#### **Big Fight Imminent**

Boers Prepare for Pitched Battle With Outnumbering Host of Their Pursuers.

Roberts' Advance Awaits the Issue Methuen's Outposts Repel Attack.

Huge Cost of the War to Date-Splon Kop D.spaches Promised.

London, May 2.—Fighting heavier American oil. than any since Ladysmith seems to be imminent near, Thaba N'chu. The despatches of Lord Roberts dated Monday and Tuesday show that the Boer rear guard stubbornly resist his advance, forcing the British on Saturday and Sunday to act chiefly on the defensive Gen. French, who is directing the opera tions, has at least 15,000 men. Some estimates give him 30,000. The Boers are estimated to number at least 6,000 and possibly 10,000. According to a de-

and possibly 10,000. According to a despatch from Pretoria, dated April 28, they were expecting to give battle, and have numerous artillery.

So long as the Boers engage the attention of half of Lord Roberts' force at Thaba N'chu, his advance towards Pretoria will be delayed. No one here, however, considers that Gen. Botha will be able to stand longer than a few days. The feeling is that he must be beaten off by the masses of Lord Roberts.

The Boers attacked the British outposts at Boshof, the headquarters of Lord Methuen, on April 28, but without result.

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The British guns at Warrenton shelled the Boers out of their half-constructed trenches Sunday.

A native runner got through from Mafeking to Ootsi, 61 miles north, on April 22, with despatches for nearly all the London dailies. That to the Morning Post says: "We can stick it out for two months or more. Nobody minds." Col. Plumer, who appears to have been reinforced lately by more Rhodesians, seems to be advancing again.

A British reconnoitering party fell into the hands of the Boers near Windsorton.

A STITEM PORTUGA NA DA

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Lord Lansdowne, replying in the House of Lords yesterday to a question regarding warm clothing for the troops, read this despatch from Lord Roberts: "There is no necessity to appeal for warm clothing. Some corps have received more than they require, and all will be amply provided for as soon as the numerous cases of clothing and comforts of various descriptions can be brought here from the base."

Referring to a despatch from Lorenzo Marques, there are 1,000 British residents yet remaining in the Transvaal, but they are to be expelled immediately.

In the House of Commons, the parliamentary secretary of the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, announced that under the exceptional circumstances of the case, he proposed to lay on the table of the house the telegraphic correspondence between the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and the commander of the British troops in South Africa, Lord Roberts, with reference to the publication of the Spion Kop despatches.

Replying to a question on the subject, the financial secretary to the treasury said the cost of the war up to March 31 was \$116,250,000.

NEWMARKET BACES.

American Jockeys and Horses Well Placed in First Day's Events.

Sharing in Destruction of Timber.

Iron Mountain, May 1.—A steamer sent from her reached Niagara in time to save that place from destruction by the forest fires which are raging. In Breen and Felch townships, this county, the woods are all ablaze and an immense amount of valuable timber is being destroyed. The fires are also doing much damage between here and Wausaukee and North Ontonagon.

Four Men Known to Have Perished and Other Lives May Have Been

Roanoke, Va., May 1.-A considerable portion of the Toms Creek coal mines in Wise county has been after since last Saturday. Four men are known to have been caught in the mine and suffocated. The fire is reported under control. The amount of damage and the number of fives lost cannot be ascertained at ore-

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. Snub by the Imperial Governmental Tardy Presentation of Bluebooks

-Col. Otter's Report. From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 1.—The correspondence respecting commissions in the British arrived in London, May 1.—The Prince of Wales arrived in London to-day from Copenhagovernment sought to procure the nomination of the officers, but the Imperial government positively refused to take the matter out of the hands of Lord Minto, who has asked Lord Roberts to make selections from the first contingent.

London, May 1.—The Prince of Wales arrived in London to-day from Copenhagon and met with an enthusiastic demonstration at the railway station, and while passing through House.

