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### AN IMPORTANT PURCHASE.

The Velvet mine on Sophia Mountain in the Rosslund district has been purchased by the British Company with which Sir Charles Tupper is prominently associated—the New Gold Fields of B.C., Limited, for \$62,5000. Development work on the mine will be rapidly pushed under the management of Capt. Morrish, the company's consulting engineer.

### A REPORTED RICH FIND.

The Rosslund Record states that very rich silver gold ore has been discovered on a claim in which Sir Charles Ross and others are interested, the Bryan, near Waterloo, in South Kootenay. The claim lies at an elevation of 500 feet, and it is stated that some 55 sacks of surface ore taken to Waterloo assay in amounts varying from \$200 to \$1000, silver predominating, but gold showing well, often in a free state. Other claims in the same Waterloo district are also stated to show remarkably well.

### INTENDING TO INVESTIGATE.

The Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, means to investigate carefully on his return from Alaska the merits of a suggested all land route to the Yukon via Kamloops, the Cariboo country and Cassiar. Meanwhile some eighty persons have this season made overland for the Yukon, travelling north from Edmonton, Alberta. Either of these routes is asserted to afford considerably easier travelling than that via Dyea. But no doubt ere spring shall be well advanced there will be greatly improved communications between the North Pacific Coast and the Yukon country.

### NORTH VANCOUVER'S COPPER-GOLD CLAIMS.

The copper-gold deposits on Seymour Creek, North Vancouver, are being quietly developed. Some of the claims are bonded to British capitalists, whose time for final decision has not yet expired. The owners of the more promising claims express themselves as very sanguine of the future of their properties, which, however, need somewhat expensive tramway and other appliances for complete development and ease of shipment. Hence until a considerable amount of further capital shall have been invested in these claims, nothing very striking in the way of new development will prob-

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