

PHILLIPS ARM CLAIMS SOLD.

The Annie Laurie group of gold claims on Phillips Arm has been sold by the owners, Mr. Wm. Harvey and others, to a syndicate, at the head of which is Mr. R. D. Fetherston, of Vancouver. The properties are very easily accessible for shipping, running from salt water up the mountain side and crossing Shirley Creek. The properties will at once be developed.

BUILDING TO ROSSLAND.

Rossland issues a report, that notwithstanding a temporary arrangement made with the Columbia and Western Railway, the C. P. R. means itself to build from Robson to Rossland, and is now letting construction contracts for the line. Sir Wm. Van Horne and his colleagues having thus settled the Rossland connection problem, will doubtless in due course arrange for building between Hope and Robson via Boundary Creek with or without the concurrence of his former contracting friends to whom the charter vendors of the Coast-Kootenay Railroad Syndicate lately sold a controlling interest in their scheme.

WELL MERITED PRAISE.

The Kamloops "Sentinel" thus speaks—our quotation is slightly abbreviated—of recent public spirited action of Mr. S. M. Robins, of Nanaimo, acting on behalf of the New Vancouver Coal Co., Limited, of Nanaimo, of which he is the managing director:

"It is to be regretted that there are not more employers of labor of the stripe of Mr. S. M. Robins, Superintendent of the New Vancouver Colliery at Nanaimo, in British Columbia. The sacrifices he has made to prevent the increase of employment of Chinese in the mines of Vancouver Island have earned for him the esteem of every white-miner, and for that matter, of every white wage-earner in the Province. Quite recently he was asked to sell a block of land to provide wharfage facilities for the Dunsmuirs at a nominal figure in order to encourage the latter to ship their coal from Nanaimo. Notwithstanding that the Dunsmuirs are his trade opponents, Mr. Robins expressed his willingness to meet the wishes of the citizens of Nanaimo on one condition, that the Dunsmuirs should agree not to employ Chinese labor in the underground workings of their new mines near Nanaimo. The Dunsmuirs did not, however, consider the arrangement satisfactory."

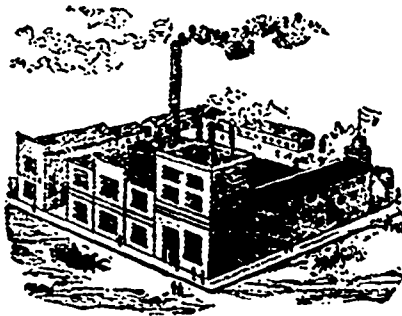
The Dunsmuir firm apparently declined to consider favorably the proposed exclusion of Chinese labor, which is unfortunately very largely employed in their collieries.

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