CAPE IRISH LOYALISTS.

Morrow.

A report was received from Colonel Otter to-day detailing the recent operations of the first contingent.

Under opposition pressure a number of binebooks were presented to-day.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. Fifth Regiment Band Efforts Apprec ated-Sympathetic Messages-Coal Oil Freights.

Ottawa, April 30.-A message from Col. Gregory announcing the success of the Fifth Regiment's sacred concert is greatly appreciated here.

The Hull corporation have decided to grant the Eddy Company exemption from taxation for ten years if they rebuild there

taxation for ten years it they redund there.

The experience of the St. John fire relief work has been placed at the disposal of the committee here.

Sympathetic messages were received today from Premier Seddon, New Zealand, the French government, Lord Aberdeen, Baroness Macdonald, and Premier Joseph Martin; the Toronto Board of Trade has raised four thousand dollars. Pte. Defoe of the Royal Canadian Artillery was killed in battle on the 25th. Col. Otter and Pte. Burns of Ottawa were slightly wounded.

The government have given decision in favor of the Independent Oil Company, compelling the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific to restore the low rate on American oil.

#### Horror in a

Eighty-Five Dead Bodies Recovered and Many Yet to Be Found.

Terrific Explosion Maims Scores

MISHAPS IN CANADA.

Old Farmer Killed by Street Car-Italian Victims of Dynamite-

Placed in First Day's Events.

London, May 1.—The opening to-day of the Newmarket first spring meeting attracted large crowds, those present including the Prince of Wales.

The American jockeys were remarkably successful, winning first in three out of the seven races. J. Reiff, Rigby and J. H. Martin each won a race, while "Tod" Sloan and L. Reiff were placed five times.

Richard Croker's Manhattan Boy, ridden by L. Reiff, was third in a maiden two-year-old race, and Mr. W. Duke's Stamina, with Rigby in the saddle, won the 2,000 guineas trial plate of 200 sovereigns.

MICHIGAN FOREST FIRES.

Large Tracts Ablaze and Settlements Sharing in Destruction of Timber.

May 1.—The parliamentary grant of \$100,000 for the relief of the fire sufferers was introduced to-day and adopted unanimonsly. Mr. Foster and others urged that steps should be taken to prevent the strong red covering of the adjacent sections. The museums and private collectors of the United States who have been appealed to have almost all loaned was to vote \$2,000 to the Hull-Ottawa fire

Artillerymen Who Worked Guns Single Handed When All Their Comrades

Had Been Shot.

Bloemfontein, April 30.—A general order has been published awarding the Victoria Cross to an officer, a non-commissioned officer and a gunner of "A" Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery for gallantry displayed during the recent fighting at Sanna's Post.

London, May 1.—The names of the recipients of the Victoria Cross, under the order cabled from Bloemfontein, are supposed to be Major Hornby, Sergt. Parker and Gunner Lodge.

A letter from Sergt. Parker describing the Sanna's Post disaster, is published to-day. He says: "In galloping from the spruit my gun was overturned and every horse was shot. I got up with No. 4 gun and we remained three hours under the most terrible fire. In five minutes I had lost two complete detachments, and only Gunner Lodge and myself were left to work two guns, he at one and I at the other. We remained at the two suns, loading, laying and firing both ourselves, and brought both guns out of action by ourselves. We have been recommended for the Victoria Cross."

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Capetown, May 1.—At a big meeting held here to-night an Irish Association was formed. Those present cheered all references to the Quren and the Deputy Mayor declared that the voice of Irishmen in South Africa was "far Queen and Country."

#### Mafeking's **Evil Plight**

Boer Investment Closer Than **Ever But Assaults Stoutly** Resisted.

> lance Oxen Now Being Eaten and Trees Cut for Fuel.

Swarm of Locusts Welcomed as Variation of the Siege Rations.

