

BIG FIND IN QUARTZ

Fabulously Rich and the Largest in the World so Far Discovered

AND ONLY SIXTEEN MILES DISTANT.

Assays by a Local Firm and From Seattle Are the Same.

THE QUARTZ SHOWS GOLD

In Its Native Form—Dr. Wells Was Persistent in Prospecting and Is Now Rewarded.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.
Within 16 miles of Dawson's back door there is a belt of quartz over a mile in width which is said by quartz miners of experience to be the largest lead as well as the richest ever discovered in the world.

That it is unquestionably rich is proven by the assays, made both here and in Seattle, and by the native gold to be seen in the sample shown a Nugget representative by Dr. C. H. Wells yesterday.

The belt of quartz, so called, because it is too wide to be properly termed a lead, lies northwest by southeast, and has been traced for a distance of upwards of 40 miles, and its width is very clearly defined, although between its walls are contained three distinct foundations, all bearing gold in paying quantities so far as prospected.

These are quartzite, termed by many when first seen, quartzite, porphyry and a shale formation.

The quartzite is a yellowish brown color, not to hard to crush well, and without the aid of a glass, shows much native gold. This is all free milling, and assays from pan tests taken at the surface, where it yields \$1.05 to the ton, right on down to a depth of 60 feet where the assays both local and from Seattle show such a high return that were exact figures given they would be received with ridicule. It is enough to say that the assay shows a return per ton well up in the hundreds. The rock has been assayed from this shaft every ten feet as it was sunk.

In one place a surface assay shows a value of \$16 per ton and ten feet lower \$24.67.

The matter carries in most places nearly an equal amount of silver, and in other places traces of copper are found, but the gold varies but little in quantity, and every where is very fine. A great many claims have been staked, but still there is plenty of ground left which fact presents one of the oddest features of the strike and leads up to the interesting part of it which is, that never before in the history of mining has there been found as large a body of ore as this of its proven richness in gold contained in such matter.

"Gold is where you find it," is an old saying and one which is frequently heard in this country, but for all that, quartz miners and prospectors have very strong and well defined ideas about where gold is to be found and where not that is, with respect to formation, and as this is not one of the formations in which miners look for gold this great belt of vast richness lying at the back door of the richest placer town in the world, has been time and time again passed up by experienced miners from all over the world, who said it could not contain anything of much value.

Dr. Wells, however, began prospecting over a year ago, and has stuck to it in defiance of all the time honored rules laid down by book and tongue, with the final result that he has got numerous very rich mines, and has opened up a great industry.

There are a group of 24 claims from one of which the previously quoted assays were taken, and where the 60-foot shaft has been sunk.

This shaft was put down right in the top of a mountain, and as evidenced by the assays, shows better returns the deeper it is driven.

The great belt of ore contains no

broken up or displaced foreign matter, nor is it in itself broken or split, but lies clearly defined, solid and intact right across a wide strip of country, for a great distance, so far in fact unknown in its extent, because no one has followed it up to see.

The group where the assayed samples were taken from, lies between Lepine creek on the northeast, Bradley creek on the southwest, and Ruyter creek cuts through it. The survey for the A. E. Co.'s road to the Rock creek coal mines crosses some of the claims of the group.

The water in these creeks would furnish any quantity of power for the driving of mining machinery which would greatly reduce the cost of working.

All kinds of assays have been made, and from these have been computed many averages, all of which go to show that the find is beyond doubt of stupendous extent and value, and Dr. Wells and those interested with him are to be congratulated upon the fruits of their persistence.

No Curling This Week.

The curling contests scheduled for this week have not taken place owing to the severity of the weather. With the moderation of the weather about 10 degrees the schedule will be played as published in Monday's issue of the Nugget.

New Bank Building

The Aurora dock property has virtually changed hands, although the deal is not wholly consummated.

The purchaser is the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and upon the site of the present dock is to be erected at an early date, an imposing bank building which will probably be occupied some time before bets regarding the date of the moving of the ice have been decided.

This may come as somewhat of a surprise to many who were under the impression that the water frontage was not private property at least so far as the establishment of any but a shipping business is concerned, but the truth of the statement has been fully verified by an interview with H. F. Wells of the bank, who said yesterday that it was a fact, although, inasmuch as the deal was not yet wholly consummated, he expressed something of mild surprise to think the bank's intentions was so soon to be made known to the public.

"There is nothing to prevent our doing this," he said, when reminded of the prevailing idea that the waterfront was to be devoted to shipping interests. "Any chartered bank of Canada, under the laws, has that right, and we have decided to move, that's all."

"Our reason for moving are, first, that it is the most central business location to be had, and second, that because of its isolation from other houses excepting corrugated iron warehouses there is less danger of fire."

"We will put up, a good, substantial building which we will most probably be occupying before the opening of navigation. Both the present offices will be closed."

Killed by Moonshiners.

Jackson, Ky., Jan. 27.—In a battle with moonshiners on Elkhorn creek, United States Marshal Tom Hollifield and Posseman Simon Combs were killed and Blaine Combs was captured by the moonshiners. Rufus Wootan and Ambrose Amburg, other members of the posse, were wounded.

