

THE VAN ANDA MINE.

Chicago Men Pleased at What They Saw on Their Visit to Texada.

A Hundred Sacks of Ore Brought by the "Joan" for a Smelter Test.

A party consisting of Mr. Edward Blewett, Judge S. O. Shope, of Chicago, his son, C. W. Shope, Mr. Harry W. Treat and Mrs. Treat, of Chicago, returned yesterday from a visit to Texada island.

Judge Shope is highly pleased with what he saw. The Van Anda has been in course of development for the past three months and the shaft is now down 80 feet below the surface, which is good at the surface, has steadily increased in value as depth has been gained, and now will average over \$100 a ton, though single assays have gone very much higher.

A hundred sacks of ore—about seven tons—were brought down on the Joan yesterday and will be shipped to San Francisco as a smelter test. There are about 100 tons now on the dump at the mine.

Mr. Blewett was also highly pleased with the way the Van Anda was turning out, and as he is one of the most experienced mining men in the West is a good judge.

LAND BILL NOW SAFE.

Opposition of the Landlords Overcome by the Firm Attitude of Lord Salisbury.

The Government Will Adhere to Their Original Proposals on the Important Points.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, in reply to a question asked by Sir Chas. Vincent, said the matter of the position of British trade as compared with that of foreign competitors was being carefully watched by the Board of Trade and the Colonial office.

A cabinet council was held at noon to-day, at which Lord Salisbury presided. The Birmingham Post, the organ of Mr. Chamberlain, says the cabinet will seriously consider this motion, but it is not clear whether the House of Lords on the Irish land bill, when several amendments to the bill which the government opposed, were adopted.

The various landlord amendments to the Irish land bill were voted down by the Lords to-day without division. The first division occurred on the Earl of Belmore's amendment to clause 43 relating to easements. This division resulted in a government victory by a vote of 59 to 44.

It is believed in well informed circles that the bill is now safe and that the opposition to it by the Irish landlords has been broken. This change is due to the threat which Lord Salisbury privately conveyed that if the government were again defeated on an important point it would be necessary for him to seriously consider his position.

omitted yesterday on motion of Baron McNaughton, will be restored and the limit of exclusion of pastoral land from the operation of the bill will be raised again to £100 instead of £50 as provided in Baron McNaughton's amendment adopted yesterday.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The conflict in the House of Lords over the Irish land bill has been the political sensation of the week. It is a long time since the government has received such a slap in the face from its own titled supporters, and the ministerialists have taken a very serious view of the situation.

The Peers seem somewhat amazed at the position in which they find themselves, and one of them who voted against the government said to a representative of the Associated Press: "I did not imagine that so much party chagrin would follow the defeat of the so much stress would be laid upon the Unionist alliance, requiring Peers to sink their individual opinion in a matter which their pockets for the sake of Unionist prestige, and may therefore happen that when the bill returns to the Commons the Peer landlords will find that they cannot give way in their private interests in favor of the greater party measure."

The jockey club meet just terminated at Hastings. The finishes were very close, and the racing was of the highest quality. The success of the St. James' Gazette, lends force to the impression that Lord Lansdowne is in training for the leadership of the House of Lords, if not for the premiership.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 8.—The rifle association are arranging to send their five eligible men to Ottawa in proper style.

BENT NEARLY DOUBLE. Tortured with Rheumatism for Nearly Twenty Years—Spent Large Sums in a Vain Search for Renewed Health—How He at Last Found it.

There are very few troubles more widespread and none more difficult to eradicate from the system than rheumatism. The sufferer is racked with pains that seem unbearable, and frequently feels that even death itself would be a relief.

THE BUSH FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF THE TRAMWAY POWER HOUSE STILL RAGES. For the last week Messrs. Gilley Bros. have had a crew of men fighting the fire, day and night, trying to keep it from spreading to the power house.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Aug. 8.—An inquest was held on the body of the late William Harris at Parkville last evening.

THE CHESS TOURNEY. NUREMBERG, Aug. 7.—The game between Marco and Sobelicht, left unfinished in the sixteenth round of the international chess tournament now in progress in this city, was finished late last night, the players drawing after nearly 100 moves.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE THE BANK OF B. C.