London, May 2.-Lady Sarah Wilson, elegraphing from Mafeking April 29,

runners have entered or issued forth for "There was a terrific bombardment on April 11, but with the exception of destroying some destroying some houses it was harmle

The Boers then made a determined at was successfully repulsed. "The Boers have formed a new

"The garrison is now eating the ambulance oxen, reserving the mules until the last. The daily ration now is six ounces of gritty oat bread, a pound of bully beef and a quart of skilly."

Satl Lake, Utah, May 1.—A terrific explosion occurred to-day in the winter quarters of the Pleasant Valley Camp's coal mine at Schofield, or the Rio Grande & Western near Colton. The town."

CANADIANS IN AFRICA Col. Herchmer Takes Staff Appointmen -Hardships of March Telling on

tingent wires: Col. Herchmer has taken

St. John, May 1.—The common council met to-day for the first time. Its first act was to vote \$2,000 to the Hull-Ottawa fire

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Woodstock, May 1.—The council to-night voted \$250 for fire relief.
Brockville, May 1.—Brockville citizens sent \$600 subscriptions to-day to Ottawa.
Listowel, May 1.—The citizens sent \$500 worth of goods to Ottawa to-day.
Cornwall, May 1.—The council voted \$200 to Ottawa last night.
Chatham, May 1.—The council has voted \$100 for Ottawa fire relief.
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Port Hope, May 1.—The council to-night voted \$100 for the Ottawa fire relief fund.

Oswego, N.Y., May 1.—The Journal-Palla-dium to-day forwarded a draft for \$833 for the Ottawa fire sufferers, proceeds of a sub-

London, May 1.—The Lord Mayor's Otta-wa relief fund has now reached £12,000, of which £10,000 has been remitted. FIVE MILLIONS FOR QUEBEC

to Span the St. Lawrence River. Montreal, May 1.—The Phoenix Iron Company, of Philadelphia, has secured the contract to build the largest cantilever bridge in the world, over the St. Lawrence river at Quebec. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,-000.

FABULOUS MILLIONS.

London, May 1.—Francis E. Brooks, a machinist living in a small cottage here, has fallen heir to \$9,000,000 in California, through the death of an uncle. The estate includes the California Central

JURY ON MORMONISM.

Salt Lake, May 1.—The jury in the case of B. H. Roberts on trial for unlawful cohabitation, disagreed and were

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ever imorted to the province

Write for samples and prices. Give us an idea of whthkindof a room you wish to use it on and leav res ofi

HONORS FROM McGILL.

Conferred Upon Two Prominent Ameri

cans—Friendship of the Two Peoples.

provide differences it was their duty to see that these did not lead into hostili-ties.

**Empire League Have a Banquet** 

In Recognition of African

Service.

The Prince of Wales, responding to the toast to himself, the Princess and the other members of the royal family made the following brief reference to the Brussels incident: "I will say no

The Colonials

Honor for

WEILER BROS, . Victoria, B. C. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. . .

Suspense

laager on the south. Many horses are dying of horse sickness. Trees are being cut down for fuel.

"The garrison is now eating the ambulance oven recommendation of the south. Many horses are being the south of the south. Thought to indicate Big Move impending.

Boers Still Protecting Retreat While Showing Activity in New Quarter.

Roberts Credited With Refusing Buller's Resignation Horse Sickness.

London, May 1.-3.50 a.m.-The Boer are now showing uncommon activity west Toronto, May 1.—The Globe corres- of Bloemfontein. They are in force be pondent with the second mounted con- tween Fourteen Streams and Kimberley On Sunday they occupied Windsorton staff appointment at Capetown and west of the railway and now threaten t Major Howe is now commanding the interrupt communications of the British Canadlan Rifles.

Private Bradley, of Ottawa, died from

Fort of Bloemfontein the Boers on Sun-

East of Bloemfontein the Boers on Sur pneumonia as a result of being thrown into the water by the horse which he was riding.

