## Mineral Industry

Causes For the Apparent Lack of Progress Given by W. M. Brewer

Holding of Fewer Claims by Prospectors Suggested as a Remedy

W. M. Brewer, mining engineer and correspondent for the Engineering and revenue, and the question is as to who Mining Journal, of New York, in an in- ought to pay the heaviest taxation. I terview with a representative of the doubt if there is a representative of any Times made the following observations industry in this or any other province now sitting to investigate into the Ori relative to the situation of mining in but who will claim that his taxes are

mineral industry in British Columbia 's not in as prosperous a condition as in some other sections of the world, notwithstanding the fact that the output to the world at large and especially greater than for the year previous.

"It has been asserted by some that instead of making progress it appears that we are going backward. To my way of thinking there are two principal causes for this apparent lack of progress. First,

"In a free milling country, lack of transportation facilities is not of so great importance, because when the gold The remains of the late George Mcis melted into bullion, a stage coach is Rae were laid at rest yesterday after-all that is required to carry out \$1.000,- noon. The funeral took place from the 000 or more, but with base metal ores family residence, Cedar Hill road, and to custom smelting plants, or if the mine church. Services were conducted by is big enough to own its own smelter. Rev. Dr. Campbell. The members of then coke and fluxes as well as the ore the local branch of F. O. E., of which have to be transported to the smelter, the deceased was a member, attended and in any event the product has to be the funeral in a body. The following

transported out of the country. of the base metals on a large scale, but Clark, Ronald MacRae and F. MacRae.

rather than actual performance of assessment work. No one realizes better than myself the consideration due to the W. Williams, H. Fuller, J. Tolmie and prospector. He belongs to a class of C. Cameron. men who are absolutely essential to the community. He takes greater chances and risks while following his chosen calling than almost any other man. But while I realize what is due to the prospector, at the same time I also realize noon. The funeral is taking place from the family residence.

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The remains of the late Mrs. F. F. ceed with certain public road work.

Frank H. Eaton, superintendent of the provincial authorities' readiness to claims which he is compelled to work and develop than with a large number and the ability to evade doing the necessary assessment work. The trouble in British Columbia to-day is that there is too large an area of mineral bearing A private dispatch received here from to interest outside capital; but if one man | freight packets on the Coast. actually worth the amount claimed to Nome business. She was an iron ship, have been done by the prospector, it built in Rock & Co.'s yard, Wilmington, quire acreage when purchasing a property and there is some reason for this 335 nominal horse power. assumption, because a great many, es- How the vessel struck has been described cause the surface area of one well known twelve months ago. and developed claim was worth a reason able purchase price that consequently this one must increase the value in pro portion to the number of acres acquir ed. As a bulk of the English investors Clothe Age and Unsightliare absolutely ignorant as to mining as an industry and merely invest their money on the advice of some well known

broker, generally because the propositions

he has promoted have been money mak-

ers, they swallow the bait held out, and

and in the majority of cases almost impossible. My argument is that if men were only permitted to hold the number Protracted of claims that they could develop properly there would be a vast area thrown open to other men to exploit and every prospector would be able to develop his claims to such a stage as would warrant im in putting them on the market. Until either the prospectors and local investors themselves learn the wisdom of such a course from experience or else ere taught by legislation, this province will not progress as rapidly as her mineral resources really warrant.

