

SILVER CUPS FOR COMPETITIONS IN FIRST AID

The British Columbia Department of Mines has provided four handsome silver cups for annual competition in first aid work by teams of miners, one each for four districts in that Province, namely: (1) Vancouver island and the Coast, (2) Nicola and Similkameen, (3) Boundary and West Kootenay, and (4) East Kootenay. For the present, competitions in three of these districts are likely to be restricted to coal miners, since few, if any, first-aid teams have yet been organized in them by metal miners. In the other district, that of Boundary and West Kootenay, there are not any coal miners, but there are teams of metal miners.

The rules under which the competitions for these cups are to be conducted have been formulated by the Chief Inspector of Mines for the Department, as follows:

1. Competitions for the cups shall be open to all mining employees in and about the coal and metalliferous mines of British Columbia. Should the cup for any district not be competed for two years in succession, the Department of Mines reserves the right to remove the cup from that district and place it for competition in some other district.

2. The cup shall be open for annual competition, at a place to be designated by the District Committee.

3. Competitions for the cup shall be in a team event consisting of not less than five persons, including a patient.

4. Every member of a team contesting, including the patient, shall be the holder of a First Aid Certificate of Competency from the St. John or other recognized Ambulance Association, and may be either a surface or an underground employee. No physician nor professional nurse shall be eligible to compete.

5. No official of the British Columbia Department of Mines shall be eligible to act as a judge in any competition for a cup.

6. The method of discounting in any competition shall be the standard adopted by the Department of Mines. Discount cards will be provided.

Competition at Nanaimo.—The first competition for the Vancouver island-Coast cup took place at Nanaimo, Vancouver island, on Labor Day, September 4th, under the auspices of the Vancouver Island Mine Safety Association, organized last spring. There was also a competition for the Coulson cup, presented to the St. John Ambulance Association several years ago by Mr. W. L. Coulson, then general manager for the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd., on behalf of the company, for competition annually by teams of miners or other mine employees. There were eight teams competed. Three teams came from the Canadian Collieries Co.'s Extension colliery and one team from that company's Bevan mine, Comox; the Western Fuel Co.'s mines sent two teams, one from its No. 1 shaft mine at Nanaimo, and the other from Protection Island mine; the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Ltd., was represented by a team from its South Wellington mine, and the Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Co. by a team from its mine at East Wellington. The judges in the competitions, which were held on the Cricket Ground, Nanaimo, in the presence of about 500 spectators, were Dr. W. E. Wilks, of Nanaimo, Dr. W. F. Luton, of Ladysmith, and Dr. P. E. Emerson, of Extension. Mr. Dudley Michell, Instructor of First Aid and Mine Rescue work for the Department of Mines, attended on behalf of the department. The results of the competitions were as under:

For Department of Mines Cup.

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East Wellington	97
Extension No. 2	95
Extension, surface men	94
Protection Island	93
Bevan	93
Extension No. 1	92
No. 1 Shaft	91
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Besides winning the Department of Mines cup, the East Wellington (Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Co.) team won the five gold medals donated by the association; the Extension No. 2, who came second, won the five silver medals donated by Mr. T. R. Stockett, general manager for the Western Fuel Co.

In the evening there was a banquet and musical entertainment, during which the prizes were presented to those winning them, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. H. Cunningham, Michell, and Fulton, the last mentioned representing the St. John Ambulance Association.

Competition at Rossland.—Arrangements are being made to hold a competition for the Boundary-West Kootenay district cup at Rossland on Friday, October 27th, when it is expected three or four teams from Rossland gold-copper mines will compete. It is not yet known whether any other part of those districts will send a team or teams, but it is hoped that one or two of the big copper mines in Boundary district will be represented in the competition, which will be the first to be held, open to teams from any part of those extensive metalliferous mining areas.

OBITUARY.

A press despatch from Seattle, Washington, dated August 31, stated that "Skookum Jim Mason, the Indian, who, with George Marmack of Seattle, discovered the Klondike gold field 20 years ago, died recently at Carcross, Yukon territory. At one time he had \$100,000 in gold, nearly all of which he squandered. On a visit to Seattle he threw money from his hotel window to see crowds fight for it in the street below."

The tragic death of Mr. Joseph Despard Pemberton, of Victoria, B.C., a well-known engineer and surveyor, who during a number of years of professional work had done much surveying in mining districts of the Province, was thus reported by the Victoria Daily Times: "The late J. D. Pemberton left Victoria last Tuesday afternoon, August 29, accompanied by W. F. Ferrier, of Toronto; and by H. M. Lewis, of this city, making the trip to Shawnigan Lake by motor. The party intended visiting some mining interests in the San Juan River country, and about 11 o'clock the next morning, after spending the night at the Strathcona Lodge, started out with pack-horses and the necessary supplies and provisions to last them for a couple of days. About 7.30 in the evening, after spending the whole day on the trail, the party had fixed on camping at