East of Bloemfontein the Boers on Bloemfontein the Bloemfonte near Thaba N'Chu, while behind them Prince of Wales in Address Re-

gaol at Pietermaritzburg with natives.

The morning papers give special prominence to the statement of a news agency that Sir Redvers Buller sent his resignation to Lord Roberts after the Spignation to Lord Roberts after the Spignation to accept it.

The way greatly today consist chiefly Lord Roberts declined to accept it.

The war specials to-day consist chiefly of detached scraps of speculation, the favorite introduction of the military commentators and editorial writers being that, as only scant news has been wired, something big is probably about to happen. pen.

The Daily Chronicle expert says if a solid victory is to be attained the British must have a different leadership from what has been displayed in the Dewets-

CANAL WRECKERS' TRIAL. Four Men Arraigned at Welland-Su picion of Further Plotting.

Welland, April 30.—The trial of Walsh, Nolan and Dullman, charged with dynamiting lock 24 of Welland canal, opened here to-day before Police Magistrate Logan. A large number of spectators were present.

Toronto, April 30.—It is stated around the parliament buildings this morning that orders have been issued to seven battalions in Western Ontario to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to St. Clair river for frontier duty. The dynamite mystery deepens. It is said important developments will follow.

FATALITIES IN MANITOBA.

Youth Found Dead on His Father's Doorstep-A Half-Breed Drowned. nipeg, April 30.-Mr. Cecil Flexon

he 17-year-old son of Mr. Thos. Flexon druggist, was found dead on his father's druggist, was found uean on a state discovered by a next-door neighbor. An inquest will be held.

John Daniels, a half-breed, aged 35, was found drowned at Rat Portage today. It is supposed that he fell into the water while in a fit.

CROPS CHECKED.

London, April 30.—The Mark Lane Express to-day, in its weekly review of the crop situation, says: "The unseasonable return of winter last week destroys the last chance of the wheat and spring sown corn in England and France being reaped at the average date, while it materially diminishes the prospect of the crops attaining the average yield."

If sick headahce is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

eas of not guilty.

UGANDA RAILWAY.

# Fenians

Tactics or

Sensation Seekers in Ontario Exercised Over Order for Tactical Drill.

Take Seriously the Fictitiou Plot Outlined for the Officers' Instruction.

Five Battalions of Western District to Manoeuvre on International Border.

Toronto, April 30 .- Fresh rumors of ontemplated Fenian invasion have been demand for an increase. started by the issue of orders by Lieut. Col. Holmes, D.O.C., at London for the mobilization of five battalions of infan- Boers Trapped try in Western Ontario at some point on the international frontier. The regiments in question are the 21st Essex, 27th Lambton, 7th London Fusiliers, 26th Middlesex and the 25th Battalio Montreal, April 30.-At the annual con- The military authorities, however, scoat vention of McGill University to-day, the the idea of any fear of Fenian invasion degree of LL.D. was conferred upon and claim that the force is beging called Captain A. T. Mahan, U.S. Navy, and out for tactical exercise. In pursuance

Captain A. T. Mahan, U.S. Navy, and Professor George F. Parker, professor of physics in the University of Pennsylvania. The latter in acknowledgment of the honor conferred upon Captain Mahan spoke briefly, saying that if he did not believe the British in the right in the present war, he would never have raised his voice and used his pen in their behalf. He alluded to the predominance of the English tongue and said that while the commercial rivalry of the United States and Great Britain would always provide differences it was their duty to portion of the railway system connecting Sarnia and London, or the Windsor, Chatham & London railway. You will hold the following force at your disposal,

Customs Taxes to Be Raised if the

old Farmer Killed by Street Carlitalian Victimis of Dynamids—
Little Boy Drowned.

Winnipegr, May 1.—An aged farmer
and almost instantly kinded
attreet car, a Prince of Wales in Address Refers Feelingly to Recent

Menace.

Customs Taxes to Be Raised if the Powers Permit—Electricity Under a Ban.

