

**SOUTH BELT MINES HAVE FAIR OUTLOOK**

**Old-Time Claims Near Rossland Are Actively Worked—Lessees Shipping Ore**

Rossland, May 2.—Lyman Carter, president of the Blue Bird Mining Co., has been in town for several days from Spokane, looking over the Blue Bird claim, and has expressed himself as much pleased with the fine work the lead in the tunnel was looking. Mr. Carter was asked what the intention of his company was in regard to the Blue Bird, and replied that before the lease expired a siding and ore bins will be put in near the portal of the tunnel so as to be ready to begin active operations when the lease ends, which will be on December 3 next. Mr. Carter says that there are several leads crossing the Blue Bird, similar in many respects to the one which the lessees are now operating. "I believe," he said, "that it will be found that these veins unite into a large ledge at depth, and the ore at depth will carry gold and copper."

In speaking about who the chief stockholders in the Blue Bird Mining company were, he said that Mrs. Rosalia Duprez, Edward Bosquet and himself were the larger owners of the shares of the company. Mr. Carter was one of the pioneer prospectors of Rossland, coming here first in 1890, and was one of the chief owners in the Nickle Plate, the City of Spokane and the Harvest Queen, each of which he and his associates sold to good advantage. A switch has been put in at the Homestead for the accommodation of the Blue Bird ore, and shipments are to be made regularly from now on. The lessees expect to have quite a tonnage to their credit before the lease expires on December 6.

Messrs. Quayle, Goldsborough and Jewell have leased the Curlew mineral claim in the south belt from A. S. Goddard for a period of a year. The lessees will immediately begin operation on the property. The Curlew lies immediately south of the Blue Bird.

The Red Eagle sent a carload of high grade ore to the trail smelter during the week. As it was carefully sorted, it is thought it will run fairly high.

The lower levels of the Centre Star, War Eagle and Iron Mask continue to yield a large tonnage of ore of a higher grade than the ordinary run of the mines.

The Le Roi Two shipments during the past week were not large, but was restricted on purpose, as early in the month the output was large. The management aims to ship only a certain quantity each month.

A good showing of gold-copper ore has been uncovered by the lessees of the Nest Egg.

The lessees of the Mayflower continue to take out ore, which is very carefully sorted, and they expect within a short time to make a shipment. Mr. Smith has staked the All Come Fraction. It adjoins the Blue Bird.

Increased Customs Receipts. New Westminster, May 2.—The customs returns for the month of April

show another remarkable increase in the trade of this port, the receipts amounting to \$21,601, while the receipts for the same month last year amounted to but \$14,000.

**Winding Up Lumber Company.** Salmon Arm, May 2.—Brayden & Johnston have purchased the machinery of the late Canoe Creek Lumber Co. All the assets have now been disposed of, and assigned to J. W. McCallum, who has already made one payment of 40 cents on the dollar. Another dividend will be payable in October and a third in January. It is hoped that the estate will eventually pay dollar for dollar.

**VANCOUVER BONDS**

Finance Committee Decides to Call for Tenders for Purchase of Two Million Dollars

Vancouver, May 2.—City Comptroller Baldwin advised the civic finance committee yesterday afternoon that the market through the agreement made last fall had now expired and it was advisable that the debentures should be floated at an early date. The committee decided to call for tenders, the offers to be in by 4 o'clock on June 25. The advertisements will be inserted in Old Country papers as well as the local press, and the financial publications of this country.

In answer to a query as to the amount to be offered, Comptroller Baldwin said that at the rate the city was laying plans for expenditure it would be advisable to place the entire authorized issue remaining unissued. This was in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

**PRICES FOR COAL**

Australian Fuel in Competition With Island Article for Vancouver's Supply

Vancouver, May 2.—At the meeting of the finance committee of the city council tenders were opened for the supply of 2,000 tons of coal for the institutions supported in whole or part by the civic authorities. The figures were as follows:

Macdonald, Marpole & Co. (delivered), lump, \$7; furnace, \$7.25; slack, \$3. Prices on basis of ton of 2,000 pounds.

Bostock & Abbott, Burwood coal from Australia, delivered at ship's side at Heatley avenue wharf, \$5.50 per ton of 2,240 pounds. Delivery to be made ninety days after receipt of order.

Born, Purdie & Co. (delivered), lump, \$6.75; nut, \$8; slack, \$2.75 (on cars on either side of False creek), lump, \$5.70; furnace, \$4.07; mixed, \$3.23. All prices computed on gross tons.

Evans, Coleman & Evans (delivered), lump, \$7; slack, \$3. For steam boiler, \$7.50; finest anthracite, nut, \$9.50; furnace, \$9.75. Bid on basis of ton of 2,000 pounds.

The Nicola Valley Coal company stated that it was unable to present figures at present owing to not having arranged rates for shipment to the

claim that the price quoted was the lowest possible for Island coal of high grade and asked the committee to take into consideration the fact that their offer was based on double-screened coal delivered to any point in the city and in any amount. It was also represented that the city should recognize the fact that firms making large investments in the city and paying out heavy municipal rates should be favored in the award of contracts.

