

North of Latchford forest fires, commencing about June 17th, raged for several days. Many prospectors lost their camp equipments. It is reported also that several lives were lost.

During the week ending June 8th, eighteen cars of ore were shipped from Cobalt. This makes a total for the year of 4,336 tons of silver-bearing ore. Last year's total shipments amounted to only 5,666 tons. The comparison is encouraging.

A good strike is reported on the Silver Leaf close to the Lawson property line. The vein is eight inches wide. It shows calcite, cobalt bloom, and native silver. The strike of the vein is diagonally across the property. Only for a short distance has it been stripped.

On the Right of Way property the main shaft is down over sixty feet. At the 75-foot level a cross-cut will be driven to the vein. Four cars have been shipped already, not including the ore taken out by La Rose people and afterwards awarded to the Right of Way. Superintendent Houston is pushing construction of ore house and shaft houses as rapidly as possible.

During the week ending June 8th the following shipments were made:—Coniagas, seven cars, 441,780 pounds; O'Brien, one car, 64,520 pounds; Nipissing, three cars, 196,630 pounds; Drummond, 44,090 pounds; Kerr Lake, two cars, 94,000 pounds; Trethewey, 61,000 pounds; Silver Queen, two cars, 124,580 pounds; Foster, one car, 40,000 pounds. Total, 1,066,900 pounds, making a record for a week's shipments.

LARDER LAKE.

The Dr. Redick Larder Lake Gold Mining Company has purchased the stamp mill, crushers, rolls, etc., formerly used by the Ottawa Gold Milling & Mining Company at their custom reduction works at Keewatin, Ont. The plant has been idle for about six years. The machinery is now being shipped to Larder Lake.

PORT ARTHUR.

A New York party visited and inspected the West End Silver Mine on June 20th.

The Shakespeare Gold Mine, near Webbwood, Ont., is to be operated by power developed from the Birch Creek Falls.

The Government diamond drill has been sent to Eagle Lake, west of Port Arthur, to prospect a gold property owned by J. E. Stanton.

At the old West End Silver Mine Captain Pritchard is superintending the mining. A considerable amount of ore has already been stacked.

A discovery of zinc blende is reported from the Upper Wahnapitae. It occurs in limestone and is said to carry a few ounces of silver per ton.

The shaft of the Massey Mine has been pumped out and the levels are being cleaned. Mining will be resumed under the direction of Mr. Jas. Errington.

The Beaver Mine is being unwatered, and the Rabbit Mine will also be put in commission soon. The Silver Mines Consolidated Company is the prime mover in these activities.

Surveys are being conducted for a proposed new railway to connect the Helen Mine with the C. P. R. at Thessalon. A new smelter is to be erected at Thessalon, and 400 tons of ore per day will be shipped from the Helen.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

At the Trail and Northport smelters fuel is arriving much more freely.

Development is progressing on the 350, 400 and 450 foot levels of the Iron Mask.

At Le Roi Mine the connection between the shaft and the winze on the 1,650 foot level has been completed.

A former foreman of the Granby, Mr. J. A. Miller, has been appointed superintendent of the California-Giant properties.

On June 23rd an explosion at the Crow's Nest Pass Company's No. 6 prospect, Coal Creek, near Fernie, B.C., resulted in the death of two men.

The Canadian-American Mining Company of Bellingham, Wash., is to begin working the Lorne Creek Placers at Lorne Creek, 100 miles up the Skeena River.

The Marble Bay miners' strike has been settled. The trouble arose from a misunderstanding on both sides, and the men have returned to work at their former wages and hours.

On the west coast of Vancouver Island, at Sidney Inlet, a copper property, owned by E. Dewdney, of Victoria, is to be exploited by Eastern capital. It is well situated as regards water shipment.

The Nest Egg Mine, Rossland, has been leased by Edward Webb from the British Columbia Land & Development Agency, Limited, of London, England. The mine has not been worked since 1897. A sixty foot shaft and a few short drifts constitute the present developments.

It has been decided that in future a permanent summer mining class of the Mining Department of McGill University will be held in British Columbia. The Hon. H. E. Young, Minister of Education, is co-operating with Professor J. Bonsall Porter in making all necessary arrangements.

Thirty-five miles from Jedway, Queen Charlotte, a large deposit of copper ore is reported to have been discovered. The property is under option at a figure of \$400,000. The deposit is 100 feet wide and has been traced for 4,000 feet. It is said to carry 4 per cent. copper and some gold values. Four thousand tons of copper ore are awaiting shipment at Ikeda mine and was taken from Ikeda Mountain. The remainder came from the MacMillan mine. The ore will be shipped to the Ladysmith smelter.

The British Columbia Government has sent Mr. Herbert Carmichael, accompanied by two third-year McGill men, Messrs. Caruthers and Meyerstein, to the Alberni district on the west coast. A steam launch is to be taken up the coast, transported twelve miles by wagon road to Great Central Lake and used there during the summer. While Mr. Carmichael will perform a considerable amount of topographical work, he will also pay especial attention to the mining possibilities of the Alberni district. The Government will issue bulletins from time to time, reporting the progress of this work.

Mr. Thomas Kiddie, manager of the Brown-Alaska smelter, Hadley, Prince of Wales Island, was in Victoria early in June making arrangements to overcome the coal and coke shortage which has been handicapping the operation of his enterprise. The recent fire in the Comox coal mine caused a stoppage of shipments and had an immediate effect upon the smelter. Mr. Kiddie expressed the hope that he would be able to secure regular shipments of fuel before leaving for Hadley again. In speaking of the copper ores treated at Hadley, he said that the Maple Bay ores, which constitute their principal supply, are very silicious. To obviate the necessity of using barren fluxes, basic ores from nearby deposits are about to be secured. Mr. Kiddie has ordered the material for an installation of his hot blast system.

YUKON.

Until new discoveries shall have been made it may now be premised that the day of the individual miner in the Yukon is over, and operations in future will be confined to exploitations on a large scale by such powerful concerns as the Guggenheim Exploration Company, who last year secured the control of large areas of ground on Banaza, Hunker, Eldorado and other creeks which erstwhile yielded so fabulously. This company is meanwhile sending in large quantities of supplies and materials for the