"Some men, and mining men at that, lay all the blame on the government, but it must be remembered that the govern ment is so to speak, 'up against a hard proposition to-day.' Revenue must be raised to keep the country running. Somebody must be taxed to raise that his province:
"There has been a good deal of disthough a producing industry should be cussion lately due to the fact that the in the province to-day; and at any rate the taxation on the output must appear 25 per cent. Prospective investors as though the disposition was to discourage rather than foster the industry. For years we fought successfully against the imposition upon the output, which the farmers in the legislature of South Dakota invariably at every season endeavored to put on the product of the mines in the Black the product of the mines in the Black bia with South Africa, Australia or many camps in the United States, because the chief output from those is were expended, and a good deal wasted from free milling auriferous quartz or at every session, because of the necessity from free milling audiferous quartz or at any rate partially free milling. As a matter of fact in British Columbia there are to-day only four or five mines of this character being worked, and all of this character being worked, and all of this character being worked, and all of them would be termed small mines in cessful, and to this fact almost as much the corporation. as any other is due the present prosper-Eighty stamps is, I think, the largest ity and progress of that comparatively mill in the province—the balance are all small camp, in area covering about as mill in the province—the balance are all many square miles as the Smilkameen of only 10 stamps capacity. When we mining division, but the output of which permanent fire department staff. The come to compare such plants with the mining division, but the output of which 540 stamps dropping on the Alaska Treadwell ore, about 800 on Homestake I know many people object to comparible. We, the undersigned p ere, to say nothing of the big mills in sons being drawn between this province

FOUR FUNERALS.

acted as pall-bearers Messrs. Robt. 'As British Columbia is a producer Porter, N. Sabin, George Buss, Watson

only of the precious metals on a comparatively small scale, it can readily be son took place yesterday afternoon. competing Family services suitable to the occasion railway transportation is to the province. were conducted at the residence of her did others of the board, with the word warmen and brother, D. Stevens, No. 16 Labouchered ing of the petition, and seconded the moof progress is owing to a defect in the street, at 2 p. m. Services were also Mineral act with regard to the number conducted at Christ Church Cathedof claims one man may hold, and indirectly giving authority for restaking lands officiated, assisted by the Rev. J.

progress and prosperity of a mining the other day, is being buried this after-community. He takes greater chances noon. The funeral is taking place from

that he is much better off with a few St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, at 2 p. m. a by-law, to raise funds for the erection

Report That Willamette Has Gone to Pieces on Village Point.

ground held by prospectors and others Union to-day says that the collier Willain such a poor state of development that none of the claims really possess any value because there are not sufficient indications shown to warrant an attempt and at the same time one of the best

could only hold one or two claims and She has been in the coal trade, off and on, was compelled to do assessment work for many years, and for a time was in the would not be long before he would have Delaware, in 1881. She was a double deck such a claim sufficiently developed to steamer of 2,562 tons gross, and 1,695 tons warrant the outside capitalist taking net, and of the following dimensions: hold of it. There seems to be an impres- Length, 315.6 feet; beam, 39.2 feet, and sion abroad generally in this province depth of hold, 21.8 feet. Her poop was 150 that the mining investor desires to ac-

pecially English promoters, make the claims in their prospectuses that the collier which the Pacific Coast Steamship acreage is large for the purpose of sug-gesting to would-be investors that be-Miami having been wrecked just about greatly dis

## a large number of undeveloped and un proven claims lying in the vicinity of this one must increase the value in pro-

ness With Life and Beauty

find out when it is too late that probably Do you ever try to dye over your faded every acre of ground outside of the one and unsightly garments. Tens of thouseloped claim is absolutely worthless, ands in Canada do this work successful-Instances have come under my personal ly and well. To those who have not observation, during a residence of over three years in the province, where the three years in the province, where the law for assessment work has been so violated as the following, when two prospectors have recorded \$400 worth of work and were only absent from the town they started from, situated 30 miles from their prospects, four days in all. Of course this is a very exceptional case, but take the average prospector throughout British Columbia, and for that matter the average local investor in mining propositions, and we find them to be claim poor. To perform work worth

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\$100 a year on each of their claims is in

C. Brynell and bride are at the Dominion

They are on their wedding tour. many cases an absolute impossibility, hotel. They are on their wedding tour.

The Council Exceeded Usual Time Limit at Last Night's Regular Weekly Meeting.

Petition For Full Paid Fire Department Created an Animated Discussion.

