

NEGOTIATE FOR NANAIMO MINES

British Capitalists May Secure Holdings of Western Fuel Company at Purchase Price of \$4,500,000.

British capitalists are negotiating for the purchase of the Western Fuel company's holdings at Nanaimo, the amount under consideration being \$4,500,000. Mr. Howard of San Francisco, the president of the company, and Mr. W. E. Hepburn, a mining engineer of Vancouver, who is acting for the purchasing syndicate, are at present at Nanaimo making a thorough investigation of the holdings as a result of which it is anticipated that the purchase which is being negotiated through a firm of Toronto fiscal agents will be completed.

It is believed to be the purpose of the prospective purchasers to use the coal field as a basis for the establishment of a steel manufacturing industry on the coast.

Early last summer, Messrs. McKenzie and Mann through their agents carried on negotiations for some time with a view to purchasing the Nanaimo property. The purchase, which then involved an expenditure of \$4,000,000, failed to eventuate. The enhanced value of the property as noted in the price asked for in the present negotiations is due to the company having secured through the Dominion government the Indian reserve in the neighborhood of their measures, where a mine is now being sunk which it is anticipated will soon be producing a thousand tons of coal a day.

FROM COAST TO PORT HOPE BY RAIL

C. P. R. and Great Northern Plans for Interior—Direct Connection Between South Yale and Kootenay

The Port Hope Mountains' career as a barrier to railway communication between the coast and the southern interior of the province is almost at an end, as is obvious from recent discussions as to projects for construction and developments in that quarter. It is stated that the Great Northern will have no difficulty in obtaining the desired renewal of its charter for the V. V. and E. and that construction from Hope to Princeton will begin before midsummer. It is equally certain that the C. P. R. will bridge the gap between Nicola and Hope during the present season, and thereby secure a direct connection between South Yale and Kootenay. Meanwhile the Canadian Northern Pacific contractors are making excellent progress with their work. The first of March at the very least will see the track laid to Hope, two months later grading will be completed to Yale. Trains will be in operation between the coast and Port Hope by Dominion Day and it is expected that Canada's natal day will be elaborately celebrated in consequence by the residents of Hope.

FRANCOIS LAKE

Government Bridges Will Give Settlers Connection With Main Trunk Road

Two important bridges are now being constructed by the provincial department of works under the general supervision of Road Superintendent Williams, in the Francois Lake district.

Between Decker and Burns Lakes a bridge with long pile trestle approaches is being built by a full crew under Foreman Dan McKinnon. A pluper has been installed and it is expected that the bridge will be completed in time to carry the traffic of the coming summer. This bridge will give the settlers on the north side of Francois Lake direct connection with the main trunk road. Similar work has been undertaken at the head of Francois Lake, where Foreman Ferguson has a gang at work on the bridge which is to span the Nadina river at its mouth, giving the people of south Francois and Ootsa access to the recently constructed road connecting that district with the Pleasant Valley road.

Fair progress is being made with the work, although the severe weather considerably handicapped the operations of the construction gangs.

Single Tax.

The single tax is not wholly an undesirable reform. Under certain circumstances its partial adoption would be advantageous in overcrowded cities. It is certainly not an untried theory. But in the minds of those who are miles ahead of the rest—and might well be considered canonical.—Toronto News.

Anglo-German Situation

Rosebery has joined the ranks of the so-called war-socialists, and expresses the belief that the position of Great Britain at the present time is one of grave danger. In view of the revelations made in the speech of Sir Edward Grey a short time ago regarding the seriousness of the crisis last summer, when for a few days Britain and Germany were on the verge of war, the most optimistic can scarcely afford to entirely pooh-pooh Lord Rosebery's warning; yet the popular attitude seems to be one of incredulity or apathy.—Ottawa Citizen.

COMMISSIONERS NOT DESERVING

Much Opposition in House of Commons to Granting Gratuities to Members of the Transcontinental Board.

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—The afternoon session of the house was occupied in a dispute over the Transcontinental commissioners whom the government is dismissing. Mr. Cochrane moved the second reading of the bill reducing the commissioners from four to one, resting his case on the statement that the policy of the Transcontinental railway is so far advanced that only one commissioner is now needed. Thereupon the opposition demanded that the retiring commissioners be given three months' pay as gratuity, or \$1,750 each.

Thus pressed, Mr. Cochrane declined, and Messrs. Meighen, Lennox and Cockshutt in successive speeches declared that the outgoing commissioners have not given satisfaction, that there is a widespread feeling that the country has been robbed, and that it would be impossible to give the outgoing commissioners a bonus to retire from positions for which they were unfit.

