

results are enough to stimulate interest and to promote healthy rivalry.

Mr. Frank B. Smith, inspector of coal mines for Alberta, reports that there are now in that Province some 125 coal mines subject to government inspection as compared with only 30 in existence four years ago. Although the output of the mines has increased rapidly the market for coal has so extended that while this year's production will probably exceed 1,000,000 tons it is not expected there will be any difficulty in disposing of this larger output.

Mr. Geo. E. Winkler's comprehensive account of the the Progress of Mining in the Similkameen District, commenced in the January number of the MINING RECORD, is completed this month. His efforts to give wide publicity to the number of mining properties in the big district of which he has written and the varied character of their ores are commendable and should be appreciated by all concerned in the advancement of the promising district to which he thus invites notice.

The directors of the Le Roi Mining Co. have declared a dividend, payable on February 28, of 1s. 6d. per share on its 200,000 £5 shares. This is the first dividend this company has paid since November, 1899, when 5s. per share was paid. This will make the aggregate of all dividends paid to the end of the current month \$1,380,000. It is stated that the company's profits for January of this year were \$39,000 and that February's profits would be about a similar amount.

The directors of the Ymir Gold Mines, Ltd., acting on the recommendation of their consulting engineer, Mr. R. Gilman Brown, of San Francisco, have shut down the company's 80-stamp mill and cyanide works near Ymir for three months to allow time for the connection between the 7th and 10th levels of the mine being made and a supply of ore of a grade that can be milled profitably being obtained from the mine, which the directors are advised it cannot be under existing conditions.

The Le Roi Mining Co., Ltd., and the Canadian Consolidated Mines, Ltd., have been proceeded against by the inspector of metalliferous mines on a charge of having induced and persuaded engineers in their employ, respectively, to work twelve hours instead of eight, the latter being the statutory number of hours that may be worked. Each of the defendant companies has been fined \$25 and costs, by the police magistrate at Rossland, whose decision has been appealed against.

The American Hydraulic Co. has been reorganized and the authorised capital increased from \$50,000 to \$500,000. It is stated that the whole of the increased capital is to be treasury stock and that much of it has been underwritten at Layfayette, Indiana. The company's property is described as the chief hydraulic property in the district known as the Big Bend lying

north of Revelstoke. Another monitor is to be added to the two already on the property and hydraulicking is to be commenced as early in the ensuing spring as shall be practicable. Mr. A. E. Bradley will be in charge of operations.

The Beaver Mining Co., an English organization owning mineral claims situated on the mountain divide between the Spillimacheen section of North-east Kootenay and the Duncan section of West Kootenay, is reported to have become interested in a method of locating ore bodies by magnetic indication and to be sending experts out from England to test this system on the company's claims. As the characteristic ores of the district in which the test is to be made carry, silver, lead, copper and gold, and are not iron ores, local mining men are somewhat sceptical as to the prospects for success.

The indefatigable managing director of the Oro Denoro Mines, Ltd., owning the Oro Denoro mine, Boundary district, in a circular letter to the shareholders of the company has given particulars of values of several lots of ore shipped and briefly reviewed the prospects of the mine. His conclusions appear to have been contained in the following words: "The outlook to-day for the mine appears to be brighter than ever before." We congratulate Mr. Smith Curtis on the favourable results that he shows he has achieved in his management of the affairs of this mine, which is operative to-day because of his energy and perseverance in its development and his persistent and successful endeavours to finance it.

Notice has been gazetted that on and after the first day of May, 1906, the territory embraced within the boundaries of the Teslin Lake mining division will be merged in the Atlin Lake mining division, and on and after said date Mr. James Porter, gold commissioner at Telegraph Creek, will act as a deputy mining recorder for that portion of the Atlin Lake mining division formerly known as the Teslin Lake mining division, with sub-recording office at Telegraph Creek, B. C.

A short time ago the B. C. MINING RECORD called attention to a misleading custom of the *Daily Mining Record*, of Denver, Colorado, in placing mining news of British Columbia and other parts of Canada under the heading of "Alaska-Northwest Territory," and asked that "Canada" be used by that journal as a heading when publishing mining news. This has been done, so that such sub-heads as "Rossland, B. C.," "Phoenix, B. C.," and other British Columbia mining sections now appear in the *Daily Mining Record* under the heading "Canada." This is the second instance of a like suggestion of the B. C. MINING RECORD having received courteous attention and the Province the resultant benefit of having it made quite clear that certain items of mining news appearing in widely-circulated mining journals are British Columbian and that British Columbia is in Canada.