The tenders were referred to the comptroller for tabulation and report. Mr. McEvoy leaves.

**Ferne, May 2.** James McEvoy, chief engineer and land commissioner of the Crown's Nest Pass Coal Company, has resigned his position here and will shortly sever his connection with it to accept a responsible one with the German Development Company, which owns and is about to develop extensive coal areas in the neighborhood of Calgary. Mr. McEvoy has been connected with the former company for a great many years in several capacities, as geologist, chief engineer, and land commissioner.

**FULL COURT CASES**

Argument in Matter of Chisholm Collision Damages—Same Cases Go Over

Vancouver, May 2.—After hearing a closing argument from Joseph Martin, K. C., in favor of granting unreservedly to Mr. Crawford and Captain House the full damages awarded by the court in the cases of Chisholm v. C. R. The full court adjourned yesterday afternoon. Five cases will go over to the next full court sitting in Victoria in June. They are: Barry vs. Desrosier, Gordon vs. Horne, at al. Williams & Co. vs. Hamilton, Anglo-American Lumber company vs. McLaren, Embury vs. McKee.

The discussion over the Bryce case came up yesterday afternoon in the settlement of the minutes of judgment. Mr. Martin again urged his appeal in the higher court. If, for financial reasons they had failed to take the appeal with the others, he would be the reason why they should be debarré from the benefits by that judgment that they ought to have had in the lower court. He read a letter from Mr. Crawford advising that he would not go on with the appeal, and stated that the reason for this step was that he had paid \$9,000 for costs in the first case, and felt afraid to go on with it further.

The Chief Justice said he did not see how that should deprive him of his rights.

Mr. Justice Clement said the judgment of the full court awarding Crawford \$4,000 for the loss of his son had been given and would stand unless successfully opposed. They should enforce the judgment, and if the C. P. E. opposed it, the matter could be fought out then.

Freer Gold Dredge. Vancouver, May 2.—The repairs on the dredger at Lillooet, late the property of the Iowa & Lillooet Gold Dredging Company, are now nearing completion, when a thorough test of the gravels of the Fraser river will be made. From the trial runs, the engineer and expert both are satisfied that the results will be quite satisfactory. Should the tests be as satisfactory as expected, and there is no reason to doubt they will be, it is the intention of the owners to build a much larger and more powerful dredger in the fall. The dredger is owned by a syndicate of four Boston gentlemen, and lack of means will not be an obstacle in the exploration and development of the work.

Drowned at Nelson. Nelson, May 2.—A drowning accident took place at the narrows just this side of Procter, whereby Jack Dunn, a Nelson carpenter, lost his life. Dunn, and a companion named Pennington, got a canoe from Astley's boat-house and started out for Procter,

where their wives and families are living. They reached the narrows shortly after midnight, and in the dark went up the wrong side of the passage and their canoe upset in the troubled, icy waters. After making a great struggle Pennington managed to reach the shore and collapsed on the beach, where he was found after daybreak. A search was made for Dunn and the canoe with Dunn's hat nearby was discovered some two miles down stream from where the accident happened. It is supposed that Dunn clung to the canoe until exhausted. The deceased leaves a wife and three little children.

He came west from Ontario and worked for the Salsbrick Lumber Company.

**PETER RICKMERS IS DRIVEN SHORE**

Big German Four-Masted Ship on the Rocks Ten Miles From Fire Island Near New York

The big German four-masted ship Peter Rickmers, one of the great Rickmers fleet of Bremerhaven, from New York for Hongkong with case oil, has been driven ashore during a heavy storm at Long Island, according to a despatch received from New York. She is on the land at Zach's inlet ten miles west of Fire Island.

A tremendous sea was pounding on the beach, and amid the blinding rain squalls which swept across the ocean only the daring rockets sent up from the deck of the stranded vessel in appeal for assistance, gave information of the disaster. From the shore the outline of the ship's rigging could be dimly discerned from the flame of the rockets, but the vessel lay beyond the reach of the Lyle gun, used by the life saving crews to throw lines to distressed ships. Insectual efforts were made by the lifesavers to launch their boat in a terrific sea, and when the attempt was abandoned the life saving patrols burned signal fires throughout the night to assure the seamen that help would come as soon as possible.

The Rickmers was loaded with 117,000 cases of oil from the Standard Oil company, worth \$80,000. The vessel is valued at \$50,000. She carried a crew of 30 or 35 men.

Before daybreak the gale veered to the northwest, blowing diagonally off shore and the sails of the big vessel were set again in the hope that the wind would drive her off shore as the tide rose. Signals of distress were flying in her rigging and with the smoothing of the sea the life-savers again essayed to reach the vessel, but without success, for several hours.

A revenue cutter and a wrecking tug were sent from New York to Zach's inlet, and the tug was seen standing by the wrecked ship, but apparently unable to render assistance, as the wind and sea were still too high. It was expected the crew would be taken off when the wind died down.

Dr. Harris at Sheffield. Sheffield, Eng., May 2.—Doctor G. A. E. Harris arrived at Sheffield today. His famous chorus will sail for Canada on Oct. 23.

