

## Railway Matters.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council has ordered a subway to be built at the Lansdowne avenue C.P.R. crossing in Toronto. The cost will be about \$30,000. to be borne equally by the city and the railway.

Officers of the Morris, Portage and Midland railway, a projected line for which a charter has been issued, were elected in Winnipeg as follows: J. W. Kastner, president; G. F. Birney, Morris, treasurer, and G. A. Glines, Winnipeg, secretary.

It is stated that according to present plans of the C.P.R. the old freight sheds near the Queen's wharf, Toronto, will be converted into car shops. These extend from the garrison bridge east to Bathurst street, and are the old Toronto, Grey & Bruce depot. The new workshops will employ about 150 hands.

Judgment has been given in the case of Beemer vs. the Pontiac & Pacific Junction Railway Company. This was a claim for \$400,494.21, representing \$342,903.47, amount of a claim transferred to plaintiff by F. Ross representing the estate Ross, and also \$57,590.74, amount due by defendant to plaintiff for cash advances. The defendant did not appear, and judgment was rendered in favor of plaintiff by default.

Efforts are being made to have the Kingston & Pembroke railway extended into the mineral belt of Quebec in the vicinity of Bryson, which now cannot be developed for lack of transportation. Twelve miles of track from the Kingston & Pembroke railway terminus at Renfrew would bring the line to Portage du Fort, and eight miles' further extension would bring it to Bryson, the county town of Pontiac.

## Iron and Steel.

Rhodes, Curry & Co., Ltd., Amherst, N.S., will, it is said, build workshops in Sydney, C.B.

It is stated that local capitalists propose to put \$100,000 into manufacturing saws in Hall, Que. It is the intention of the syndicate to work in conjunction with the Ottawa Saw Works.

The Abbott-Mitchell Iron & Steel Co.'s new works at Belleville, mentioned in previous numbers, will be in operation in a few days and will be perhaps the most modern plant of its class in Canada.

F. R. F. Brown, consulting engineer, has been appointed secretary of the board of directors of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, of Sydney, C.B. He will represent the company in Montreal.

Merrickville, Ont., is negotiating with the Canadian Engine and Locomotive Works, Kingston, for their removal to that town. It is reported that a bonus of \$75,000 has been offered the works to move outside Ontario.

The Hamilton blast furnace is now working the Robertsville and Martell iron mines, and the Zanesville mine, near Calabogie, Ont. The iron mines along the Kingston & Pembroke railway are said to be able to amply supply the demands of the Hamilton company.

The Hon. R. W. Scott is largely interested in the reopening of the iron mines on the Gatineau river, near Ottawa. It is said 200 men will be at once put to work, and are taking out for the Ohio market. Thirty years ago these mines were exclusively worked by the Hon. James Skead and others. The Gatineau mines are three in number, two on the west side of the river and one on the east side.

The directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. met in Montreal, November 21st, the following directors being present: H. M. Whitney, Sir William Van Horne, R. B. Angus, James Ross, M. Dyer, Senator Mackeen, and Messrs. Rogers, Pearson, and McLennan. Alfred Moxham, of the Lorraine steel works, near Cleveland, O., was appointed general manager. Mr.

Moxham was formerly of Johnstown, Pa. Mr. Whitney says two of the four furnaces at Sydney will be in blast by the 1st of January next. The first of a fleet of 35 vessels, which will carry from Philadelphia to Sydney, C.B., upwards of 125,000 tons of structural steel, coke ovens, etc., began loading at that port Nov. 20th. This is material ready to be placed in position in constructing the blast furnaces, etc., at Sydney.

## Mining Matters.

Rich finds of mica are reported as being opened up by J. Stewart at Cartwright, Newfoundland.

The Great Lakes Copper Co., a United States incorporation, is licensed to do business in Canada.

Seventy ovens are now turning out coke at the Acadia Coal Co.'s works, Stellarton, fifty at the back mines and twenty at the Poord pit.—Mining Record.

There is considerable activity in mica mining in the neighborhood of Ottawa. Munsen & Co., New York, are heavy buyers of mica through their Ottawa agents.

Joseph Lemeux, Charles Desmarais, F. X. Filteau and A. L. Laundry, Hull, Que., have bought a mica mine near Buckingham, Que. The claim bought is 700 acres in extent, and the price was \$2,000.

At present the attendance of students at the School of Mining, Kingston, Ont., is the largest in the history of the school. After this session enlarging the school will probably be undertaken.

The Mumford improved boilers, which the Robb Engineering Co. has sent to British Columbia, have obtained such a good reputation for economy, that the Ymir Gold Mines Co., Ltd., Nelson, B.C., has ordered three of them for use at its mines.

Land in the township of Denison, south of the Creighton district, eighteen miles from Sudbury, Ont., in extent less than 200 acres, was sold last month to Dr. Ludwig Mond for \$200,000. The vendors were R. J. Tough, of Toronto, and R. McConnell, and Mrs. McConnell, of Mattawa, Ont.

D'Arcy Scott, Ottawa, has bought at sheriff's sale the Walker plumbago mines at Buckingham, Que., for \$70,000. The property is 1,200 acres in extent, consisting of plumbago deposits, with a factory and machinery for manufacture. In addition to the factory are quarters for employees, and a foreman's residence.

The Governors of McGill University have accepted the offer of Sir William McDonald (a cheque of \$62,500), to found and endow a chair of Geology in the Faculty of Arts as a memorial to the late Sir William Dawson, emeritus principal of the University. The conditions attached to the gift were also assented to, namely, that an annuity of \$2,500 should be paid to Lady Dawson during her lifetime.

R. R. Hedley, manager of the Hall mines smelter, Nelson, B.C., who spent several months examining Boundary Creek properties, says of the ores of the Boundary country: "I consider that possibilities are far greater in Boundary Creek district. There the variety is greater, and a perfectly self-fluxing ore is obtainable. Should the coal on development prove to be of good coking quality, and in sufficient quantity, a plant with a large capacity will treat ore as cheaply as anywhere on the continent. Even in bringing in coke at a cost of \$12 per ton, laid down, I have no hesitation in saying that a 250-ton plant—two furnaces—using steam power, will smelt at a cost not to exceed \$3.25 per ton."

An agreement has been made between the Ontario Government and a syndicate headed by Lloyd Harris, Brantford, and B. A. C. Craig, Toronto, by which the latter are to receive a concession of 2,000 acres in Dungannon, Montcalm, Carleton, Raglan and Brudenell, in Renfrew and Hastings counties, Ont. The concession embraces a series of locations in separate lots of 50 acres and over along the York branch, a tributary of the Madawaska river. In addition to paying the annual rentals as fixed by the Ontario Mines Act, the makers of the agreement are under penal bonds to spend \$25,000 before September 15th.