

body straightens the removal of a larger tonnage will be possible. The wages of the miners were raised on July 1 by 50 cents a day. This is the rate of advance made in mines of the Slocan District generally, and resulted from a demand of the men. About forty men are affected on the Slocan Star."

At the annual meeting of the Cork-Province Mines, Limited, held at the offices of the company in Kaslo, the reports of the directors and the treasurer's statement were read, and which indicated a most satisfactory condition of the mine from a physical standpoint, and of the company with regard to finances.

The company is now clear of debt and has ample funds on hand to further develop the property, while improvements are being made to the mill and the concentrator run on a one-shift basis, and it was stated by Manager W. E. Zwicky that by doing this enough might be earned from immediate ore sales to meet operating expenses and the cost of further development without having to fall back upon the funds on hand, which came largely from recent sales of treasury stock.

It was also stated that the development being done had resulted in at least doubling the ore reserves during the past two or three weeks.

Directors elected for the ensuing year are: H. Giegerich, Kaslo; J. D. Sherwood, Spokane; R. A. M. Strickland, Spokane; W. E. Zwicky, Kaslo; W. H. Burgess, Kaslo. A. W. Allen was elected as auditor of the company for the year.

Mr. N. E. Nelson, M.E., representing the Granby Mines Company, of Phoenix, has completed the purchase under the terms of a claim, of the famous Montgomery Group of copper-gold claims on Downie Creek, Big Bend, forty miles north of Revelstoke.

The Burton copper mine, Elko, was sold by A. T. Caldwell, an old Rossland miner, and associates. For over twenty years this property has been worked and abandoned, and the credit is due to Mr. Caldwell alone for making a mine of this property and bringing the property to the attention of Mr. Parker, also an old Rossland man, who was in the early days of Cranbrook, superintendent and manager of the North Star mine, later superintendent of the Dominion Copper Company, Phoenix, and also general manager of the Brown, Alaska Copper Company, Alaska.

The Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mine, Victoria, has appointed Mr. Robert W. Thomson district engineer for Mineral Surveys, District No. 3, with headquarters at Kamloops, which includes the old mining divisions of Kamloops, Nicola, Vernon, Ashcroft, Lillooet and Clinton.

Mr. Thomson is a graduate of Toronto University, class of 1893. In 1895 he went to South Africa where he engaged in the profession of mining engineering under the direction of the eminent engineer, Mr. Pope Yeatman. In 1907 he returned to Canada and reported on the Cobalt District of Ontario, later operating in that locality. Since 1909 Mr. Thomson has made Vancouver his headquarters and has been investigating and reporting on British Columbia properties for British and Eastern Canadian syndicates.

With the appointment of Mr. Thomson the Minister has completed all the appointments under the Mineral Surveys Act passed at the last session of the legislature.

### TERMS OF COAL MINING AGREEMENT.

The terms of the agreement by which operations were commenced in District No. 18 are contained in the following proclamation of W. H. Armstrong, the commissioner:

"I hereby direct the owner, agent and manager of every coal mine and coke-producing plant in the coal fields of Southeastern British Columbia and Southwestern Alberta, known as District 18, forthwith to open said coal mine and said coke-producing plant and resume operations," says the order. The following conditions and rates as to employment of labor are set forth:—

"The conditions and rates as set out in the tentative agreement arranged between District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America and the Western Coal Operators' Association, on or about March, 1917, shall apply, with the following additions and amendments:

"(a) Seven and one-half per cent. increase upon all wages scheduled to said tentative agreement. (Note:—Tentative agreement contained all around increase in contract and day wage rates of 15 per cent.)

"(b) Clause entitled 'stoppage of work' and the words within brackets in the 'Form of Order' set out in clause entitled 'Deductions' shall be eliminated.

"(c) These conditions and rates shall be effective from April 1, 1917, to April 1, 1919, save that the rates shall apply to date only to employees who have continued at work since April 1, 1917, under clause entitled 'Employees to Care for Mine' and to rescue labor at No. 3 mine, Coal Creek.

"(d) A commission shall be appointed consisting of a man chosen by the operators, a man chosen by the miners, and one appointed by the Government, who shall, four months from April 1, 1917, and every succeeding four months thereafter, if asked by either the operators or the miners, inquire into the cost of living as to the increase or decrease thereof, and adjust the wage scale as may be found necessary by such increase or decrease, but so that the scale of wages hereby fixed shall be a minimum basis throughout the said period.

"(e) Clause entitled 'Settlement of Local and General Disputes' shall be amended so that I shall act as, or appoint, the independent chairman mentioned therein.

"(f) Any other matters of difference existing now are to be agreed upon by the men and the operators after resumption of work, and in the event of non-agreement shall be decided by myself."

Mr. H. W. Aldridge, smelter superintendent of the Ladysmith Smelter Corporation, was a visitor to Vancouver on business in connection with the company. He reports that the Tye Smelter is fairly sure to be blown in within the next two weeks.

### CANADIAN LOAN IN NEW YORK

The Dominion Government, through J. P. Morgan & Company, are offering in the New York market \$100,000,000 two-year 5 per cent. notes, dated August 1, 1917, due August 1, 1919, at 98 and accrued interest to yield about 6.07 per cent. interest. The loan is made to finance an adverse trade balance with the United States, and to pay off \$20,000,000 5 per cent. notes, due August 1, 1917.

The City of Nelson has paid off its first issue of debentures, amounting to \$50,000, on July 15, 1917, out of sinking funds. The debentures were issued July 15, 1917.

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