing a company to take over the White-water Deep property.

Rosland.—At the St. Eugene mine at Moyie, several discoveries have been made lately. An extension of the south ledge has been found and it is expected that the ore bodies of the mine will be largely increased thereby.

Nelson.—The Kootenay Development Company has taken a lease on the Silver King mine and Hall Mines smelter, and is erecting a pole line to electrify the property, and will unwater by that means levels to depth of 800 feet. This will mean the employment of over 100 men on the mine before Christmas.

Phoenix.—A new and promising ore body has been struck at the Brooklyn mine of the Dominion Copper Company.

Nelson.—After years of litigation, the Last Chance mine, near Sandon, one of the Slocan's principal silver shippers, will be again operated.

Victoria.—Mr. J. T. Shadforth announces that capital for the erection of a steel plant has been secured. The blast furnaces will be situated near one of the Vancouver Island collieries. Beyond this, no definite announcement has been made.