Are in Doubt.

The fact that a new and somewhat rigid game ordinance is pending passage by the Yukon council is a matter of considerable moment to hunters who have for some weeks been out in quest of game and who have large numbers of caribou and moose cached at points up the Klondike and ready to be freighted to market. The hunters say that if the law which prohibits the killing of game after March 1st prohibits their marketing that killed previous to that date, fully 40 tons of meat now frozen and in condition for market will be lost, as they say it is not possible to have it all delivered in town prior to March 1st.

The meat dealers are also in doubt as to whether they will be allowed to expose for sale after March 1st, provided the ordinance becomes a law, game killed during the open season.

The fact remains, however, that the meat exists and it was killed in good faith by the hunters and to now legislate it out of the market would be to work a hardship on many who can ill afford the loss which it will entail on them.

LARGE INTERESTS

Involved in Trial Now in Progress Before Justice Dugas.

ALEX. McDONALD IS DEFENDANT

In Case Brought By Belcher For Calder's Heirs.

NOTE FOR \$50,000 DISPUTED.

Matter Much Complicated and Will Take Several Days to Entangle.

The case of Belcher and McDonald now occupying the attention of Justice Dugas and a number of attorneys in the territorial court, is a piece of litigation which promises to monopolize the time of the court for some time, and be rather interesting in its developments.

The case is one in which the estate of Alex Calder, a some time partner of Alex McDonald is the principal factor. Much money is involved, \$76,000 being the amount, but the bone of contention is a note which McDonald claims he gave to Calder for \$50,000 when he left here for London, England, in 1898.

At the time he and Calder were partners in mining matters, and he went to London to effect extensive sales, leaving Calder in charge of the business.

Calder at the time was keeping all the accounts and he knew little or nothing about them.

A copy of the note had been sent him by Calder during his absence, in a letter, but the original was nowhere to be found.

Mr. Woodworth occupied a large portion of the time yesterday testifying with regard to dumps, cleanups and arguments between the defendant and executors of the estate.

This morning the case was resumed with the evidence of C. M. Woodworth taken in cross-examination by Attorney Wade. In referring to the meeting between the executors and Mr. McDonald on April 7th last the witness said that he had met Mr. McDonald in the morning; that there had been a meeting during the afternoon and, as nearly as he could remember, there had been still another meeting during the evening.

He stated that at that time the note for \$50,000 previously referred to had been talked of, and that Mr. McDonald had intimated that he would have a credit of that much due him in the settlement, but whether he had said at the time that he had paid the note, or that he would have to pay it, the witness was not certain.

Some other notes had been spoken of at the time in the same way, but the witness was not positive as to the exact language.

Before the court took up the continuance of the case Ronald Morrison, who had represented to Justice Dugas that his business was suffering from his absence, was allowed to go, with the understanding that he was to hold himself in readiness to come to town and give his evidence upon receipt of a telephone message.

Mr. Morrison said he didn't know anything about the matter anyway and anything that he could say could be told in two minutes. Owing to the non-arrival of the witness with whom so far the case has been concerned, court did not sit till something after 11 o'clock, the judge expressing his opinion that there was not another court in existence that would submit to such delays.

"Comp" Plays Golf.

Everyone in Dawson knows the Complin referred to in the following clipping. He was formerly connected with the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

If there is one town in Canada where a visiting team gets fair play 'tis in Peterboro. Not only from the spectators grown up, but even from the small boy, who is proverbially antagonistic to "city folks." Peterboro, win or lose, always treats its visitor well on

the ice and never allows him to return to his hotel without first having wrapped himself in an oyster supper.

A sad sweet face down there is that of "Father" Complin.

"Comp" is well known down in those parts and well liked. He used to play hockey, but now since his hair is tinged with grey (piano, "silver threads amongst the gold") he devotes his leisure moments to that awe inspiring but not perspiring game of golf. "Comp" has hooted it to Dawson City, and of a winter's evening in Peterboro it is not an unusual occurrence to see ten to twenty gathered together about the stove in the general store listening to "Comp's" fire sides.—Toronto Telegram

Crushed to Death.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Stella Thomas, 20 years old, was crushed to death today by the elevator in the Young Women's Christian Association building. She had watched a physician vaccinate the inmates and took the elevator to go to her room. She fainted, and, falling forward, her head caught between the floor and the ascending car. Her head was badly crushed and she died within five minutes.

Dominion Mail.

B. S. Downing, U. S. mail contractor, left today for points along the lower river. Two teams started, one with six dogs and another with seven. About 600 pounds of mail matter was taken.

Reduced Rates

If the only revised freight rate of the White Pass & Yukon Route yet received at the local office is a sample of what is to follow, shippers may congratulate themselves that the cost of transporting goods from the outside to Dawson will be materially lessened this year as compared with prices of former years.

