

THE Ledgerwood hoist and boiler have been successfully transported to the Hawk Bay mine. The compressor will shortly be installed.

THE U. S. Court of Appeals has decided that natural gas from Canada is not dutiable. The collector at Buffalo brought the matter up.

THE boring for oil at Parkhill, Ont., will be continued for some time. The present depth is only 350 feet. Surface oil was discovered at 250 feet.

ACCORDING to the Nanaimo, B.C., *Free Press* the mines of Texada Island are being opened up, and British and American capital is becoming interested.

SPECIMENS from the Bannockburn mine, in Hastings county, have averaged as high as \$2,000. A test of five tons is being made at the School of Mines, Kingston, Ont.

DURING the past six months as many as 150 samples of gold-bearing quartz mined in Frontenac county have been brought into Kingston, says the Kingston, Ont., *Whig*.

ALLAN AND ALBERT MOON, A. Coe and J. Golding have 200 acres of land in Tudor township, Hastings county, Ont., and are sinking shafts on the property. The ore has been assayed at \$20 per ton.

THE incorporation of the towns of Nelson, Rossland and Grand Forks, B.C., which was assented to by Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney, March 4th, is an evidence of what mining is doing for British Columbia.

THE Union Colliery Co., of Comox, B.C., has entered into contract with the Kootenay smelting companies to supply 1,000 tons of Union coke per month for the next twelve months, and even this amount may be increased.

THE recent advance in lead in the United States should materially enhance the value of the Slocan, B.C., as a mining district. Its galena ores, which carry a large percentage of lead, should be now more valuable.

THE Chatham Oil Company is pumping the second well at Bothwell, Ont. The first well has already given good returns, but will be put down deeper. Boring operations will then be begun for the third well, and when it is completed the three will be operated by a jerking plant.

R. G. McCONNELL, of the Dominion Geological Survey, has notified Martin King, manager of the Trail Mining Company, that specimens of the ore from the company's mine contain gersdorffite, a rich nickel mineral, and that it is possible the ore contains a nickel value worth considering.

It is stated that an American syndicate has offered Col. S. S. Lazier, of Belleville, \$100,000 for a half interest in his silver-lead property in Barry township, Frontenac county. An expert who looked over the vein on this location spoke of it highly, stating that it resembled Australian deposits.

It is impossible to keep track of the companies obtaining incorporation in British Columbia. One week forty-two companies, with a total capital of about \$44,000,000, gave notice of incorporation in the *British Columbia Gazette*, and the next 57 companies representing capital of over \$51,000,000, gave notice of incorporation.

THE Minden, Ont., *Echo* says "Within four miles of Kinmount, Ont., we have six mines, a rich mineral belt extends for 18 miles from Kinmount to Gooderham, waiting for men with money to open it up and get wealth. Minerals in great variety are here in abundance, and at present mining operations are active in Galway township."

J. R. MINHNICK, London, Ont., has struck another large flow of oil on his property at Bothwell, Ont. The new gusher yields 75 barrels of oil per day. A company has been formed under the name of the London Petroleum Company, with Mr. Minhnick and E. W. Scatcherd as members. They have purchased land adjoining Mr. Minhnick's property, and will begin operations at once.

IN applying to the Ontario Government for the construction of a reduction plant at Trenton, Ont., the town council enumerated the ores in the district awaiting treatment thus: Gold, including mispickel and free milling ores, galena, including lead, lead sulphides, silver, antimony; nickel, including linneaites, sulphides of cobalt and nickel, graphite, corundum, asbestos, including actinolite, talc, soapstone; mica, sulphur, arsenic, phosphorus.

MICA MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED, has been formed with a capital of £80,000 in £1 shares, this company to acquire all the mineral rights of the Lake Girard group of mica properties, covering about 1,700 acres, and situated in the Provinces of Ontario

and Quebec. Sir Samuel Canning, C.E., is one of the directors, and the purchase money has been fixed at £63,000, payable as to £3,000 in cash and the balance in cash or shares. The entire capital is now offered for subscription in the London, Eng., market.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY is a fortunate institution. Mr. W. C. Macdonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, who has already given \$1,500,000 to the institution, has added to his previous munificent gifts the sum of \$1,185 for the purchase of certain apparatus for the engineering department, \$150,000 for the maintenance of the engineering and physics buildings, and \$475,000 for the erection of a building for chemistry and mining and metallurgy, and for the endowment of the chairs of architecture and mining and metallurgy.