There were a few subjects before the city council last night which evoked some warm discussion. The city solicitbut who will claim that his taxes are too high. Personally it looks to me as chant Tailors and Journeymen Tailors' Association, which urged that the city at once secure a lawyer to see that its

> was a difference of opinion as to whether the city should retain a lawyer for such a purpose. Ald, Cameron and Ald, Beckwith thought that the city should be represented, the latter going the council was of opinion that the

Mr. Bradburn explained that he was not acting in conflict with his duties, his agreement with the city being such as

After a full half-hour's discussion the After a full half-hold states and filed.

Another topic, prolific of much debate, was a petition from two hundred citi-

We, the undersigned property owners, ratepayers, licensed holders or taxpayers, of South Africa and Australia, it is quite and sections of the United States, but the city of Victoria, realize that the time evident that so far as this class of min when we come to consider that it is has now arrived when it is expedient that ing is concerned, British Columbia is in experience and the ability to draw com- a permanent fire brigade should form part parisons from actual observation which of our municipal government; and in view "These statements lead up to one of gives value to the opinions of the states- of the good results of fire prevention and the main causes of the apparent lack of progress, which is that in any base metal country there must be adequate transportation facilities provided in order to better and more effectual safety to life and property would ensue;

Therefore, we, your petitioners, respect fully suggest that the recommendation nov before you, that the brigade he put on a permanent footing, be as soon as possibl arried out, and we will in the future render every assistance to those aldermen it is necessary to transport either the ore later from the First Presbyterian who by their action in the council bring about this desirable and necessary change.

Ald. Beekwith took objection to the wording of the petition. He considered that there was an inference of intimida tion in it, and accordingly moved that it be returned with the request that the clause "and we will in the future render every assistance to those who by their action in the council bring about this desirable and necessary change," be struck

out.
Ald. Yates also found complaint, as did others of the board, with the wordtion, but Ald. Stewart wanted to see the request of the petitioners carried out. It was finally agreed, however, to lay the petition on the table to be taken up with the estimates.

In the course of routine, a letter was read from Hon. W. C. Wells, chief com-missioner of lands and works, advising the council that a survey of the proposed ad to Cadboro Bay was now being F. C. Gamble, of the public works de

of a new High school.

Ald. Beckwith thought the request should be granted. He wished to correct an erroneous impression held in effect that the council opposed the erection of a new High school. He moved that the communication be received and filed and the city solicitor instructed to prepage a bylow in accordance with the pare a by-law in accordance with the

Ald. Yates seconded the motion, but Ald. Brydon did not wish action to be taken at once. The motion was car-

H. Dallas Helmcken, M.P.P., drew attention to the fact that the District Pow-er & Telephone Company's bill was now before parliament, pointing out one of the clauses for the council's consideration, giving certain rights which the board might object to. According to the measure a telephone company might be empowered to instal itself in this city without the council's consent in the mat-

legislation and referred to the disadvanlegislation and referred to the disadvantages of a second telephone system, for one reason that a double service meant two telephones, thereby entailing an increased expenditure, and for another that additional poles and wires would greatly disfigure the general appearance of the streets.

Ald: Cameron thought a resolution should be passed in open council to protest against the legislature giving a fran-

should be passed in open council to protest against the legislature giving a franchise to any new company which could infringe on the preserves of the city. He thought it a high-handed proceeding on the part of the legislature, and suggested that the council take steps to have the clause in the bill affecting the matter struck out.

Ald. Williams was of opinion that any thing meaning the expenditure of \$1,000,000 or more in the city should be carefully considered.

It was finally resolved that the committee on legislation be instructed on behalf of the city to oppose the principle incorporated in the District Power & Telephone Company bill, now before the House, of giving concessions and privileges in the city of Victoria without the consent of the council. The thanks of the board to Mr. Helmcken for drawing attention to the same were thereupon

ing attention to the same were thereupo C. A. Holland again requested that the opening up of Ontario street be pro-ceeded with. Referred back to the com-

mittee.

H. Stagthagen sent in a complaint about the Farly Closing by-law, which communication was received and filed.

Thomas Earle & Co. wrote, asking on behalf of the owners for some \$97 reimbursement for damages sustained through the bursting of a water pipe at their coffee mills. Referred to the city solicitor and city engineer for report solicitor and city engineer for report.

