

development at Atlin

Gold Commissioner Graham Tells of the Activity Among Hydraulic Companies.

Trail Still in Good Condition—Spring Work Actively Commencing.

Gold Commissioner J. D. Graham, of Atlin, who was in Skagway a few days ago, was interviewed there, and he reports general activity in preparation for the opening of the mining season. He says the first spring work will begin in about four weeks. Snow is still in the creek valleys but fast disappearing. A number of big hydraulic concerns are busily getting in condition for operations. The commissioner is highly gratified over the discoveries of quartz of promise in many parts of the district.

Mr. Graham says: "The trail from Atlin by the Fantail route is fine condition for dog teams, with the exception of the portage between Lake Atlin and Taku Lake, and between Otter and Hugh's. The snow is off these portages and makes it difficult for the dogs to drag the sleds. The trail on the lakes out from Bennett, I understand, is in fine condition, but it is much longer than the Fantail route. I made the run from Atlin to Log Cabin in ten hours actual travelling time. Lake Atlin is as smooth as a kitchen floor. The Fantail route, if the weather continues as it is, may be good a month longer."

"The snow has nearly all disappeared from the townsite of Atlin, and the weather there is delightful. Snow is going off back on the creeks. It will probably be a month before mining operations begin on the creeks near town, and two months before work can be done to advantage on Wright and Boulder and other creeks too numerous to mention that lie far back from Atlin Lake."

"However, many men are on the ground busy in preparation for the season's mining, and more are coming in daily. They arrive at Atlin City without much money and go as quietly to their several interests up the creeks, and consequently there is great showing at the town, but in fact the creeks are being hives of earnest industry."

"The two sawmills at Atlin City and one on Surprise Lake are busy cutting lumber for sluice box construction and other uses. An English company is operating the mill on Surprise, and the superintendent is on the ground. The mill is probably engaged in cutting lumber for the officials of the White Pass road, who have interests on Wright Creek."

"Parker Brooks, formerly of Skagway, is taking lumber in from Atlin to Birch Creek for an English company represented by Martin Williams. The company has bought about forty of the best claims of the creek. C. H. DeWitt of Skagway, is taking in pipes for the company. Minneapolis people are getting hydraulic properties on Spruce. It figures on getting control of 400 creek claims. A Mr. Griffiths, of Seattle, who was in Atlin a few days ago accompanied by an expert mining man, was there looking at property in Surprise. The miners showed immense enthusiasm. Many speeches were made, notably one by Lieut. Hobson, the naval constructor, who has charge of the re-building of the gunboats here."

good prospects have been discovered and new finds are being made right along.

"A stamp mill is going on Dominion, a tributary to Spruce. Seven or eight claims with a good showing have been staked there, but I do not recall the names of the locators. The Yellow Jacket quartz mine is not to be developed right away. The property is in litigation. In the meantime Lord Hamilton will set up his stamps on the Anaconda group."

"Some Frenchmen have recently brought to Atlin from the south end of Atlin Lake samples of copper and gold that are rich. The rock, they said, assays 20 per cent copper and \$10 in gold."

"On McKinley Creek, one of the streams well back from Atlin Lake, quartz was discovered by an old California miner. The rock appears to be very rich. As yet only one claim is staked out on the creek. The snow is not off the creek."

IMPORTATION OF ROSES.

Restrictions Hitherto Existing Removed by the Department of Agriculture.

This circular letter is published for general information by request of the Board of Horticulture:

Department of Agriculture,

Ottawa, April 10th, 1900.

Sir:—I am instructed by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture to inform you that representations have been made to him by several of the leading florists of the Dominion that it is desirable to import into Canada certain new and valuable varieties of roses which are propagated and grown entirely under glass, but the importation of which has been prohibited up to the present under the San Jose Act.

The Minister of Agriculture has examined into this matter carefully, and finds that there is no danger of importing the San Jose scale upon roses imported in leaf and in a growing condition which have been propagated under glass.