Constantinople, April 30.—The circular issued by the Porte relative to increasing the customs duties, says the raising of the duties to eleven per cent. is more in the nature of a project than of a decision, and invokes the embassies to acquiesce. Africa and of the Australian Federates The circular maintains that a provisional transport of the rear of the Powers Permit—Electricity Under a Ban.

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London, May 2.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard says: "The note of the Porte on the customs duties, is declared by the embassies to be completely satisfactory. Negotiations for the adoption of a specific tariff next year." the Brussels incident: "I will say no more than this: all of us are in the hands of God, and whether we lose our life through sickness, accident or the hands of the assassin, we must bow to His inscrutable will. I am glad to have this opportunity not only of thanking you of England, but of thanking others from far distant parts, not only of the Empire, but of the civilized world." adoption of a specific tariff next year expected to begin soon. Thus the te closes what threatened to be a disagreeable question.'

ALASKAN CIVIL CODE.

Alien Location Amendment Withdrawn and Measure Passes the Senate. MONTREAL RIFLES FIGHTING Washington, May 1.—After having een under consideration more than two nonths the Alaskan civil code bill was by the senate to day. The Splendid Day's Work Reported from Africa with No Causalties. passed by the senate to day. The amendment relating to the alien location of mining claims has delayed the passage of the measure for several weeks. Mr Carter therefore to-day withdrew the amendment and all other points in discontinuous days are the bill the control of the co South Africa of the Montreal Herald ables under date of April 28 that B. Squadron Mounted Rifles under Major amendment and all other points in dis-pute, and a few minutes later the bill was passed. It provides a full civil code of procedure for the district of Alaska. Squarron another these with a state of the williams was engaged at Leeuw Kop on Sunday. They retired after having fought splendidly. Capt. Straubenzie's Horse was shot down under him, and four others had similar escapes.

CHINESE IN PHILIPPINES.

CHICAGO TO LIVERPOOL. rect Steamers Proposed For This Check on Surprising Number Certified by Route and Also For Montreal Criminal Procedure.

Criminal Procedure.

Chicago, April 30—Steamers from Chicago to Liverpool are likely to be run before the close of navigation. The boats will carry 75,000 bushels of grain on a 14-foot draught. The present rate is 13½ cents a bushel. It is proposed to fit out steamers to carry dressed beef. There is said to be a profit of \$15,000 in making the trip from Chicago to Liverpool in twenty days. It is also proposed to run a line of steamers between Chicago and Montreal, where cargoes can be unloaded and the long trip across the Atlantic saved to the lake ships. The through service has been under discussion several years, and it is nearer a consummation than heretofore has been the case.

For Shooting Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., April 30.—When the circuit court opened at 2 p. m. to-day, Caleb Powers, John Davis, Harlan Whittaker, W. H. Culton and Tallow Dick Coobs were arraigned on motion of the commonwealth, charged with complicity in the Goebel murder. All entered pleas of not guilty.

Criminal Procedure.

Manila, May 1.—Major-General Otis has issued an order which will have the effect of stopping evasions of the Chinese immigration laws. Instead of the certificates of former residence issued by American consuls at Chinese ports, Chinamen hesiriga to enter the country must produce certificates proving former residence with great consuls at Chinese ports, Chinamen have been arriving under consular certificates.

Another order, making changes in the Spanish criminal procedure has been issued, giving an accused person the right of habeas corups, of being confronted with witnessess against himself; establishing the American system of bail and abolishing the project of crimes and misdementally the civil courts for crimes and misdementally the civil courts for crimes and misdementally the courts for crimes and misdementally the civil courts for

EXPULSION OF BRITISH.

Pretoria, April 30.-As a sequence London, April 30.—The House of Conmon to-day adopted by 185 votes to 40, a vote of £193,000 for the completion of the Uganda railway. Upwards of £3,000,000 has already been expended on this line.

