

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A discovery of mica has been made within a short distance of Vancouver.

Last week the ore treated by the Granby smelter amounted to 1,570 tons.

A lease has been secured on the Exchange group, on Dayton Creek, near Sloane. Several thousand dollars have been spent already in developing this property.

The Hall Mines smelter has contracted for some 3,000 tons of ore from the Arlington mine, in the Sloane district.

It is stated that the Miner-Graves syndicate has become interested in the coal deposits recently discovered on the North Fork of Kettle river and that a trial will at once be built.

Word comes from Nelson that the agreement has been signed to amalgamate the Venus group of claims with the property of the Athabasca Gold Mine, Limited, and a new company to be known as the Athabasca Consolidated will be formed.

Gold bars to the value of \$10,000 have been shipped by the British Columbia government. This was the initial shipment of the precious metal from the treasury since the government office commenced the purchase as well as the assaying of gold.

The Montreal syndicate which took a bond on a large iron property near Kitchener, East Kootenay, has made the last payment of \$63,000. This is a hematite iron ore, the vein varying from 50 to 200 feet wide. The ore contains 70 per cent. iron and the percentage of silica and sulphur is so small as to not affect in any appreciable degree the quality of the ore.

The main vein on the Arlington averages 15 feet in width and contains more or less ore all the way across, some of it being very rich in native silver, recent assays giving as high as 16,000 oz. The vein has been proven from the Arlington to the end of the Speculator, and the former has tested it to a depth of 800 feet. There is very little lead in the ore, and it contains self-luxing qualities to a high degree. Upwards of 100 men are employed at the Arlington. One car of ore shipped last winter netted \$5,000, while the general average is above \$1,000 to the car.

The St. Eugene mine is not shipping at present but about 100 men are employed on development. The big ore chute which is now being developed in the three lower levels has been proven to a depth of 250 feet below the level of the lake by means of a diamond drill, and the company intends to commence the sinking of a three compartment shaft from the level of the lowest tunnel for the development of this and the other ore bodies which have been opened up on the property. This shaft will be put down for 200 feet as a starter, so that two levels can be run from it.

The Sawyer group, on Morris Creek, in the St. Mary's district, has changed hands, the consideration being on a basis of \$10,000. There are two strong ledges on the property. One of them is from nine to twelve feet wide, and is exposed for the greatest width in the upper tunnel and the lower cross-cut. The work done upon it so far indicates that the ledge carries between 4½ and 5 feet of solid galena, the galena in this case carrying considerable quantities of copper pyrites, copper assay made on the ore giving returns of 6 per cent. On the second ledge the development work done so far shows that it carries about 2½ feet of galena ore at different points where it has been cross-cut. This has been exposed in the short prospecting tunnel which has been run in on the vein. The ledge is fully twelve feet wide.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO MINING NOTES.

It is reported that the Badger and Porcupine mines will be re-opened.

Development work now being done on a new vein recently found on the Golden Eagle has shown some very rich ore.

On the Black Eagle mine, formerly known as the Regina, a site is being cleared for a new 30-stamp mill and

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Beans, 25, 2 doz. 75 5 50

Corn, 25, 2 doz. 40 2 10

Cherries, red, pitted, 25, 1 doz. 40 0 50

Peaches, 25, 2 doz. 20 0 25

Pears, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz. 35 2 50

Pears, California, 25, 2 doz. 35 2 50

Pears, Choice, 25, 2 doz. 45 2 75

Pineapple, 25, 2 doz. 50 4 75

Pineapple, Imported, 25, 2 doz. 75 5 00

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Peaches, 25, 2 doz. 35 2 50

Peaches, California, 25, 2 doz. 35 2 50

Nectarines, 25, 2 doz. 35 2 50

Peaches, Canadian, 25, 2 doz. 35 2 50

Prunes, 2