You are therefore informed that the Minister of Customs, on his advice, has issued instructions to the collectors of customs at the various ports that such roses may be imported from the United States as "greenhouse plants."

Yours obediently,

(Sgd.) J. FLETCHER.

DEFENDING THE FRONTIER.

Five Battalions of Infantry Mobilized in Ontario.

(Associated Press.)

Windsor, May 3.—Five battalions of infantry have been mobilized for defense along the frontier in this vicinity to cope with any attempt of Fenians to invade Canada.

DEWEY DAY CELEBRATION.

(Associated Press.)

New York, May 2.—A cable to the World says the Americans in Hongkong held a banquet last night in celebration of Dewey day, and of the going into commission of the gunboats Don Juan De Austria, Isle de Cuba and Isle de Luzon, which were sent by America ship in Manila two years ago, and captured. The officers showed immense enthusiasm. Many speeches were made, notably one by Lieut. Hobson, the naval constructor, who has charge of the re-building of the gunboats here.

NANAIMO PILOTAGE BOARD.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, May 3.—Advice received here from Ottawa state that a new pilotage board for Nanaimo district has been appointed. The new members of the board will be Tully Boyce, Thomas O'Connell, J. S. Kastor, Thomas Dobson and W. N. Shaw. Two vacancies have existed on the board for some months, and the active members of the old board were Messrs. Morris, Quennell and Bryden.

ELECTRIC LIGHT STATIONS SOLD.

(Associated Press.)

Oswego, N. Y., May 3.—The properties of the Home Electric, Oswego Gas and People's Electric Light Companies were sold to-day to the People's Gas & Electric Company of Oswego. The amount involved is \$400,000.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Don California hydraulic miners who are in the field speak of Atlin as a good hydraulic camp.

"In quartz Atlin has a very promising outlook. Several properties that show

A DRESSMAKER'S DUTIES ARE SUCH AS TO CAUSE BACKACHE

A Toronto Dressmaker Has Found Positive Cure and Gladly Tells About It.

J. M. MUTTER.

Those who follow the arduous occupation of dressmaking or sewing have trouble of their own.

Running a sewing machine all day long, bending over work that requires the greatest of care, these are the things that have made many a woman exclaiming every time I take a stitch with my needle it seems as though I am piercing my own back."

But those who suffer from backache, headache, pain in the side of any kind, the remedy will be glad to know that there is a remedy that never fails even in the worst cases.

The order being so open, and the men thus spread out over a considerable extent of ground, it sometimes happens, especially when—as in the present war—many officers are killed, that a number of men find themselves without any commander. But the modern soldier has enough "fighting intelligence," as it is called, to go on carrying out operations till he again has a leader.

"In battle the men under various commanders often get thoroughly mixed up; but that has no effect on them. They instinctively obey any commander; and in South Africa it has recently occurred that soldiers have fought gallantly under officers whom they never in their lives saw before."—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett finds recreation in improving the lot of children.

Big Output Expected

The Klondike District May Turn Out More Gold Than Ever Before.

White Horse May Be a Butte City—Late News From the Koyukuk.

A Dawson correspondent, writing under date of March 30th, says:

"Speculation is already being indulged in here as to the output of the Klondike goldfields this year and the general opinion seems to be that the production will be greater than in any previous season.

As far as can be learned the creeks that have been worked from the beginning will make as good a showing as ever, and this in connection with what the later discoveries amount to means a great deal. While fewer men are employed this year there is a large amount of machinery in use, the operation of which will show its results when the total of the gold output this year is footed up.

The day of the single-handed miner in the Klondike is about over, and whatever is done here in future will be accomplished by organized capital with all the modern appliances of electricity and machinery at its command. This year particularly heavy yields of mineral may be expected from Gold Run and Dominion, where the dumps are enormous.