On a motion to go into supply, W. F. Maclean moved: "This house hereby declares that it is against the general interest of Canada to have any territorial variation in the application of freight tariff charges by the board of railway commissioners."

Mr. Maclean argued at length against the railway practice of charging higher rates in the west than in the east. After a general discussion, Mr. Maclean withdrew the motion, and the house went into supply.

COMES TO HIS END IN POLICE CELLS

Alexander Campbell, Seaman, Suddenly Expires While Sleeping Off Effects of Apoplectic Carouse.

Brought into the police station yesterday afternoon in an almost helpless condition through what the police believed was the result of over indulgence in liquor, Alexander Campbell, apparently a seaman judging from papers found in his possession, died in his cell at 10 o'clock last evening. Despite the efforts of the officers present to restore him and keep up animation until the arrival of the doctor Campbell died a few seconds after Dr. Barty arrived.

What was the cause of the man's death will probably not be ascertained until the inquest, but while he was in a condition similar to that of scores of other "drunks" who are brought to the station, Dr. Barty stated that it was possible he had been drugged.

Campbell was picked up on Yates street alongside the Imperial Bank by Constable Roberts who summoned the patrol wagon and the man was taken to the police station. He could not stand but was capable of indistinct speech. He was placed in one of the iron grated cells where there was ample space and laid down with his head within a few inches of the door which was left open. During the course of the afternoon Jailer Abbott frequently visited the cell corridor and on more than one occasion saw that Campbell was apparently quietly sleeping off the effects of the liquor. About 10 o'clock last evening Jailer Abbott saw the man had slightly changed his position to one which was not conducive to free breathing. The officer leaned down to turn the recumbent body over when he felt one of the hands clutch cold. He immediately summoned assistance and Campbell was carried into the corridor while every effort was made to stimulate his breathing which was rapidly falling while the heart action was extremely slow. In the meantime Dr. Barty was summoned but he could do nothing to prolong life. From dispatch papers found in his pocket Campbell has been identified as years been an able seaman on the C. P. R. Pacific Empresses. His last discharge was from the Empress of India and was dated August 25, 1911. A letter addressed to "Alexander Campbell, Terminal Hotel, Vancouver," indicated that he had but recently stopped at that hostelry. He was not known to any of the local police. He was about 55 years of age, medium build with white mustache and very bald head. An inquest will probably be held tomorrow afternoon. The body is now lying at the undertaking rooms of Messrs. Hanna & Thomson.

Vancouver's Example

The Vancouver magistrate who gave a ruffian ten years and twenty lashes for striking and robbing a woman set an example that might usefully be followed elsewhere. The brutal crime of "garroting" was suppressed many years ago in London, England, by a free and persistent use of the lash, and it should be given a fair trial in the effort to put a stop to personal violence in Canada.—Toronto Globe.

Restriction of Child Labor

The propriety of closely restricting child labor, even regardless of the wishes of the parents and of the children themselves, is generally conceded, and the need of it is increasingly apparent. It will not serve to say that the work must be done and therefore the children must do it. It can be done by adults. Perhaps in that way it will cost more, but that is not, after all, the chief consideration.—New York Tribune.

"Campbell's" WHITEWEAR SALE

Starts Thursday Morning
February 1st

At 8:30 a. m. Thursday morning next, our doors open, admitting you to our usual FEBRUARY WHITEWEAR SALE, but of far more significance "Campbell's" quality underwear has long been the greatest feature in Victoria drygoods sales. We do not intend, and do not purpose here to dwell upon that—our aim is to impress upon every lover of dainty, sterling quality, reliable lingerie, to buy now for the future—to buy while they can at such prices. The following price details, while very brief, will give you a good idea of how the requirements of the modest purse can be met.

