

MINES AND MINING

A Weekly Summary of Events

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IRON AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT

One day last week the smelter at Sydney, Nova Scotia, was blown up and it is now being put on its feet. I need make no apology for referring to this although it is not connected with British Columbia as it is the greatest event which has ever taken place in the industrial history of Canada. It is not so only because the plant now in operation is one of the largest and most modern in the world, but because it must eventually control the iron and steel trade of the world. Iron ore smelted at Pittsburgh comes to the works burdened with a charge of over \$5 per ton. The cost of transportation to Sydney is \$1 a ton, and this is done at a cost of \$1.50 per ton. The cost of smelting at Pittsburgh comes to the works burdened with a charge of over \$5 per ton. The cost of transportation to Sydney is \$1 a ton, and this is done at a cost of \$1.50 per ton.

TWO GOOD NELSON DISTRICT MINES.

During January a couple of properties have entered the shipping list on an extensive scale. The London Consolidated shipped some one last month from their Silver Hill mine but it was not until January that the real shipping operations commenced. During the last few days the output of ore has aggregated close to 1,000 tons, and while the manager of the mine, Mr. J. H. Underwood, has declined to issue any statement as to the returns, it is freely reported that the monthly output has not been less than \$200,000. The London Consolidated also shipped in December and previous to that month, but during January the shipments were regular and large, practically indicating that the property is now on a proper shipping basis. At both mines the machinery is kept well ahead of the mining operations and both promise to be shortly re-visited among the banner producers in the Nelson district.

THE COAL FAMINE.

The following which is condensed from the Nelson Tribune shows that the coal situation is causing some uneasiness among the smelter managers. All of the coke and coal used in the British Columbia smelters is drawn from the collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company at Fernie, and so great has been the demand that from a surplus of production the company has been forced to look for a large supply, the delivery of which was to have commenced on the first of January. The company has been unable to land the ore bins at the smelter are full, and the ore is coming down from the Mother Lode at the rate of 100 tons per day, without the coal smelter can do anything.

SURELY AN ERROR.

I noticed in an interview with Mr. McGreary, the inspector of mines, published in the Times a few days ago that he was made to say that there were no shipping mines in British Columbia. The numeral was published in figures and is doubtless an accidental mistake, probably for one hundred and twenty. The numeral was published in figures and is doubtless an accidental mistake, probably for one hundred and twenty. The numeral was published in figures and is doubtless an accidental mistake, probably for one hundred and twenty.

THE HALL MINES SMELTER.

The Hall Mines smelter at Nelson is enjoying a period of great prosperity. The tonnage treated during January was 630 tons and it has contracts on hand which will keep it busy for a long time to come. In fact, the smelter has been blown in very shortly. The Silver King has also responded as one of the producers of the month. The smelter will be in operation in July. His trip had more than one confirmed him in his belief that the Bonanza district would shortly take its place in the copper producing sections of the world and that the Mother Lode would become as famous as any known copper mines. The smelter will be blown in on the 15th of February.

HAS STARTED UP AGAIN.

The St. Eugene mill has started operations again and the full force of men is employed at the mine and mill. The company has signed a contract with the firm in Antwerp, Belgium, which will extend over a period of several months. The mill will be up to the full capacity and the mill, before the shutdown of the company, and 270 men in its payroll. It is full this number will again be employed. There is little doubt but that by the time this contract is fulfilled the Hall Mines, Ltd., in the eyes of investors.

SILVER FALL IN SILVER.

Silver has fallen from 84 cents to under 60 cents during the month of January. The decline is puzzling the experts. The Kensington and Mining Journal of New York says it is down partly to a temporary suspension of buying orders from the Orient and partly to sentimental reactions. The Kensington and Mining Journal of New York says it is down partly to a temporary suspension of buying orders from the Orient and partly to sentimental reactions.

A SATISFACTORY SHOWING.

The prospects of silver lead are from the Kensington and Mining Journal of New York. The Kensington and Mining Journal of New York shows an increase of 1,000 tons of silver lead over January, 1900. This is a very satisfactory showing.