A. Maxwell Muir requested the

moval of three large trees in front of a proposed residence which will face the park. Referred to the ctiy engineer, vith power to act.

Mr. Hutchison, city electrician, recommended the appointment of J. A. Lorimer as lamp trimmer. Approved.

A letter was next read from the Nanaimo council enclosing a number of amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act and the Municipal Elections Act for the board's consideration and cooperation in effecting the desired legislation. Lee & Fraser and other real estate

aken up, this course being the one pur ned on the mayor deciding an equal Accounts to \$2,200.68 were then pass-

ed, and after the reading of a report om the home committee reco from the nome committee recommendation ing that John Bings be admitted to the Old Men's Home, which recommendation was approved, the council adjourned at 11.10 o'clock, the session having been extended to that time by unanimous

J. B. BENNETT,

Secretary Relief Committee.

the estimates is to be held on Wed nesday evening.

THE DATE CHANGED.

Natural History Conversazione on the 27th-Historical Section Organized.

A meeting of the Natural History Soiety was held last night, when the arrangements were completed for the forthcoming conversazione. Owing to interview the government on the Nanaimthe date selected conflicting with Madame Modjeska's visit it was decided to change it to Wednesday, the 27th instant.

A meeting of the historical section was heid, when it was decided that the following constitute the objects of the so-

The fixing of historical landmarks, and the erection of monuments to permanently indicate them throughout the pro-The care of old cemeteries and old

The collection and preservation of original maps, prints, manuscripts, photographs, drawings, paintings, autographs, coins, tokens, stamps, scals, crests, books, peculiarly relating to the province or to the west.

The collection and preservation of stories of pioneers gained by interview st.ll alive or otherwise. gether with all journals, diaries, files old newspapers and whatsoever else i available respecting them.

The collection and preservation of everything relating to the Indians, past and present, language, legends, habits, customs, implements, and prehistoric relics, as well as the demarcation of old battle and burying grounds, and feasting

The study of the origin and meaning all place names. The transcription of church records. The collection, preservation and classification of local records of institutions, such as fire companies, fraternal and benevolent societies and the like.

Preserving records of early voyages, explorations, settlements, trail and railway building, pioneer steamboating, hroughout the province, having sim

bjects in view. Historical exhibitions Geneological data and any other matter of historical interest

It was moved by W. F. Robertson, seconded by Canon Beanlands, that the Society co-operate with the Geographic Board of Canada in fixing the spelling of names of places in British Columbia in accordance with the plan adopted by the board for that purpose, and that in that connection the following recommenda-

That a standard of pronunciation be indicated as well as of spelling;
That the information afforded respecting names should include as complete an historical record of each as possible to obtain, including origin and meaning;
That for this purpose a circular letter, in which the information sought may be presented in tabular form, which when filled out would become a document of original reference and a record of great

original reference and a record of great value, should be prepared and circulated among members of the society and other persons likely to afford the desired inormation; That the society should from time to

time make recommendations to the Geographic board as to certain names that should be perpetuated. The resolution was unanimously adopt-

Mrs. J. S. Gibson, of Chemainus, left or a visit to Seattle last evening by the steamer Rosalie.

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E. C. Harris once more complained of a bad drain in front of his residence. Referred to the city engineer for report.

J. L. Raymur recommended that the petition from J. Tait and others for a water connection be acceded to if there is sufficient pipe for the work remaining over from the Fourth street undertaking. The cost, he estimated, to be \$250. Approved. can believe the statements of Rev. Mr. was necessary for their people, and the balance would go to the white fund. The

culty of arriving at a just proportion be tween our own people and the Asiatics was dealers sent in a petition objecting to the levying of a special tax on them, which was received and laid on the table to be considered when the estimates are relief work in their own way. Lastly, the majority of people, rightly or wrongly do majority of people, rightly or wrongly, do ese, and many stated that they would not Japanese. To overcome these difficulties the committee decided to make it a white

Secretary Relief Committee Cumberland, B. C., March 16th, 1901.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Nanaimo, March 20.-This morning at the esbyterian manse Rev. W. B. Cumming united in marriage Jos. Carrall and Miss Isabel Fulton, daughter of the late Robert Fulton. The happy couple left by the morning train for Victoria, en route for San Francisco, where the honeymoon will be

A deputation of the city council and board of trade left for Victoria to-day to a Alberni railway subsidy.