Fugitive Negro Killed. Yorksburg, Miss., May 2.—News reached here today that "Joe" Joseph, a negro who recently murdered Branch Tischer, was shot and killed last night by former Sheriff McKay, who led a posse in search of Joseph. Joseph's head was shot almost to pieces while he was standing in water up to his neck in a canoe. A reward of \$1,300 had been offered for the negro's capture, dead or alive.

Elevator Question. Winnipeg, May 1.—Premier Roblin stated this morning that he would attend the conference at Regina on Monday, May 4, between representatives of

the grain growers and the premiers of the three Western provinces. The plan of the grain growers is to have the provincial governments purchase the interior elevators and then have the terminal elevators taken over by the federal government. Mr. Roblin said that he would make no statement as to his own opinion until he heard the representations that would be made at the meeting, as it was a matter of too great moment.

**GOVERNOR OF YUKON TELLS OF CONDITIONS**

Disputes Rev. John Pringle's Statement—The Mining Situation

Vancouver, May 2.—Alexander Henderson, commissioner of Yukon, is in town on his way out to Vancouver. "It is a political move," said the commissioner, in discussing the recent allegations of Rev. John Pringle concerning the immorality of Dawson. He intends taking the stump. He has fallen out with the government, and will take the field in the Conservative interest. That is the explanation, I think, of Dawson's as moral as any city in Canada. The dance halls have been closed, and will not be re-opened.

I had always thought Mr. Pringle and these workers about similar hostile attitude toward me. I have no quarrel with him, I understand he is now on his way out to Vancouver. "I understand that Dr. Thompson, M.P. for Yukon, will not offer himself for re-election. When I left Dawson it was well understood that both political parties intended arranging for the holding of nominating conventions as an early date."

Commissioner Henderson added that Mr. Girouard, registrar, had resigned, and had been succeeded by Mr. Laitiere, recently librarian of the Yukon law library. This season's gold output promises to be large. The Guggenbierms will operate five dredges, and will probably commence hydraulic mining during the summer. There has been great activity by various individual owners along with a dozen creeks. Alex. McDonald, king of the Klondike, anticipates a satisfactory clean-up on Clear Creek. Bob Henderson, well known as the discoverer of the Klondike, is hopeful of making another promising placer claims on Pelly.

Mr. Henderson added that there is very little doing in the copper belt in the White Horse district, owing to the low price of copper. These conditions, however, are regarded as only temporary. Construction of the branch of the White Pass and Yukon road to the various properties is now in progress. Cheap transportation will be a great factor in the exploitation of these deposits.

Young Woman Brutally Beaten. Toronto, May 2.—At 8 o'clock last night, when Yonge street was crowded, a well-dressed stranger entered the fruit store of W. R. Webbwood, just above Queen street, and brutally assaulted Miss Stutch, the young lady in charge. He first bought some goods and then sprang at the young lady, choked her, and beat her into insensibility. When she recovered consciousness she telephoned for the police, but in the meantime the man had disappeared in the crowd.

Farmer's Disappearance. Ottawa, May 2.—Arthur Little, a farmer of Prescott county, has mysteriously disappeared. He is 45 years of age, unmarried, and has always been a steady man.

**CROKER AFTER BIG GAME**

Former Tammany Chief Hopes to Land Big Racing Events on English turf

Dublin, May 2.—Richard Croker has strong hopes of adding this year the "One Thousand Guineas" at Newmarket and the "Oaks" at Epsom to his previous victories on the British turf. Mr. Croker has authorized a contractor of the stakes circulated through the sporting papers that the most promising of his string had wintered badly and that the prospects were gloomy. The mare Rhodora, which was seen to advantage as a two-year-old, is said to have gone through the winter in good shape and barring accident, Mr. Croker thinks she will win the classic.

Mr. Croker has secured first claim on Lucien Lync for the racing season. Lync has already been over to the stables and tried Rhodora to his great satisfaction. Asked about a story to the effect that there had been an encounter between himself and Jim Roche, the prize-fighter after the fight of St. Patrick's night when Tommy Burns so easily whipped the Irishman, Mr. Croker said nothing of the kind had occurred. Although interested in the fight he had never met Roche in his life and Roche had never seen him unless he was able to see through the glare of the ring to the box occupied by Mr. Croker and his friends during the fight.

Mr. Croker declined to discuss Presidential possibilities in the United States except in the case of Mr. Hughes whose endorsement by the New York State Convention he said he considered only a compliment from his own state. "Mr. Hughes' action in reference to the gambling bill should injure his prospects as a politician," said he. "Why can not such men keep out of that rut? Is not all life a gamble?" "Are not Mr. Hughes' politics a gamble? But they select the part of the gamble that's pleasant and give pleasure and propose to penalize."

"What America wants," said Mr. Croker in conclusion, "is a quiet President. The country needs a rest for a long time under some statesman like William McKinley."

New York, May 2.—The statement of the clearing house banks shows that the banks hold \$23,358,900 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of \$3,968,150 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

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