

Mining Matters.

THE Blackburn phosphate mines, in Templeton, Que., have been closed.

LARGE quantities of mica are being shipped from the Ruttan mines, Wilmur, Ont.

DRIFT gold has been discovered in the old bed of the Fraser River, near Yale, B. C.

THE New Campbelltown, N. S. coal mines have been purchased by Burchell Bros.

PREPARATIONS are being made for an active mining season in Lake of the Woods district.

THE placer gold mines on the Salmon and Pen d'Orielle rivers, B. C., are reported doing well.

THE Dominion Coal Co., of Winnipeg, is in difficulties, owing to the failure of Arthur G. Yates.

THE conditions for gold washing on the Fraser River, B. C., are unusually favorable just now.

THE Vancouver Island coal mines are unable to supply all the vessels waiting to load coal there.

A SYNDICATE has been formed for the purpose of developing the coal mines at Port Hood, N. S.

A PROPOSITION has been made to erect a smelter for reducing the ores of Trail Creek district, B. C.

REPORTS from Springhill show the coal mining prospects brighter there now than for some time.

A COMPANY has been formed to purchase the mica and phosphate properties in Ottawa. Capital, \$250,000.

THE Toronto Gold Mining Company has sent some fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz to the World's Fair.

A VEIN 540 feet wide, carrying free gold, has been found in the Maitland Mine in Tudor township, Hastings county.

THE Canada Coal and Railway Company now have some three hundred men and boys at work in the Joggins mines, N. S.

PURE antimony has lately been discovered in the Sudbury, Ont., district. The present price of antimony is \$240 per ton.

THE slate quarries at Westminster, B. C., are shipping considerable quantities of their slate to China as well as to California.

FIFTEEN and a half tons of copper, silver and nickel ore have been shipped to the World's Fair from the Sudbury (Ont.) district.

THE Otty Lake mines, North Burgess, Ont., have been purchased by Capt. R. C. Adams of Montreal, and some New York friends.

The Boston & Montana Mining and Milling Co. contemplate building sampling works at Kaslo, B. C., with a capacity of 100 tons a day.

ELLIOTT, LIXE & WRIGHT are down about six feet on their nickel mine at Mission, B. C., and the prospects are looking encouraging.

THIRTY-ONE car loads of nickel matte went in one week recently from Sudbury to Constable Hook, N. J., for the United States Government's use.

IT is said that a Boston firm, Splane & Co., are going to open up the Albertite Coal Mine on the East Albert property near Edgett's Landing, N. B.

BURCHELL BROS. have purchased the New Campbelltown coal mines on the Big Bras d'Or lakes, and will at once proceed to equip the mine and ship coal.

E. L. W. HASKETT SMITH, London, Eng., and H. Mason, mineralogist, propose on behalf of a company to open up the copper mine at Waugh River, N. S.

THE Trinidad Asphalt Co., of Toronto, who now do all their refining at Jersey City, in the U. S., contemplate erecting refining works somewhere in Canada.

POWERS & Co. have built a second Kelly sectional boiler for the Kootenay & Columbia Prospecting and Mining Co., to be used at the Stanley mine, Kaslo, B. C.

AN ore crusher is to be erected at the Maitland gold mine, in Tudor township, back of Belleville. The vein of quartz in this mine is said to be over 540 feet wide.

W. B. WALKER, of Union, B. C., has received an appointment as under-manager at a colliery in South Wales. He intends leaving in about a month.—*Victoria Colonist*.

F. J. LORDLY, book-keeper for the Londonderry Iron Company, N. S., has resigned, and is going to fill an important position in Halifax.

HENRY B. PRINCE, who recently died at Mount Uniacke, N. S., was one of the pioneers in Nova Scotia gold mining. It was he who worked the celebrated Ophir gold mine, which yielded over \$500,000 to its owners.

AN attempt is being made to develop the iron mines of Labrador. The great Krupp Gun Manufacturing Works at Essen, Germany, have sent an agent thither to ascertain if 500,000 tons a year can be secured to run their plant.

ACCORDING to the last report of the Newfoundland geological department, the prospects are bright for the early development of asbestos, the mining sections of the west part of the island being like the Quebec group, and some of the samples of asbestos fibre being very good.

W. P. HUSSEY, who, a year or so ago, bonded a coal area at Broad Cove, N. S., and paid \$9,000 deposit, has completed the purchase. The price of this and an adjoining area is said to have been \$100,000. It is said he has united his interest with that of the Inverness and Richmond Railway Company.

A PYRITICAL smelter, with a capacity for 300 tons and a guaranteed supply of 100 tons daily, will be erected this summer at Northport, B. C., ready for winter use. The plan involves the building of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway's first branch line, which is to be fifteen miles in length, running from Northport to the Le Roi mine.

THE Boundary Creek district of B. C. seems to be capable of producing minerals of every description, from free milling gold quartz to lead, silver smelting ores. Last year there were shipments of grey copper and antimonial silver, carbonates and chlorides, sampling at the smelter 22 per cent. lead, 250 ozs. silver, and \$10 of gold per ton. The mining fraternity will have a busy time there this year.

THE Golden, B. C., Era reports that Griffith & Galbraith have purchased for a London syndicate all the placer, hydraulic and other mining properties held by the Chinese companies on Wild Horse Creek. This is one of the most important mining transactions that have taken place in East Kootenay, and places the whole of the mining properties in Wild Horse Creek in the hands of a strong London syndicate. The company intend employing only white labor.

THE St. John Saw says the Queen's County coal mines of that province are under new management this spring and that the output will be much larger than last year. Two new companies are being formed—one called the N. B. Coal Co., and the other the Grand Lake Coal Co. Frank Todd, John J. Dunne, Charles A. Boardman, Jas. G. Stevens, jr., and Henry F. Todd are promoters of the former, which has a capital of \$300,000; and Joseph Bullock, Frederick A. Jones, William Murdoch, Samuel B. Folkins and Byron G. Taylor and others, are incorporating the other with capital stock of \$100,000, with head office at St. John.

THE incorporation is registered of the "Northern Graphite Company" by Frank Elden Came, John Fraser Torrance, Harold English Stearns, Deahler Falconer Stearns, Wm. Starke, George, Ritchie Starke and Robert Starke, all of Montreal, and James Elden Came, of Boston, Mass. The capital will be \$95,000 and headquarters at Montreal. This company will establish works on the Rideau and work the plumbago mines in Elmsley township. Mr. Torrance has ordered the machinery in New York for the works. The company have obtained leases or options of purchase on desirable plumbago properties on both sides of the Rideau, and will have plenty of ore to keep them going. Their diamond drill will be kept at work testing the various deposits.

THE Vernon, B. C., News says:—The coal seam on Myers Creek, which is about seven feet thick and well suited for coking, is owned by D. C. Corbin, of Spokane Falls, who has surveyed a railway from Marcus which will carry the ores and coal from this district to the smelters in Spokane and elsewhere on the American side. Quartz mining is not going to be the only mining industry in the Boundary Creek sections, for in the gravel is a large quantity of coarse gold. With a view to developing this, there has been an application made to the Government for the lease of 700 acres to pursue hydraulic mining. Matters look hopeful for a town site on Boundary Creek. Montreal and Spokane capitalists are interested, and if the development of the mines warrant it they will erect a smelter. Another good coal seam which will help to maintain a smelter is that near the mouth of Rock Creek, on McConnell's property. The two shafts which have been sunk on this seam show it to be six feet wide and of good coking quality.