Fretoris, April 30.—As a sequence to the Johannesburg and the government has ordered British subjects with a few exceptions to leave the republic the Uganda railway. Upwards of £3,000,000 has already been expended on mand at Johannesburg and has gone on command.

THE BOER MISSION. Delegates Tell Dutch Banquetters That All Fighting Men Are Yet in the

Field.

Amsterdam, May 1.—At abanquet given this evening to the members of the Boer Peace Commission the president of the Transvaal committee proposed the toast "Success to the mission."

Mr. Fischer, of the delegation, who replied, expressed the thanks of the envoys for the sympathy that had been shown them by the people of common origin with themselves.

Mr. Deerdyn, secretary of the mission, replying to the toast to the health of Presidents Kruger and Steyn, said that although some of the Boers might have returned to their homes for a brief visit, no commandoes of the Transvaal or Free State had permanently returned. He de-

State had permanently returned. He de-clared also that the rumors of the sub-mission of the Free Staters was absolute-ly without foundation.

PLUMBERS ON STRIKE.

Halifax, May 1.-The journeymen plumbers went out on strike to-day for \$2.25 a day. They have been getting \$2, and the master plumbers refused a

#### But Escaped. **Enemy Came Boldly Out to Offer**

Battle When British Expected Capture.

Turned the Tables on Their

**Pursuers Who Found Safety** in Retirement. London, May 1. - Mr. Winston Churchill, telegraphing to the Morning

Post, from Thaba N'chu, April 28, and describing the operations there says: "Yesterday upon withdrawal of the making whatever arrangements may seem best to thwart such an intention."

Then follow the details already given as to the regiments to be called out.

British demonstrations on both flanks of the enemy, the Boers pressed to close quarters and Kitchener's Horse were un-

London, April 30.—Col. Hughes, D.O.
C., says in regard to the report that several regiments are to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to St. Clair flats, that the orders are simply for the purpose of drilling. Col, Holmes is not in receipt of any orders from Ottawa regarding the matter, but the order has been given by him for the object named.

TROUBLES OF THE TURK.

quarters and Kitchener's Horse were unable to evacuate their position until mid-night. The suspense caused great anxiety.

"To-day's operations were intended to drive out or to intercept the Boers. They occupied a wide horseshoe of mountains with the convex face to us. Gen, Hamilton succeeded in crushing the Boers on the right and opening a road for Gen. Dickinson's cavalry brigade which dashed through and hunted the enemy from ridge to ridge shelling them with horse artillery.

"At last we arrived at the rear of the

DOCTORS' CONGRESS. Washington, May 1.—The fith tri-ennial congress of physicians and sur-geons of the United States and Canada began here to-day. About 500 members were in attendance.

LADYSMITH MENACED. ~~

Boers Making Demonstrations Pointing to Possibility of New Assault. Ladysmith, May 1.—There is renewed activity among the Boers on this side of the Drakensberg mountains. Preparations here to check an advance are com-

SYDNEY'S PLAGUE REPORT.

Nearly Two Hundred Cases to Date with High Percentage of Mortality. Sydney, N.S.W., May 1.-The number

proved fatal.

Port Said, May 1.—Three new cases of bubonic plague have been reported here. GERMANS IN VENEZUELA. Berlin, May 1.—The German second-class cruiser Vineta will go to Vene-zuelan waters to protect German sub-jects in Venezuela.

EMBASSY AT ROME. Berlin, May 1.—The Berlin papers assert that the imperial givernment will establish an embassy at the vatican. STEAMER ON FIRE.

London, May 1.—The British steamer Picqua, Capt. Brown, which returned to Trieste after sailing for New York, on fire as before reported, had her lower hold and between decks burned extensively, most of the beams and stringer plates warped, twenty-one frames and intermediate stringers badly cracked, and other severe damage.

CHESS TOURNEY.

