

may do so some day. To ask these owners to still further increase their liabilities, probably already strained to the utmost, seems somewhat unfair, and will have a tendency to drive capital out of the country altogether. Again, the average miner would far rather receive \$3.50 for 10 hours than \$3 for eight. Fifty cents a day makes a difference to him, whereas a couple of hours work is nothing, for when his day's labor is finished there is nowhere for him to go, except to bed, or perhaps to a saloon.

Mines & Mining

Mr. Leon Boillot and Mr. Finch, members of the French Exploration Company, are in town. They are here by the invitation of Mr. O. S. Batchelor, who will show them over the camp. They are on their way to the Klondyke.

Mr. W. F. Robertson, Provincial Mineralogist, was in town last week for the purpose of interviewing the Board of Trade with reference to the mineral exhibit for the Paris Exhibition of 1900. A meeting of the Board of Trade was convened on Wednesday at which Mr. Robertson attended. It was decided to request Messrs. Redman & Ourhett to submit a plan and estimate of cost for the preparing of a representative exhibit.

The Poihook has now a staff of 35 men, and the shaft is now down 310 feet. The south cross-cut at the 250 ft. level is just opened into the

regular mass of bornite which was cut through at the 150 ft. level last winter. Drifting still continues in ore of the same quality in the 250 ft. level.

Work is progressing on the Truth with remarkable increase in the quality of the ore. This property, judging by appearances, will make a name.

Mr. H. Stanley Atherton, a coal mining engineer of the firm of Atherton & Sons, colliery proprietors, of Bolton, Lancs., Eng., stopped off on Monday to visit Mr. J. Redman, the mining engineer. Mr. Atherton visited Coal Hill camp, seeing the Pothook, Iron Mask and Copper King. He did not stay longer than a day as he was going to visit the Dunsmuir and other coal properties on the coast, but he may return in the winter to inquire into metal mining.

A suitable building will be erected for the reception of a British Columbia exhibit at the Winnipeg exhibition. An effort has been made for several years past to secure a thoroughly representative exhibit of the resources of this Province for the annual Winnipeg exposition, but lack of space accommodation prevented success in this direction. Special assistance from the Department of the Interior has made such an exhibit possible this year.—*Nelson Economist*.

It is believed that the Provincial Administration is somewhat divided in opinion on the Eight-Hour legislation. The more cautious members,

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