The new rate sheet received applies only to lumber which is shipped over the railroad by weight rather than measurement by the thousand feet. But reducing the weight to feet the reduction this year from the rate of last is from 30 to 40 per cent according to the quality of the material. On flooring and ceiling the rate is reduced from \$55 to \$35; on rough lumber, from \$60 to \$36; on finishing, from \$67 to \$54. All other classes of lumber are given similar reductions except shingles. Last year the rate on shingles was \$2.25 per hundred pounds, and on the revised rate is but 25 cents cheaper.

This year as last, the shipper must pay for loading and unloading the cars. Should a corresponding reduction be made by the steamship companies, the cost of transporting building material from the outside will be very materially lessened from that of previous years.

Washington's Capital.

Olympia, Jan. 29.—Tacoma sprung her capital removal bill in both houses of the legislature today and followed them up with an invitation to the legislature and all employes newspaper men, etc., to visit Tacoma Friday afternoon, view Wright park, which is offered as a site for a capitol building, and partake of a banquet in the evening. The invitation was accepted almost unanimously by the legislature.

Warburton extended the invitation to the senate members, and Easterday to the house members. Only one legislator—Bush, of Chehalis—opposed its acceptance. He could not see any good reason, he said, why the state's time should be consumed in a trip which would not change things meaning that, in his judgment, Tacoma would never secure the capital. Tacoma people are, it is said, prepared to royally entertain their guests.

Tacoma's invitation was received at the afternoon session of the legislature. At the morning session Warburton introduced a bill in the senate looking to the removal of the capital to Tacoma, and Easterday introduced a similar bill in the house. A majority vote of the legislature is required to secure its passage, and a two-third vote of the people voting on the question to determine where the capital shall be located. If either city fails to secure a two-thirds vote the capital will remain at Olympia. There is a possibility that Thurston county will raise the question that the Tacoma capital bill is unconstitutional, in that it limits the number of cities to be voted upon by the people, instead of allowing all cities to compete for the allowed prize.

Free Reading Room.

Next Monday night at the public library, Commissioner Ogilvie, H. Te Roller, Ewan Morrison and J. B. Tyrrell will deliver address relative to the future development of the Yukon. The grand concert which was to occur on the 28th has been changed to the 26th.

PRINCIPAL EVIDENCE

Is Heard Regarding the Death of Calder at Selkirk, and the Papers

AMONG THEM THAT \$50,000 NOTE

Which Came Into the Keeping of Belcher and Others.

NAME OF CALDER ERASED

But the Notes, According to Legal Advice, Were Still Good—Mining Property Transferred.

April 7th, 1900, seems to have been a day big with the coming events of destiny held in store for the executors of the Calder estate, and for the parties of the deceased, Alex McDonald, according to the testimony of each witness in the suit now before Justice Dugas in the territorial court.

Mr. Woodworth testified to many things and incidents which occurred on that day at the McDonald hotel, and in his office in connection with the transactions then being carried on with a view to reaching a settlement between the executors of the estate and Mr. McDonald, and this morning the court and attorneys were busy with the testimony of Executor Belcher, named in the title of the action.

Mr. Belcher told how himself and the other executors who were at Selkirk with the deceased, Calder at the time of his demise, and just previous thereto had received from him his papers, consisting of numerous valuable documents, among which was that note of his partner, Alex McDonald, spoken of throughout the proceedings as the \$50,000 note.

He said that on the day previous to the death of Mr. Calder these papers had been received from him, and he (Belcher) had in the presence of Calder and four others sealed the packet, and that all five had written their names across the seal, so that the papers could not possibly have been tampered with previous to their being opened here in Dawson prior to April 7th.

At the meeting between the executor and Alex McDonald in the office of C. M. Woodworth on the day referred to Mr. McDonald had given a transfer of one-half of claim No. 27 Eldorado. Together with Duncan McDonald and Rory McDonald, Mr. Belcher had gone to Alex McDonald's office where they had seen the \$50,000 note, and had noticed that the name of Calder had been subject to some sort of erasure, but they had been advised by Mr. Woodworth that this fact did not decrease in any way the value of the note.

There is a witness named Welsh said to be not here at present, but on his way to testify in the matter, and he referred to him this morning. Mr. Noel asked the witness Belcher if he remembered the presence of Welsh at any of the discussions of the matter either in the McDonald hotel or elsewhere, where the witness was unable to recall such a circumstance.

The case is still being heard this afternoon, and all the indications point to its continuance through several days of the coming week, as there are numerous witnesses still to be examined.

Attorney McCall is conducting the case for the plaintiff and opposed to him for the defence are Attorneys Wade, Noel and McKinnon.

Through Telegraph Line.

Superintendent Charleson, of public construction, is now at Vancouver with a party of mechanics and is preparing to start by March 12th on the work which will close up the 65-mile gap which is all that remains to be done to give Dawson direct telegraphic communication with the outside world. Owing to the severity of the weather the construction party was forced to discontinue the work last October when it was almost completed. By the middle of March it is thought the same will be sufficiently packed to permit of the remaining work being completed by the use of snow shoes.