"All the claim-owners are thinking of the spring clean-up, and as far as the weather conditions will permit are making preparations for it. A large amount of lumber is being bought for sluice boxes. Among the most extensive sluicing projected is that of the Berry brothers, who will use a big modern plant on their El Dorado claims.

"W. C. Gates and those associated with him have arranged for extensive operations on Quartz this summer. They have a large concession near No. 23, below Discovery. Recently a firm of freighters completed a contract for the transportation of about fifty tons of machinery and supplies from the mouth of Indian river to the Gates concession.

"Interesting reports are coming out of the Koyukuk country, and if they are to be believed that district is not the barren failure it was supposed to be after the stampede to Myrtle creek last summer, when the prospectors left it in disgust. However, miners on the strength of the latest reports are making their way to Koyukuk, where it is said there are enough good claims for 3,000 persons.

It is told here by men believed to be conservative that \$50 a day is being made at the diggings in question, which are about 900 miles up the river and are difficult of access.

"If the reports regarding the copper

prospects are to be credited there will

be of some forty or more millions. He

is a part owner of the biggest quartz

mines of the northern coast, the Tread-

well property on Douglas Island, and al-

so one of the owners of the Tacoma

mine, so that should the story of the

sale be eventually realized in fact, the

one from the Alberni mine will in all

probability be regularly shipped to Ta-

coma. One thing is certain, if the rich

San Francisco takes over the property

no expense will be spared to develop the

mine.

The Hayes mines were located in 1897

by three well-known prospectors, one of

whom is now in the city and another is

still seeking for more mines on the coast.

It was first called the Three J's mines,

the name being given it because of the

fact that the Christian names of the

discoverers each began with the letter J.

There was "Jimmy" Wilson, J.

Stuart and J. Mohr. It was in February,

1898, that the mines were acquired by

Col. Hayes's company.

COOKING WITH GAS.

THE NEW MARKET RACES.

London, May 2.—After the winning of the Two Thousand Guinea stakes at Newmarket to-day by the Prince of Wales's Diamond Jubilee, the owner received the hearty congratulations of his friends, while ringing cheers were given in honor of the event. An interesting point in connection with this race was the fact that the winning horse was ridden by Jockey Jones, a mere stable boy, who received the mount because he was the only jockey who could get the animal into a gallop.

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COSSACKS OF THE DON.

The Don Cossacks are the finest looking

race of men ever seen. Kingly lineage,

tall and slender, lithesome and supple,

undaunted spirit visible in every motion,

their bearing is that of an unconquered

people! Used as a living barrier against

the Tartar invasions of Russia, they were

never conquered. Living in what they

call camps, each with his horse and gun,

they are always ready to move in response

to the Emperor's call. Their costume is a

long tight-fitting coat reaching to the knee,

having loose sleeves and a small standing

collar, and with a row of ammunition

pockets across the breast. The colored

belt which encircles the Cossack's slender

waist, bristles with ornamented knives,

daggers and pistols. Soft high boots with

out heels, and a great lamb-wool cap with

a little touch of color for the soft crown,

and then the burka or long cape of hairy

felt which they seem to wear in all sorts

of weather, complete the costume. These

brutes appear to be won on the theory

that what keeps out the cold keeps out the heat. Any way the long black or

white garments protect horse and rider

equally from the rain and cold.—From the

Self-Culture Magazine for April.

DEATH OF E. F. WURTELL.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, May 2.—Ernest F. Wurtele, brother of Chas. Wurtele, agent of the Great Northern at Victoria, died this morning at St. Paul's hospital of pneumonia. Young Wurtele was well-known at Victoria, where he lived for a couple of years. He was city agent of the Great Northern in Vancouver.

HOW THE SOLDIER IS TRAINED.

"On the battlefield nowadays it is only when we come to the bayonet charge that the men fight shoulder to shoulder," remarked an officer recently. "In order to minimize the risk of being hit, the men fighting are at other times kept a distance apart. Thus the bullet that just misses one man does not strike his neighbor."

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