

## FORTUNES IN THE MINES.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA NEGLECTED BY ENGLISH CAPITALISTS.

A Fine Field for Capital Being Conquered By the Americans—The Richest Mining Fields in the Empire—Silver and Gold in Abundance.

A British Columbia correspondent writes as follows to the Times, London, England:—The minds of all English mining men appear to be so engrossed in South Africa and ventures at present that they will pay no attention to anything else. One of the most deplorable results of this is that they are allowing the first fruits of perhaps one of the richest mining fields in the empire to be reaped by aliens; nay, more, they are allowing a province of Canada to become American in men, manners, money and sentiment.

As long as British Columbia was only known as a silver field this was comprehensible, although our silver deposits have now proved themselves rich enough to pay with silver even lower than it is at present. But since last year a gold-bearing belt of our has been opened up, which, added to our gold-bearing gravels, seems likely to give British Columbia a prominent place amongst the gold-producing areas of the world.

#### HAVE AN EYE ON IT.

During the past twelve months, in spite of the silver panic and such difficulties of transportation as still exist, our silver-lead mines alone have shipped 24,500 tons of ore. A shipment of 2,114 tons, sent from seven different mines to the Omaha and Grant smelter, netted to the owners \$107 per ton. Last year a smelter, representing an investment of \$750,000, was opened at Pilot Bay, close to Nelson, and not only is this to be enlarged, but within the last fortnight representatives of four of the greatest American smelting companies have been hovering about the district, their apparent aim being to make arrangements for the establishment of a great custom smelter at or near Nelson.

We know now that from the Kettle river to the Salmon river (a tributary of the Pend d'Oreille), at least, there is a belt of pyrrhotite, with some chalcopyrite, carrying gold in very considerable quantities, some silver, with a percentage of copper.

#### ALIVE WITH PROSPECTORS.

Unless readers bear in mind the time in which these things have been done, the limited population we have to draw upon, and the abnormal scarcity of cash in this country, these developments may not seem great, and yet there must be some great intrinsic value in our mineral belts. If it were not so, our mountain would not be alive with prospectors from the Couer d'Alene, our camps with middlemen representing the greatest American mining capitalists and ore handlers, neither should we have in such a young country so many shipping mines.

#### FACTS AND FIGURES.

Since 1859 British Columbia has contributed \$50,000,000 to the world's store of gold, of which by far the greater part came from Cariboo. This total does not include gold taken out by Chinamen, of which it seems difficult, if not impossible, to obtain an accurate estimate. To-day machinery can be taken into the gravels of the Fraser, the Semikameen, and the Tulameen, and over a million dollars has already been expended in hydraulic works on these three rivers, whilst it seems likely that another field will be opened up this winter in China Creek in Vancouver Island.

The two great mines so far are the Cariboo and Horseshoe. Of these, the Cariboo has just cleaned up \$14,000 after a run of 172 hours, and the result of the first clean up of the Horseshoe is daily expected, while the Anglo-American, on the Semikameen, should be heard from early next month. The clean up of another small property on which \$20,000 has been expended has just come to hand. The Nelson Hydraulic Company has cleaned up between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in 120 hours' run.

#### WHO GETS THE FORTUNE.

In considering the results, it is only fair to remember that none of the mines are yet in fair working order, or, at any rate, not in such a state as to make a thoroughly representative showing of what they can do when fully under way. Upon the Semikameen the results of panning in all sorts of places, likely and unlikely, from the river bed to the grass roots, and in shafts 60 feet deep, was an average of 27c. to the cubic yard. A large amount of platinum is also found in the gravels of the Semikameen and Tulameen, which has been sold hitherto in the local stores at \$4 an ounce.

Is it not worth the while of some English capitalists to send a party of reliable experts through British Columbia to ascertain whether what is good enough for alien investors is not good enough for some of those who talk so much about the necessity of uniting the different atoms of the English Empire?

At the present moment American capital is buying, American energy is conquering, and American people populating British Columbia, simply because she is utterly neglected by those of her own kin, and, as usual, the American is making a fortune out of the operation.

#### A Corn-Husk Door Mat.

A very strong and serviceable door mat may be easily made of corn husks. Select the husks next to the ear, soak in warm water a few hours to soften them, take a few husks, place the larger ends together and tie with a strong cord; then divide into three parts to form a braid. When braiding continue to insert more husks, always inserting the larger ends first, leaving about 1½ inches protruding from the braid. When finished the upper side of braid should be one continuous row of ends. The length of braid depends upon the size of the mat desired. It can be shaped either round or square. Sew together upon the underside with strong cord. The husks may be dyed to suit one's fancy if preferred or allowed to retain their natural color.

## BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

### The Narrow Escape of A Well Known Newburgh Man.

By the Loss of A Finger Mr. Chas. Moore of That Village Nears Death's Door, but is Rescued After Doctors Have Failed. From the Napanee Beaver.

In the pleasant little village of Newburgh, on the Bay of Quinte Railway, seven miles from Napanee, lives Mr. C. H. Moore and family. They are favorably known throughout the entire section, having been residents of Newburgh for years. Recently Mr. Moore has undergone a terrible sickness, and his restoration to health was the talk of the village, and many even in Napanee and nearby heard of it, and the result was that The Beaver reporter was detailed to make an investigation into the matter. Mr. Moore is a carriage maker and while working in Finkle's factory last winter met with an accident that caused him the loss of the forefinger of his right hand. It was following this accident that his sickness began. He lost flesh, was pale, suffered from dizziness to the extent that sometimes he could scarcely avoid falling. He consulted physicians and tried numerous medicines, but without any benefit. He was constantly growing worse and the physicians seemed puzzled, and none of his friends thought he would recover. One day a neighbor urged Mrs. Moore to persuade her husband to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, and after much persuasion he consented. After a few days he began to feel better, and it no longer needed persuasion to induce him to continue the treatment. A marvellous change soon came over him. Each day he seemed to gather new strength and new life, and after eight boxes had been taken he found himself again a well man. Mr. Moore is now about sixty-five years of age, he has been healthy and has worked hard all his life until the sickness alluded to, and now, thanks to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, he is once more able to work in his old accustomed way, and does not hesitate to give the credit to the medicine that restored him to health, at a cost no greater than a couple of visits to the doctor.

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#### Candid.

Miss Antique (tenderly)—Am I not one of your oldest girl friends? Gawge—Well, I would hardly have dared say so if you had not suggested it yourself; but I think you are the oldest.

#### Rough.

She—Did my voice fill the drawing-room? He—Yes, and it filled the conservatory and garden—every one went out there.

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