Burglars Operating in Vancouver—Italian Miner Killed by Explosion of Coal Gas.

Damage by the Bush Fires—Plague of Mosquitoes—The Sockeye Run.

Satisfactory Report From the Audit Committee—Mining Prospects Make Outlook Bright.

AN ORDINARY general meeting of the bank was held at the Cannon Street hotel on Wednesday last; Sir Robert Gillespie (the chairman) presiding.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, my first duty is to intimate to you—and I do it with considerable regret—the resignation of my old and esteemed friend, Sir Charles Tupper. He wrote me on the 29th of April last intimating that in consequence of his accepting the premiership he was compelled to resign his seat on our board.

At the July meetings we are not able to present to you the accounts for the past half year, from the simple fact that the rate of exchange for June last does not allow of our preparing the accounts for the branches in sufficient time to enable us to prepare a full statement of the bank's affairs.

At this occasion we are a week later in our usual time, but this we have done for the special purpose of waiting the arrival of Mr. Ward, our chief in British Columbia, who is now present to afford information that the directors were required of him by the shareholders to complete the accounts and verified, will be printed and sent to each shareholder, as is our custom.

The directors recommend a dividend for the half-year ending the 30th June last, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. The net profits for that period amount to £13,841, 15s. 10d. The dividend will absorb £12,000, leaving a balance of £1,841, 15s. 10d. to be carried forward to the next half-year.

I wish to mention at this time to you that the directors are anxious to draw your notice to the serious condition of the bank's affairs. On the 30th June the cash assets in London and at all the branches were £1,181,431, and the liabilities £1,326,261, showing a deficit of £144,830.

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held outside the province (e.g., investments in consols or U. S. bonds held in England) would not be included. As a matter of fact the amount of provincial taxes paid by the Bank of British Columbia has exceeded that paid by any other bank in the province. (Applause.)

The motion was then put and carried unanimously. Dr. Drysdale proposed a vote of thanks to the directors for their conduct of the affairs of the bank. He did so because these were bad times, and in bad times the shareholders should endeavor to give the directors their best support.

Mr. Edward Massam seconded the motion, which was passed by acclamation. The Chairman, in acknowledging the compliment, said that after a period of nearly sixty years in the City of London, this was the first time he had ever had mud thrown at him, and he felt it acutely—perhaps more acutely because he knew it was false. (Applause.)

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RHODES AND RHODESIA.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Cecil Rhodes will shortly be brought to book for the part he took in bringing about the invasion of the territory of a friendly state. A short time ago Mr. Rhodes was made a member of the Majesty's privy council, but his name is to be stricken from the list of councillors and he will be summoned to give evidence before the parliamentary select committee of inquiry.

Private letters received by firms in London having relations with companies at Johannesburg and Bulawayo disclose facts which the chartered company's officials will soon be unable to conceal. There is no longer a colony nor colonists. Though the Matabele have been driven into the forest and hill fastnesses, it will take months to subdue them effectively. The colonists are streaming out of the district towards the Transvaal and anywhere southward where they see a chance to live.

The project for the development of the west coast of British Columbia is now under the serious consideration of leading men. The older districts of Cariboo, which yielded so much gold thirty years ago, is again being looked upon by capitalists, but they are not so sanguine as in the past. The project for the development of the west coast of British Columbia is now under the serious consideration of leading men.

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THE FRUIT GROWERS.

AGASSIZ, Aug. 8.—(Special)—About a thousand persons participated in the excursion gotten up by the Fruit Growers' Association and Vancouver World, to the Agassiz experimental farm to-day. At a meeting presided over by Mr. Thomas Earl, speeches were made by Prof. Sharp, Mr. Jas. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, Mr. McLagan of Vancouver, Mr. Templeman of Victoria, Mr. Boulter of Pictou, Ontario, and Mr. Ruddick, Dominion dairy inspector.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Curzon have rented Inverloch castle, Inverness, with its extensive shooting and fishing, from Lord Abinger, whose mother was an American.

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