

3. The investigation of all questions and problems relating to the utilization of the mineral or metallurgical resources of the Empire.

4. The co-ordination and dissemination of information on mining laws, development of mineral areas, output, processes of extraction, plant, capital employed, markets, etc., etc.

5. A general review from time to time of the developed and undeveloped mineral resources and of the position of each mineral or metal, to ensure that the mineral wealth of the Empire is being exploited with due regard to Imperial interests.

6. Generally, to advise the Imperial Government on all questions bearing on the mining and metallurgical industries. To perform this function efficiently, it is essential that complete information should be available, and also that the industries concerned should be consulted through their respective organizations.

We feel sure that the Advisory Council will fully appreciate the urgency of the question and the necessity for prompt action, so that the process of co-ordination may be inaugurated at once.

We are, sir, your obedient servants, Wm. Beardmore, G. C. Lloyd, George Beilby, G. Shaw Scott, W. Thorneycroft, L. T. O'Shea, P. Strzelecki, Edgar Taylor, C. McDermid.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Mr. J. B. Tyrrell was at Herb lake, in The Pas mining district, last week.

Mr. E. L. Bruce, of the Geological Survey of Canada, is mapping the Herb lake district.

Dr. W. G. Miller, Provincial Geologist, and T. F. Sutherland, Chief Inspector of Mines, have returned to Toronto from Australia, after visiting the nickel deposits of New Caledonia and Tasmania.

Mr. Geo. T. Holloway, Mr. McGregor Young and Mr. T. W. Gibson have been holding sittings of the Nickel Commission at Sudbury, Porcupine and Cobalt.

Mr. Geo. Armstrong has resigned as manager of the Grafton mine, in Whitehorse copper camp, Southern Yukon, and has been succeeded by Mr. J. P. Whitney.

Mr. O. Lachmund, of Greenwood, Boundary district of British Columbia, late in September was a Coleman, Alberta, endeavoring to secure more coke for the company's smelting works.

Mr. F. J. Murphy, of Sardon, Slocan, B.C., assistant superintendent of the Surprise silver-lead-zinc mine and concentrating mill, was married on September 28 at New Denver, Slocan lake, to Miss Rubie LaNoir Rowland, of Kellogg, Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho.

Mr. Wm. Fleet Robertson, of Victoria, B.C., Provincial Mineralogist, visited the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co.'s works at Trail late in September with Dr. Wm. Lorimer, the member of the Dominion Royal Commission, who gave especial attention to mining and mineral resources when in British Columbia. Mr. Robertson also went to the Boundary district.

The Western Branch of the Canadian Mining Institute will hold its twenty-third general meeting at Trail, British Columbia, on Thursday, October 26. It is proposed to next day visit Rossland.

Mr. Chas. M. Campbell, superintendent of the Granby Consolidated M., S. & P. Co.'s big copper mines near Phoenix, Boundary district of British Columbia, is on a trip through the eastern provinces of Canada. He left Phoenix on September 15th.

Mr. Barclay Bonthron, of Vancouver, B. C., has been looking over a number of mineral claims situated in northeast Kootenay.

Mr. J. C. Murray, who now holds a commission with the Canadian Engineers as a tunneling officer, was in Toronto last week.

Mr. Miles Barrett, foreman at the Granby Consolidated Co.'s copper smelter at Grand Forks, B. C., has gone to Chicago, Illinois, on a holiday trip. He left Grand Forks on September 14th.

Mr. F. H. Shepherd, M.P. for Nanaimo, Vancouver island, B. C., who several years ago was chief inspector of mines for British Columbia, has returned from Europe, where he was a member of a Parliamentary party that visited British and French soldiers behind the battle lines in France and Belgium.

Mr. Sidney Norman, editor of Northwest Mining Truth, published in Spokane, Washington, has been making a tour of the Slocan district of British Columbia, where he visited a number of operating mines and concentrating mills.

Mr. Joseph Lancaster, of Spokane, Washington, has been examining mineral claims in the Lardeau district, British Columbia.

Mr. James Cronin, of Spokane, Washington, after having had a busy summer and autumn season opening his silver-lead mine in the Babine section of Omineca mining division, British Columbia, is having supplies taken in from Hazelton by pack train, so that development work may be continued throughout the winter.

Hon. Lorne A. Campbell, of Rossland, B. C., Minister of Mines for British Columbia, failed to secure reelection at the recent Provincial election, so will shortly relinquish the portfolio of Mines in the Government of British Columbia, nearly all the other members of which were also defeated at the polls in September.

COAST COPPER CO., BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Coast Copper Co. is a company recently incorporated and gazetted in British Columbia, to acquire 31 mineral claims in Quatsino mining division, Vancouver island. The directors are stated to be Messrs. J. J. Warren, R. H. Stewart and S. G. Blaylock (respectively, managing director, general manager and assistant general manager of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd.), and Maurice W. Bacon and W. E. Cullen of Spokane, Washington.

The claims include what have long been known as the Merry Widow and Old Sport groups. In the British Columbia "Preliminary Review, 1915," reference was made to these properties, as follows: "Some further development has been done on the Merry Widow and Old Sport claims, where a large amount of very fair ore has been developed by diamond drilling. The property is some 20 miles from navigable water, and is consequently without much value until a railway can be constructed to salt water."

The mining recorder for Quatsino division reported for 1915: "The work done this year at the Old Sport mine, owned by the Quatsino Copper Co., Ltd., consisted of driving a 500 ft. tunnel, which cut through a 25 ft. lode of low grade copper ore at a depth of 135 ft. Stripping and crosscutting on the surface exposes the lode for more than 3,000 ft. The property shows up well under development, but, owing to some financial troubles, the company decided in August to suspend work."