Corset Covers

Ladies' Fine Cotton Corset Covers, round necks and edged with lace. Reg. 35c. Sale price **25c**

Ladies' Nainsook Corset Covers, neck and sleeves trimmed with embroidery. Reg. 45c. Sale price **35c**

Ladies' Corset Covers of fine nainsook, round necks with yoke of all-over embroidery, ribbon. Reg. 65c. Sale **50c**

Ladies' Nainsook Corset Covers, excellent quality, with round yoke of embroidered insertion, neck and sleeves edged with lace. Reg. 75c. Sale price **60c**

Ladies' Corset Covers of fine nainsook with narrow beading, neck and sleeves edged with embroidery, ribbon draw. Reg. \$1. Sale price **75c**

Ladies' Extra Fine Nainsook Corset Covers with embroidered insertion and narrow beading, ribbon draw, neck and sleeves edged with open eyelet embroidery. Reg. \$1.25. Sale price **\$1.00**



Drawers

Ladies' Fine Cotton Drawers, umbrella flounce, trimmed with hem stitching. Reg. 35c. Sale price **25c**

Ladies' Drawers of fine cotton, with lawn flounce and trimmed with fine tucking. Reg. 45c. Sale price **30c**

Ladies' Extra Fine Cotton Drawers with flounce of fine lawn, cluster tucks and edged with embroidery. Reg. 65c. Sale price **50c**

Ladies' Drawers of Extra Fine Cotton, lawn flounce and trimmed with lace edge. Reg. 75c. Sale price **60c**

Ladies' Extra Fine Nainsook Drawers with deep flounce of exquisite embroidery. Reg. 90c. Sale price **75c**

Ladies' Extra Fine Nainsook Drawers with embroidered insertion and ruffle of embroidery. Reg. \$1.00. Sale price **75c**



Glorious Lot of Samples

Last February we had no Lingerie Samples to offer but this time we have a glorious lot beautifully trimmed with lace and insertion, for you to select from. We consider our Samples a signal achievement in buying and assembling the loveliest and daintiest Lingerie ever exhibited.

LADIES' COMBINATIONS LADIES' PRINCESS SLIPS
LADIES' CHEMISES LADIES' NIGHTDRESSES
LADIES' DRAWERS LADIES' CORSET COVERS
LADIES' UNDERSKIRTS

For Children and Misses, similar lines to the above, including dresses.

For Infants. The sweetest things you ever saw are here for the "tots." Little skirts, barricotes, slips and dresses.

In this superb aggregation of samples the critical, the economical and lovers of the dainty in under-garments will benefit. Every garment was made in the most sanitary of workrooms.

Underskirts

Ladies' Underskirts of good white cotton with deep flounce and trimmed with cluster tuckings. Reg. 75c. Sale price **60c**

Ladies' Underskirts of good white cotton, flounce of fine lawn, trimmed with narrow tucks, also frill of embroidery. Reg. \$1.00. Sale price **75c**

Ladies' Fine Cotton Underskirts with deep lawn flounce, trimmed with three rows of cluny lace insertion and edged with flounce of cluny lace, also have under dust frill. Reg. \$1.25. Sale price **\$1.00**

Ladies' Fine Cotton Underskirts with deep lawn flounce, one row of wide embroidery insertion, flounce of embroidery and dust frill. Reg. \$1.25. Sale price **\$1.00**

Ladies' Fine Cambric Underskirts with flounce of good quality lawn, cluster of narrow tucks, deep lace insertion, ruffle of lace and under dust frill. Reg. \$1.50. Sale price **\$1.25**

Ladies' Underskirts of Extra Fine Nainsook with deep lawn flounce, embroidery insertion and deep embroidery ruffle, also has under dust frill. Reg. \$2.50. Sale price **\$2.00**



Nightdresses

Ladies' Nightdresses of good strong cotton, slip-over style, edged with lace and ribbon draw, short sleeves. Reg. \$1.00. Sale price **75c**

Ladies' Extra Strong Cotton Nightdresses, trimmed with cluster tucking, necks and sleeves edged with ruffle. Reg. \$1.00. Sale price **75c**

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Nightdresses, with round necks of all-over embroidery and ribbon draw, slip-over style, short sleeves. Reg. \$1.25. Sale **\$1.00**

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Nightdresses, slip-over style, round neck, finished with Swiss beading and threaded with ribbon, short sleeves. Reg. \$1.25. Sale price **\$1.00**

Ladies' Extra Fine Nainsook Nightdresses, slip-over style, high neck, trimmed with embroidery and lace. Reg. \$1.60. Sale price **\$1.25**

Ladies' Extra Fine Nainsook Nightdresses, slip-over style, round yoke of insertion and beading threaded with ribbon. Reg. \$1.75. Sale price **\$1.50**

In conclusion, we will say that our February Whitewear Sale cannot but further strengthen the confidence the ladies in and around Victoria have placed in us in the past. Not for a moment could we afford to weaken that confidence, and our determination to remain supreme will easily be evidenced when our doors open Thursday morning next at 8:30 a. m.

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