

spring several companies were organized to develop small water powers in the neighborhood. It was found that these water powers would develop such limited horse-power that they could not take care of all the properties then in sight. The project was dropped and the Northern Ontario Light and Power Company canvassed the district with regard to obtaining contracts from companies, if they decided to put in power. The plan to use the surplus power now available in the Cobalt camp for Kirkland Lake and district, by extending the transmission lines, has been fully outlined before, but owing to the cost and difficulty of obtaining supplies of copper and other material, nothing further has been done, beyond buying the poles and negotiating for right-of-way. It is not possible that the power can be delivered into Kirkland Lake or Boston Creek now, until the fall is far advanced. This is unfortunate for the Teck-Hughes Mining Company, which now has a completed mill which cannot very well be used until electric power is available in the camp.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
WEST KOOTENAY.**

**Ainsworth.**—Shipment of ore was resumed several weeks ago by the Florence Co. and the Highland mine. The Utica, in the western part of the division, continues to send out a carload of silver-lead ore every two or three weeks. A new mine on the producing list is the Comfort, situated near the Bluebell, on the eastern side of Kootenay lake, from which property 25 tons of ore was received at Trail in May. The Lucky Jim is reported to be making headway, and obtaining a profit on its mining operations so that its liabilities are being reduced.

**Slocan.**—The Rambler-Cariboo and the Ruth-Hope, in central Slocan, and the Galena Farm, Hewitt and Standard are maintaining ore shipments from the mining region in the neighborhood of Silverton, Slocan lake. The year's shipping list to date includes the names of sixteen mines, but only three or four of these have shipped more than 500 tons of silver-lead ore this year. The Standard is in the lead, with a total to the end of May of about 3,500 tons shipped to Trail; the Rambler-Cariboo is next with about 700 tons. Both these mines also shipped zinc ore, which was sent to United States smelting works.

**OMINECA.**

A newspaper report of an interview with Mr. Morley Donaldson, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., included several allusions to mining in Western Canada. Referring to matters particularly affecting the British Columbia end of the company's railway he is reported to have said that the exploration work being done in connection with mining is very much greater than the public supposes is the case. He said, further: "At a number of railway stations I noticed piles of ore sacks brought in from distant places by prospectors who are opening mining properties and sending bulk samples of ore for test purposes to smelting works. In addition, I found that from one mine near Hazelton about 3,000 tons of copper ore is being shipped monthly, and a vessel at Prince Rupert was being loaded with 1,000 tons of this ore while I was there." Mr. Donaldson also said: "In Alberta mining is developing to a remarkable extent, and our company has decided to this season utilize in Winnipeg coal from that province. We have not made any purchase of American coal this year, and if the

best of our western coal shall prove a success it will give these coal mines and towns a busy future."

The ore alluded to by Mr. Donaldson was that being shipped by the Rocher Deboule Mining Co., for late in May the barge Baroda, loaded with 1,800 tons of copper ore from the Rocher Deboule mine, in the Hazelton region, was towed from Prince Rupert to Tacoma. The intention was to ship only 1,000 tons on the Baroda, but there was delay in getting a tug to tow the barge south, so as the ore was accumulating to such an extent as to hinder progress, the larger quantity was put on the scow and the congestion relieved to that extent. Prior to commencing to ship ore to the smelting works near Tacoma, Puget sound, Washington, the Montana Continental Development Co., which then had a lease of the Rocher Deboule Co.'s mine, in the second half of last year shipped to the Granby Consolidated Co.'s smelting works at Anyox, Observatory inlet, about 17,000 tons of ore which contained an average of 8 per cent. copper and small value in gold and silver.

**GENERAL NOTES.**

The development of the Sunshine group of mineral claims at Uchucklesit harbor, on the west coast of Vancouver island, has been resumed. It is expected that small shipments of copper ore will be made during the ensuing summer.

Meetings of the Western Branch of the Canadian Mining Institute are to be held at Sandon, Central Slocan, and Silverton, Slocan lake, during the latter part of June. There is much mining activity in the neighborhood of both Sandon and Silverton, so the decision to hold meetings at those places at this time is regarded with satisfaction in the district.

The W. R. Grace steamer "Colusa," which late last month arrived on the British Columbia coast from South American ports, after discharging 2,400 tons of nitrates at the James Island works of the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., proceeded to Tacoma, Puget sound, Washington, with the remainder of her cargo, the greater part of which consisted of ore for the Tacoma smelting works. Years ago ore from the Mexican coast and places farther south used to be received occasionally at the Tye Copper Co.'s smeltery on Vancouver island.

**FLIN FLON.**

Drilling at Flinflon lake is proving up an enormous body of ore of good grade.

**SILVER PRICES.**

|             | New York. | London. |
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|             | cents.    | pence.  |
| May—        |           |         |
| 23. . . . . | 71%       | 34 1/8  |
| 24. . . . . | 71 1/2    | 34 3/8  |
| 25. . . . . | 71 1/2    | 34 3/8  |
| 26. . . . . | 71%       | 34 3/8  |
| 27. . . . . | 71%       | 34 1/8  |
| 29. . . . . | 70%       | 33%     |
| 30. . . . . | holiday   | 32 7/8  |
| 31. . . . . | 68%       | 32 7/8  |
| June—       |           |         |
| 1. . . . .  | 68%       | 32 7/8  |
| 2. . . . .  | 64 7/8    | 31      |
| 3. . . . .  | 64%       | 31      |
| 5. . . . .  | 66 1/2    | 31 3/4  |
| 6. . . . .  | 66%       | 31 1/8  |
| 7. . . . .  | 66%       | 31 1/8  |
| 8. . . . .  | 66%       | 31 5/8  |
| 9. . . . .  | 62%       | 30      |