A Russian Finn, named Herhlah, was badly injured in Extension mine by a fall of rock. His leg was broken and his thigh fractured. He also sustained internal in

KILLED BY AN AVALANCHE.

London, March 19.-A special dispatch from Rome says eight soldiers and customs officers have been killed by an avalanche near Lake Como.

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Tien Tsin Situation

Arrangements For Simultan Withdrawal of Troops From Disputed Territory.

The Affair Will Not Disturb F tions Between Britain and Russia.

London, March 21.-In the Hou Lords to-day Lord Lansdowne, di issian boundary pillar occurre government instructed the ster at Pekin, Sir Ernest hat Great Britain was ready ne facts to Field Marshal von V e, on the understanding that if was found to have commit egularity it should apologize

ction of the siding should be ed under whatever conditio marshal thought fit to impo ord Lansdowne) was glad to d heard this morning from the E bassador at St. Petersburg that issian foreign minister, Count the the two grands and that they e to reserve all questions of titrictary rights for the two grands, and that in the meanwhile orthwith sent for the withdra troops on both sides from the d plots. Great Britain had e red, and thought be carried out to Field M Waldersee's satisfaction.
ord Lansdowne added that
sdorff had expressed a very mo se for friction between the tree ments, and since the receipt of asdorff's proposal the government of the military authorities to the simultaneous withdray

ops to the satisfaction of Fi all von Waldersee, so that the no room for a new misunder regard to matter of detail. expressed the hope that the negotiations showed the only a very small matter of ary, in the House of Commons sured Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartle be government considered the

orthern Russia and China. Withdraw To-day. kin, March 22 (2 a.m.)—Cou dersee, Gen. Barrow and Gen Wogack has agreed to Russian troops from the bund at Tien Tsin, provided t also withdraw. He insis

a guarantee that work on t siding should not proceed u er had been diplomatically a: proposal and stipulation w-tory to Gen. Barrow and w insequently the British and is will be withdrawn at 5 (Friday) morning, thereby ble at present. rders have been issued, however, british officer shall "sleep of to go to dinner without fur address to the adjutant. The baddress to the adjutant. The swill return to the ships. Admiral Seymour objects to any stralian naval brigade who volton for service on the railway reme military authorities say he de derstand the situation; that his ence is uncalled for, and the stralian marines are just the ded.

Russians have ordered a re oceed from Port Arthur he arrangements made by Gen , the French commander, are i

as completely satisfactory, a ger of collision between the the French is considered obvia Fighting Robbers. March 21.-The officer the German troops in the war office here that complaints of the inhabita robbers has been dispers reiss with a squadron of cl age 48 kilometers from Pacitics were liven of the robbers were wounded, and the others were soned and handed over to the Clart for trial. Hajor von Muhlman started for grant with three companies of try, a squadron of cavalry a in of mountain artillery for a the eastward of Tao Makuan. Seeding against a large band of S.

ndon, March 22.-A pessimist aken by the foreign office of the liate future in the Far East, in the settlement of the Tien Tsin t, and entertains grave fears itions between Japan and y shortly reach the danger p udging from information obt ious official quarters in our has confided to at least owers her determination t costs any secret agreement en Russia and China, by ormer could secure territo advantages contiguous to ritish government has rece confirmation that the J mobilizing, but it would sed to learn that such w

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highly placed British official sentative of the Associated
"All Japan wants is d against Russia. This she h far as Britain and Germany a ned, and I presume so far ited States government is con-longh I do not imagine for ou hat any of the powers me be drawn into a war b