THE Algoma *Herald* announces that the East End Silver Mountain mine is to be worked by the Argentite Mining and Reduction Co. It is also proposed erecting a reduction works on the location to treat the ores, thus saving the heavy transportation charges that were paid in former days. The Argentite Company is also endeavoring to arrange with the West End Company whereby the ore from the latter company's mine will be treated in the proposed reduction works. Silver Mountain East End was in the old days a constant shipper of rich ore.

THE first clean-up of ore at the Deloro mines, Marmora, Ont., was made March 19th. The officials of the Canadian Gold Fields Company, who own the property, stated that the mill run turned out most satisfactorily, but they refused to divulge the exact results thereof. It is understood, however, that the run turned out much after the manner of the five-ton test made in London, Eng., over a year ago, and before the company began their \$2,000,000 operations in Canada. The London test, it was reported, saved 92 per cent. of the gold at a cost of \$2 per ton. If, as is believed, the run at the new Deloro mill gave the same results, the future of Hastings County as a mining region is assured.

THE third annual meeting of the Ontario Mining Institute opened in the reception room of the Parliament buildings, Toronto on Wednesday, March 31st. The following papers were read and discussed: "The Western Ontario Gold Fields and their Genesis," by F. Hill, M.E., Port Arthur; "A New Use for Scrap Mica," by C. H. Mitchell, Toronto; "Notes on Moss Litter," by T. W. Gibson, Toronto. The following officers were elected: President, Judge J. J. Kingsmill; vice-presidents, W. Hamilton Merritt, James McArthur, John F. Caldwell and John Leachman; secretary, B. T. A. Bell, Ottawa; treasurer, Thomas Gibson, Toronto. Council, A. Blue, Dr. Coleman, H. C. Hammond, J. H. Chewett and E. R. Mickle, Toronto; Dr. Goodwin, Kingston; F. S. Wiley, Port Arthur; A. J. G. Swinney, Deloro, and J. Burley Smith, Rat Portage. The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of \$71.

AT two o'clock on Feb. 23rd, Mrs. Hall, wife of Superintendent Hall, of the Le Roi mine, turned the steam valve on the new 40-drill compressor lately built by the Canadian Rand Drill Co., and broke a bottle of Mumm's extra dry on the fly-wheel, christening the magnificent engine the "Senator," in honor of George Turner, the general manager of the company. The immense machine quickly responded to the steam and worked beautifully in every detail. The compressor is one of the three large machines of the North-West. It is a cross compound condensing Corliss air compressor of 450 indicated horse-power. It is of Rand make, fitted out with the latest type of mechanical air valves, automatic governors, etc., and will be utilized for running all the pumps and hoists at the mine, in addition to operating 40 drills in the mine. The event was made the occasion of considerable speech-making. John M. Burke, Ross Thompson, Ed. Saunders and Captain Hall all spoke in a happy strain, Mr. Burke saying that "the operation of such a large and magnificent piece of machinery in so young a camp, stamps Trail Creek as one of the greatest mining camps anywhere." It was a field day for the Le Roi company, as the new gravity tramway between the mine and the Red Mountain Railway was put in operation and found to work like a charm.

DURING the past year the following companies have been incorporated in England to mine in Canada: B.C. Exploring Syndicate, £20,000; Big Valley Creek Gold Mines, £125,000; Bozdown Silver, £3,000; British Columbia Agency, £100,000; British Columbian Exploration Syndicate, £25,000; British Columbia Finance and Mining, £500; British Columbia Gold Discovery, £100,000; British Columbia Gold Syndicate, £5,000; British Columbia Land Exploration and Development, £250,000; British Columbia Mining, £20,000; British Columbia Proprietary, £6,000; British Columbia Prospectors, £10,000; British Columbia Venture Syndicate, £1,000; British Queen Gold Mines, £300,000; Consolidated Gold Fields of Canada and British Columbia, £100; Cottonwood River,