

COAL MINING NOTES.

The Hilcrest coal mine, near Frank, southwest Alberta, is again being worked after having been idle for about two months.

The Western Coal and Oil Company reports that at its Chipman Creek mine in western Alberta it has 7 ft. of clean coal in the face of the tunnel.

The output of the Western Fuel Company's coal mines at Nanaimo for August is stated to have been nearly 50,000 tons of coal.

The *Fernie Free Press* states that a contract has been let for the erection at Hosmer, Crow's Nest Pass, of 240 coke ovens for the Pacific Coal Company. Work on these is to be proceeded with as soon as the requisite material shall be delivered on the ground.

Satisfactory reports of progress at the local coal mines have been received from Nicola Valley. The Nicola Coal and Coke Company is steadily increasing its output and the Diamond Vale Coal and Iron Mines, Ltd., continues to push on with its work of development.

From the Nanaimo *Herald* it is learned that on August 28 the largest production of coal for one day from No. 1 and Northfield (Brechin) mines, since these came under the control of the Western Fuel Company was reached, when 2,079 tons were taken from the two mines.

The Canadian-American Coal and Coke Company, operating at Frank, southwest Alberta, is making satisfactory progress in developing its new seam of coal. Prospecting work to locate the east seam on the surface is also being carried on with the object of opening that seam from the outside instead of cross-cutting for it from the main gangway.

At a meeting of the men employed underground in the Western Fuel Company's No. 1 and Brechin coal mines in the Nanaimo district of Vancouver Island, held on August 24, a committee of five—three representing No. 1 and two Brechin mine—was elected to arrange a new agreement with the company to replace that now existing and which will expire on September 30.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Alberta Southern Coal & Coke Co., with a capital stock of \$2,000,000. The trustees are G. H. Scott, Fernie, B.C.; Harry J. Mathewson, Blairmore, Alta.; and H. H. Wright, W. O. Applequist and E. M. Applequist, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. Most of the property of this company is situated on the south fork of Old Man River, southwest Alberta.

The West Canadian Collieries, Ltd., has completed its new power plant at Lille, southwest Alberta, and has started the air haulage which replaces horse haulage in the mine. The work of putting down the slope at No. 1 is also finished and a new hoist is being installed. It is expected that the hoist will be in and the slope working during September.

The Kamloops *Standard* states that "a sample of the coal from the recent strike near Granite Creek, in the northern part of Similkameen district, has been received by Gold Commissioner Tunstall, as well as a sample of the coke made from it. The coal is a good quality of bituminous, very compact and bright and showing no signs of sulphur. The coke is dense and clean and of exceptional quality. Mr. Tunstall informs us that the seam is reported to be from 7 to 9 ft. in width."

On August 12 between 80 and 100—drivers, shift men, and grippers—employed by Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company at its Galt coal mines, near Lethbridge, Alberta, refused to go to work, owing to a dispute over the interpretation of Clause 1 of the agreement signed June 4 last, which reads: "All miners, and mine labourers, shall work eight hours per day, it being definitely understood that this means eight hours work at their working place, exclusive of half hour for noon time, with the exception of miners working by contract, who are to work eight hours at their working place." The men afterwards returned to work pending an investigation into the merits of the dispute.

MINING MEN AND AFFAIRS.

Donald G. Forbes has returned to Victoria from Bear Creek, Similkameen.

Hon. Wm. Templeman, Dominion minister of mines, is spending a month or two on the Pacific coast.

C. F. Caldwell of Kaslo, is opening up a promising copper property in Whitehorse camp, Yukon Territory.

E. Hodgson is engineer in charge of coal boring operations on Malcolm Island in Nanaimo mining division.

Lemuel Martin, manager of the White Star coal mine, has been found dead in his bed at Edmonton, Alberta.

W. Yolen Williams of Spokane, Washington, has been looking over mining properties in Kamloops camp.

E. H. Nettleton is manager of the Kootenay Belle mine at Salmo, in the southern part of Nelson mining division.

Prof. John D. Irving of Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., is at present in Alaska.

Herman C. Bellinger was in Butte, Montana, lately after having been in Nevada and Utah for about six months.

John Rigby is manager of the Rush & Brown mine, situated near the head of Kasaan Bay, Prince of Wales Island, southeast Alaska.

W. M. Brewer has returned from another trip to the North. While away this time he went into the Copper River country, Alaska.

Professor Arthur Lakes of Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., has been examining mining property in the Tulameen section of the Similkameen district.

M. S. Davys, one of the best known mine managers in the West Kootenay district, with his family left Nelson last month to reside in England.

Robert Musgrave, general superintendent for the Tigre Mining Company, S.A., of Sonora, Mexico, will spend part of September in Victoria.

Thos. H. Evans has left the Yukon for India, after having spent the spring and summer months looking over the gold-bearing creeks of the Klondike.

Frederick J. Pope of New York recently examined the Big Interior group of mineral claims, situated in Alberni mining division, Vancouver Island.

H. Mortimer Lamb, of Montreal, Quebec, secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute, is in British Columbia on the business of that institution.

Wm. Fleet Robertson, provincial mineralogist, after visiting some mining camps on the west coast of Vancouver Island, went thence to Queen Charlotte Islands.

Einar Lindeman is still on the west coast of Vancouver Island examining iron ore occurrences on which he is to report to the Dominion department of mines.

Col. J. H. Conrad recently left the Windy Arm country for New York and other eastern cities. He is not expected to return to southern Yukon until next spring.

Major R. G. Edwards Leckie, the Cranbrook *Herald* states, is one of the witnesses called in the southeast Kootenay coal and oil lands cases before the court at Cranbrook.

Chas. Emmerson, superintendent of the West Canadian Collieries company's Bellevue mine, near Frank, southwest Alberta, has been injured in a runaway accident.

J. M. Milton, at the head of the Five Fingers coal mining enterprise in Yukon Territory, has returned to Whitehorse after having spent several weeks on the coal property.

Wallace Corbett, representing Butte capitalists, has made an examination of the Maggie mine on the Bonaparte and the Tamarac group in Highland Valley, near Ashcroft.

Byron N. White left Whitehorse, southern Yukon, on August 19, on a visit to his home in Spokane, Washington, U.S.A. He is expected to return north during September.