ROSSLAND ORE SHIPMENTS.

From the 1st of January to the 2nd of February the Rossland mines shipped some 23,961 tons. This period really includes only one day over the month of January. The Rossland mines were closed down. So that the January shipments may be put down at 23,961 tons. This is a very satisfactory showing.

First Arrival From Nome

From Gentleman's Magazine. A report was brought to Basil, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in the year 1840, by merchants of Novgorod, who asserted that they had beheld a glimpse of Paradise from the shores of the White Sea. Whether their vision was merely the dazzling reflection of some sunlit iceberg, or only the glow of poetic imagination, it so fired the ardor of the medieval prelate that he longed to see all for this golden gleam. He set out on a long journey, and the old legend true or false, it is certain that to this day the northern Mujik shows an even more marked religious enthusiasm than his brother of the central governments. Fanaticism, mysticism, and fatalism go ever hand in hand in the north. The Emperor of the Tsars being so vast in area and so embracing of races affords space for all forms of belief, or want of belief, within her boundaries. All creeds are represented, from the pagan Simoyede of the Steppes, to the Mohammedan Tartar of the Steppes.

The Popes of Russia

The clergy of the Orthodox Russian church are divided into Black or monks and White or parish priests. The latter must be married before they are ordained, and may not marry again. The bishops are elected by the Emperor, and are elected by the Emperor, and are elected by the Emperor.

Staked a Claim in Big Salmon District—Robberies at Nome.

The first news from Cape Nome since that district was sealed from the world last fall by the ice, reached here yesterday, when W. V. Ames, a miner who has been in that far-away district for five years, reached here by the steamer Anur. He left Nome City about the end of December, and came up over the Lower Yukon with a log train, breaking the trail along the way. He reports that the winter in Nome has been a cold, desolate one, and much suffering and not a little want has occurred among those who were not well prepared for the long winter. The winter was a cold, desolate one, and much suffering and not a little want has occurred among those who were not well prepared for the long winter.

THE GLASGOW EXHIBITION

Description of the Great Enterprize Opening in Scotland

The Glasgow exhibition is expected to attract a large number of visitors. The exhibition is expected to attract a large number of visitors. The exhibition is expected to attract a large number of visitors.

BRITISH TRADE

Is It Advisable to Keep Up the Present Free Trade Principle? From Montreal Star. The Queen began her reign, the total foreign trade of the United Kingdom was only \$4,748,000,000, as compared with \$14,748,000,000 in the year 1900. The total foreign trade of the United Kingdom was only \$4,748,000,000, as compared with \$14,748,000,000 in the year 1900.

A Suggested Conclusion

(Katharine H. Brown is the Critic) After whom he had been looking up on a high mountain, and showed her great things of earth. And in the depths below them, where they stood, he beheld curious altars, built of rainbow vapors and wreathed in faded lilies. And she no more lay, and she no more lay, and she no more lay.

Interrupt Frequently

Foreign Envoys Find Chinese Too Talkative at the Meetings. Emperor Calls Reformers to Return—Unfortunately Their Heads Are Gone. Berlin, Feb. 11.—"Tomorrow there will be held another meeting of foreign envoys," says a special despatch from Pekin, "but without the Chinese plenipotentiaries, who constantly interrupt the meeting almost incessantly. Hereafter the foreign envoys intend to communicate only in writing, and to designate their 'depositions' irrevocably. The Chinese plenipotentiaries have made a long visit to-day to Sir Ernest Mason Satow, British minister, and made extensive arrangements for the appointment of Ching Ho Hai to carry messages of condolence to the Court of St. James, on the death of the Emperor of China. The Chinese plenipotentiaries explained that the special envoy was equal in rank to any one in the empire, with the exception of royal personages, as a literary chancellor held the same rank as a viceroys. The Emperor calls for the return of the envoys, who were active two years ago. Unfortunately most of them have been beheaded.

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