

Black claims to have advanced over \$3,000 in personal loans to Townsend and for various purposes, such as the purchase of equipment and the selling of stock. He sued for this and \$20,000 damages, or 150,000 shares in the Golden Rose Company. Judgment was given for Black with a reference to the Master-in-Ordinary to ascertain the amount due Black.

Cobalt.—The surveys for the 6,000 feet aerial tramway between the Nova Scotia mill and the Crown Reserve, at Cobalt, are now completed, and construction will commence at once. A contract will be let immediately for the installation of 20 additional stamps at the Nova Scotia mill to take care of the 100 tons per day from the Crown Reserve and the 200 tons per day which it is most probable will be trammed to it from another Kerr Lake mine, with which a contract is now being made. This will give the mill 40 stamps and raise the capacity to more than double its present crushing power.

Porcupine, June 1.—The Porcupine branch of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway will be extended on past the Dome as far as the Pearl Lake district and presumably as far west as the Mattagami. This follows directly in line with the action of the big interests in the Hollinger who have to a greater or less extent been instrumental in securing the decision to carry the road through past their mine.

#### ALBERTA.

Coleman, Alta., June 6.—Dr. Gordon and Colin Macleod, members of the conciliation board which was to re-convene here to-day to resume the inquiry being made into the dispute between the mine workers and operators in District No. 18, United Mine Workers of America, failed to reach town, and Secretary Carter, the other member of the board, who went to Indianapolis a week ago and who arrived on the west-bound flyer, after waiting until the arrival of the local train from the east, went to Fernie to-night. The executive board of the district held a meeting this afternoon, but nothing was given out as to what action was taken. Vice-President Hayes, of Indianapolis, wired Mr. Carter this afternoon that he was starting for Coleman to-day. M. F. Purcell and William Diamond, of the international board, are here, and Charles Garner will arrive to-morrow. None of the operators have yet arrived, but Manager Wilson and President Stockett are expected this evening.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Stewart, June 3.—One of the parties of the Dominion Government Survey Department, who, under Dr. King, the chief astronomer of Canada, are engaged in delineating the Alaskan boundary, arrived here on Sunday, May 21, by the G. T. P. Company's steamer Prince Albert and registered at the Empress Hotel. This party, which consists of the following, Mr. J. H. Mackie, in charge, Messrs. R. G. Evans, J. M. Bates, C. W. Hayward, F. M. Badham, W. Bond, H. McLelland, and B. Dodds, moved out into the field on Tuesday last, and are now encamped at Portland City, two miles from here. Their work will be to carry a series of triangles from the original base extension down to the mouth of the Inlet. Beacons will be established on all points both of the main and secondary triangulations, and a very accurate topographical survey will be made for two miles on either side of the canal. It is estimated that the field work of this portion of the international boundary will occupy three seasons.

The work of delineating the international boundary throughout its length is carried out by alternating parties of Canadian and United States surveyors, and each party is accompanied by a representative from the other nation. The American representative with Mr. Mackie's party has not yet arrived.

The work of the Geological Survey in the Portland Canal

district will be continued this year by the Dominion Government. Mr. Connell, who was here last year, is expected in a fortnight with a party of assistants.

#### UNITED STATES.

Miami, Ariz.—The Miami plant is running in fine fashion. Underground work is being carried forward at the rate of about 2,000 feet monthly. It is wholly confined to ore-bearing ground. Considerable ore is being taken from the stock piles on the surface, but the bulk of the ore comes from the development.

Cripple Creek, Colo., June 3.—From the El Paso mine on Beacon Hill, company and lessees sent out 131 cars in May, to which the company, mining in the levels just recovered since the recession of water, contributed 62 cars, or two cars a day.

The grade of the ore is about \$25 a ton. Several big stopes are being mined not only by the company, but by lessees. This is the banner production from this property to be made in a number of years, even before the El Paso was flooded. The greater portion was mined in the old levels which were declared worked out a number of years ago and which have still been producing regularly.

Boston, Mass.—The directors of the Calumet & Hecla have declared a quarterly dividend of \$6 per share. Three months ago \$6 was declared, a year ago \$7. With the payment of the dividend just declared the stockholders will have received \$115,450,000 in dividends since the formation of the company.

Fairbanks, Alaska, June 5.—A gold strike is reported to have been made at Indian Creek, a tributary of the Koyokuk River, 300 miles up stream. Pay earth has been struck in two places. Miners are stampeding from here. Gold has also been struck on Long Creek, on the north side of the Yukon, opposite Melosi. The earth yielded five to fifteen cents to the pan.

#### MEXICO.

Guadalajara, Mex., June 2.—Milling operations are well under way at the new reduction works of the El Favor Mining Company in the Hostotipaquillo district of Jalisco. The new 100-ton plant is running constantly and giving not the slightest trouble. At first the launders and tables required adjustment in order to produce the proper flow of the heavy "pulp," but that has been accomplished, and as soon as the two additional tube mills which are on the ground have been placed in commission, the stamp duty will be increased from four tons a stamp a day, the present load, to seven tons a stamp daily, and perhaps even higher ultimately. At present the product from the batteries is first being put through 20-mesh screens, but these will be displaced with 8-mesh screens, which will give a much coarser product for concentration over the Wilfley tables and Frue vanners. The overflow from the tables will be re-ground in the tube mills and again pass over the tables to the cyanide treatment department.

According to the week's tests, 34½ per cent of the assay value of the ore of the El Favor is being saved in the concentrates, and slightly better than 50 per cent. of the total assay value is being saved in the zinc boxes, making a total recovery of 84½ per cent. It is confidently expected that a much higher percentage of saving will be effected as the mill is trimmed up by steady operation.

The concentrates now are running six kilograms of silver to the ton and will furnish in returns at the present capacity of the mill a weekly saving of something better than \$6,000. The saving in the zinc boxes will amount to about \$10,000 weekly. The management of El Favor says it is too early yet to predict with safety the ultimate results, as the present tonnage is scarcely more than half what it is expected it will be within the next few weeks.