

## MEN AND MATTERS

F. J. Pope, a graduate of the Kingston School of Mines, has gone to Chile to examine a mine for the Guggenheim interests.

J. L. Parker, at one time manager of the North Star Mine, East Kootenay, British Columbia, and for the last two years manager for the Brown-Alaska Company of New York, with mines at Hadley, Prince of Wales Island, southeast Alaska, and Portland Canal, British Columbia, has retired from the latter position and opened an office at Seattle, Washington, as a consulting mining engineer.

T. T. Fulton, B.Sc., lately of the laboratory staff of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Sydney, has been given charge of the laboratory of the Londonderry Iron & Mining Company. Mr. Fulton assumes his new duties on March 1st.

E. L. Fraleck, M.E., has accepted the position of superintendent of the Cobalt Lake Mining Company, Cobalt, Ont.

During the month of January, 1907, the continuous rod mill of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Sydney, N. S., rolled 7,966 gross tons of iron rods. This is the largest tonnage ever rolled in one month by a rod mill of the continuous type.

The equipment of mines in the Cobalt district is proceeding apace, and at nearly all the principal properties machinery is being installed. One manufacturing firm alone reports that since last spring orders for fifty-six complete plants have been received and filled.

It is questionable whether any mining district in the world can show an achievement equal to Cobalt in the matter of early establishment of mines on a satisfactory dividend-paying basis. To all intents and purposes the camp is barely three years old, yet at least half a dozen mines are now paying handsome profits. Thus: Buffalo is paying dividends at the rate of 12 per cent.; Foster, 36 per cent.; Nipissing, 20 per cent.; Silver Queen, 32 per cent., and recently McKinley-Darragh, 24 per cent. In addition, there are many profit-earning mines owned by individuals and close corporations whose returns are large.

In the House of Commons the other day Dr. Thompson, member for the Yukon, called attention to the possibility of another international difficulty over the Alaskan boundary. The boundary country between the Yukon and Alaska was attracting gold seekers, and should rich strikes be made the uncertainty of the boundary line might cause complications. Dr. Thompson also stated that the boundary between the Yukon and British Columbia was unsettled, and asked the Premier, for a statement on both points. The Premier replied that he had no information at present regarding the British Columbia boundary. The Alaskan boundary had been delimited ten years ago by Mr. Ogilvie, of the Canadian service. The United States had refused to accept this survey, and now a further delimitation was in progress. A curious feature was that so far as the work had gone, it had been found that the Ogilvie line, which the United States refused, was 350 feet too favorable to the American Government. "However," said Sir Wilfrid, "they acted within their rights in refusing it and now another delimitation is in progress."

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the British Columbia Copper Company, Mr. Colgate Hoyt was elected president, in succession to Mr. F. S. Underwood; Messrs. E. B. Lawrence and F. S. Sumner, vice-presi-

dents, and Mr. R. H. Eggleston, secretary-treasurer of the company. Messrs. E. Hawley, C. A. Starbuck and B. B. Lawrence were elected members of the Executive Committee.

Large additions to the plant of the Ottawa Car Company, Ottawa, Ont., are contemplated. The company is branching out into the construction of steam railway rolling stock.

The Dominion Mining & Smelting Company announce that they are about to start operating their copper smelter at Picton, N. S. They advertise for copper ore.

Early in February J. R. Blackett resigned his position as auditor of the Dominion Coal Company, Glace Bay, N. S. Mr. Blackett had been with the Coal Company since its inception.

## LEGISLATIVE VISIT TO SCHOOL OF MINING

A notable event has been the visit of the Ontario Legislature to Kingston on Wednesday, February 6th, School of Mining and Agriculture. Some fifty members on the invitation of the Board of Governors of the school, with Hon. Mr. Mathison, Provincial Treasurer; Hon. Mr. Cochrane, Minister of Lands and Mines; Hon. Mr. Monteith, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Dr. Wiloughby, Hon. Mr. Graham, leader of the Opposition, and Deputy Ministers Thos. W. Gibson and C. C. James, were carried to the old Limestone City by special train, arriving there at 2 p.m. They were received at the station by Hon. Wm. Harty, chairman of the Board; Principal Gordon of Queen's University; Dr. Goodwin, Director of the School of Mining, Mayor Mowat, and others. On the train piloting the visitor were Mr. D. M. McIntyre, vice-chairman of the Board, and Mr. G. Y. Chown, secretary-treasurer.

The visitors were taken in cabs to the Eastern Dairy School, which has done so much for the dairy industry of Eastern Ontario. Thence they were taken to the buildings of the School of Mining, where they were shown laboratories in operation in the various departments, including the mining laboratory, where were seen various products, including corundum, zinc ore—extracted by processes originated there. The long procession then passed through the buildings of Queen's University to Grant Hall, where luncheon was served. This fine audience chamber easily accommodated the 175 who sat down to table with Chancellor Fleming of Queen's University as chairman. At five o'clock the students marched in and filled the gallery. They took charge of the entertainment from that time on.

The toast list brought out speeches from Principal Gordon, the Ministers, and others, in the course of which it transpired that the members of the Legislature had a most friendly feeling towards Queen's University and the School of Mining. The governors of the latter are asking the Government for further aid to provide accommodation and instructors for the large numbers of students now coming in. The Ministers in their speeches referred to this and promised that the Government would give aid, but on the understanding that the friends of the School of Mining and of mining education should come to its help.

The excursionists returned to Toronto at 8 p.m., impressed with the valuable educational work being done in Kingston.