London, May 1.—The twelfth rou ment was played to-night, rest Physick lost to Blackburne, a to Gunsburg. All the other g

MILL AND ELEVATOR BURNED.

Marietta, Mich., May 1.-The Phoenix flouring mill and grain elevator was burned to the ground to-day. Liss \$100,000; insurance \$30,000.

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them,

#### **New Activity** At Tex

Force of About Four H Men to Be Put to Work There.

Development of the Mines fles Great Expectation

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, April 30.-Messrs and Scott of the Union Iron V Francisco are to put 400 m on their Texada Island iron away. This unportant statem by Mr. J. J. Palmer, who i with Mr. Christie of biscu developing the Marble Bay
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Decently Messrs. Prescott an oured the services of an Am pert on iron ore who represe Hill of the Great Northern I well as themselves. This expe in effect that the ore was as r iron ore in the world, runnin to 72 per cent, iron; that the one mile and a quarter in lengt there was approximately 5,00 one mile and a quarter in lengthere was approximately 5,0 of ore in sight. The apinion experts previously engaged the property being borne out Iron Works people concluded safe enough for them to go a Palmer said that when he men were surveying in the the mines for the purpose of large substantial wharves to large substantial wharves to These wharves will be built an extensive plant installed a three and four hundred men get out ore. The iron would straight to San Francisco, b straight to San Francisco.
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In speaking of the general
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These crown granted copper c
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of these claims is better the
other properties on the Island
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one vein which outcropped 35
wide and ran \$35 a ton for
The purchaser was W. H. 7
erintendent of the Van Anda
The price named is \$13,000, an
the figure was well up in the
The Van Anda people are
over 400 feet with good sho
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which have netted them in
\$150,000.

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The ore is in limestone and pockets, the formation being the over the Island. A huge bout as big as a house would be running wery rich then this with the thing wery rich then this with the thing wery rich then the widen out again. The Van Anda had in place down to the 400-foothis had encouraged other me to development work. this had encouraged other me to development work. Mackenzie & Mann have a for developing their claims. Me schmidt & Christie, have a go he had been told, on their Ge and as far as his properties cerned he was much pleased thus far. He and Mr. Christ to owned the claims and the attempting to treat any ore which had been thrown out ment work. They were mal of their property. They had see the ore for themselves assured before their eyes bestalled a concentrating plat other means to secure value. other means to secure va. ore. They had thus far at of 200 feet and had 1,200

ore. They are now shipping 7, first grade ore to the smelt 8,000 tons of second and thi on the dump. They have working and at present the the Van Anda people and t \$20,000 a month, but that we dreumstance to what it we circumstance to what it day. Mr. Palmer said the m his property now exposed on and from 6 feet to 40 feet to 40 feet on they are now sinking a shadow they commenced to before they commenced to ore. He and Mr. Christ engaged opening up other the islands.

TAXES ON ONTARIO Provisions of This Year's

Revenue. The Ontario government abolishes all royalties on provides that the Lieuten in-Council may impose a new the gross quantity of the or tax will be at the followin Iron, 50 cents per ton; ton, or \$15 per ton of met partly treated or reduced; ton, or \$25 if partly treated inckel \$10 per ton, or \$60 in the followin of metal contents if partly treated or reduced; copper and per ton, or \$20 and \$50 metal contents if partly treated in partly treated or ton of metal contents if partly to the metals of the metals for which a posed.

It is provided, however such ores are smelted or Dominion of Canada, in to yield fine metals, or any for direct use in the arts treatment the tax may be The tax will not apply the annual output of ore

A further provision in r fax is that by proclamat memitted, or a lower rate case of ore or minerals United Kingdom, or any E

dependency.

Another clause ratifies council providing that all or leased will contain the the ore be refined in Car A number of further provisions which are int guard the miners in the us the internal working of the the internal working of the complete code of signals f descending the shaft.

All reservations of mimierals contained in pater to July 1, 1897, are to New Depver Ladge New Denver Ledge.