

## 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 great deal of hydraulic concerns are being organized in fine condition for operations. The discovery of quartz of promise in many parts of the district.

Mr. Graham says: "The trail from Atlin by the Pantall route is in fine condition for dog teams, with the exception of the portages between Lake Atlin and Takla Lake, and between Otter and Hunt. 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 Pantall route. I made the run from Atlin to Log Cabin in ten hours and returning in the same time. Lake Atlin is as smooth as a kitchen floor. The Pantall 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 ado and go as quietly to their several interests up the creeks, and consequently there is no great showing at the town, but in fact the creeks are booming with activity.

"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.

"Packer 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. B. 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. 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 Gulch below discovery on Pine with the intention of getting control of twelve claims for capitalists. He is a thorough business man, and said he liked the looks of the district. On Boulder, De la Magre has fifteen hydraulic leases, and has gone South to order machinery. Mr. Christopher is manager of the company. Thomas Brackett is getting ready to soon begin operations on his hydraulic property on Willow Creek. He had to go to Bennett for machinery. On Stevenson is a company with good hydraulic properties. Young Brooks, of Juneau, is one of the principal men in the enterprise.

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

## 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 projects 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 the 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. However, prospectors left it in disgust. The reports regarding the copper prospects are to be credited there will be one of these days be another Butte City at White Horse. There is said to be much interest at Skagway, Bennett and White Horse over the finds at the latter place. The ore runs \$80 to the ton in copper and \$20 in gold. Shanta has been sunk on several of the claims and the ore is announced to increase in value farther down. With the opening of the summer season it is believed there will be a big rush to the new copper fields.

"The recent thaw has proved very expensive to the operators of mines in this district, as work on over half the mines has had to be suspended. The thaw has been very unexpected, coming so early that the miners were not prepared for it. They had not their dams, ditches and sluices ready and consequently the melted snow water that should have been caught and conserved has escaped. There will in consequence be a shortness of water this summer. The clean-up. This thaw has at the lowest calculation caused a loss of \$100,000 daily to the Klondike mine operators."

## Big Coast Mining Deal

San Francisco Man Reported to Have Purchased the Hayes Mines—Col. Hayes Denies the Report.

It is reported that a deal has been consummated for the purchase of the Hayes Mines, situated at Hayes Landing—on the mining town which grew as a result of their development on Alberca canal has been called. The purchaser of the property is said to be D. O. Mills, a wealthy banker and mine owner of San Francisco, in whose interests F. W. Bradley, of San Francisco, and Chester F. Lee, the well-known Spokane mining expert, have recently made examinations of the mines. The price, although not stated by any of the principals, is said by mining men who profess to be in the know to be not far short of the half a million mark.

Col. Hayes, head of the owning company which has been developing the property, returned from Portland by the Victoria this morning, and when interviewed, in regard to the reported sale of the mines, he promptly denied the report. "There was nothing in it, at all," he said.

The story dies hard though, for although it is denied by the man who of all men should be in a position to know, local mining men are a unit in declaring that if the mines have not already been sold, the deal for their purchase has all but been completed. W. M. Brewer, who is considered a good authority on West Coast mines, said to some friends before sailing for the coast on the Willapa last night, that he had heard of a good authority that the Hayes property had been sold, and that he had been told by some of those interested in the purchase that the price paid was \$400,000.

Another well-known mining man yesterday received a telegram from Portland informing him of the sale of the Hayes West Coast mines. In fact the deal has been the principal topic of conversation since yesterday among those in Victoria interested in West Coast mining development.

D. O. Mills, the reported purchaser of the mines, is a banker of San Francisco, and has a bank account, it is said, of some forty or more millions. He is a part owner of the biggest quartz mines of the northern coast, the Treadwell property on Douglas Island, and also one of the owners of the Tacoma smelter, so that should the story of the sale be eventually realized in fact, the deal would mean a big success for the Hayes West Coast mines. One thing is certain, if the rich San Franciscan takes over the property no expense will be spared to develop the mines.

The Hayes mines were located in 1897 by three well-known prospectors, one of whom is in the city and another is still seeing 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. Moin. It was in February, 1898, that the mines were acquired by Col. Hayes's company.

## MISSED BULLETS TO MEET A WORSE FATE

Better Take Life's Chances On a Battlefield Than With a Diseased Heart—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Gives Relief in 30 Minutes.

A man may pass through all the dangers of war and come through without a scar, only to find that disease has laid hold of him and he has an enemy more ruthless to fight. It was this way with a well known American officer in the recent war. Heart disease developed, and he says in writing: "My ailments were palpitation, fluttering, and pain about my heart. I used two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. I feel like a new man and would not be in the least other campaign. It's a wonderful heart specific."

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## PROVINCIAL GAZETTE

The Gazette to-day will contain few announcements. The list is as follows:

The North Star Mining Company has been dissolved by an order issued by Mr. Justice Walker.

George G. Reboahgate, of Lytton, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

Notice is given by R. A. Dickson and P. T. McCallum of application for the incorporation of a tramway line known as the Boundary Rapid Transit Co., to run from Midland to Pentlicon and Princeton.

Municipal courts of revision will be held as follows: For Delta and Ladners on June 9th; at Rossland on June 4th.

The following extra-provincial company registered in this province, North Pacific Lumber Co., of Ottawa; capital \$500,000; provincial office at Barnett; John M. Potiras, attorney.

The mining recorder of Trout Lake mining division has been appointed a deputy mining recorder of and for the district known as the headwaters of the Duncan river in Anzac mining division, with recording office at Trout Lake.

The following companies are incorporated: The Standard Copper Company, Ltd., of Greenwood, capital \$500,000; Athelstan and Copper Mining Company, of Grand Forks, capital \$250,000; Cranbrook Electric Light Company, of Cranbrook, capital \$100,000; Thibert Creek Mining Company, of Victoria, capital \$200,000.

## THE MARKET

There is very little change in the market this week. California fruit is commanding to come in and vegetables are plentiful, otherwise there is no stir. The quotations are as follows:

Flour—	
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.	5.00
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.	4.50
Lettich's, per bbl.	5.00
O. K., per bbl.	5.00
Snowflake, per bbl.	4.50
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.	4.50
Premier, per bbl.	5.00
XXX Elderly, per bbl.	4.50
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	27.00
Corn (whole), per ton	25.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	27.00
Oats, per ton	25.00
Roller oats (B. & K.), 400	30
Roller oats (B. & K.), 75 sack	30
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	14.00
Straw, per bale	5.00
Middlings, per ton	20.00
Brass, per ton	20.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00
Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	1.00
Potatoes (new), per box	5
Water cress, per bunch	5
Cabbage, per lb.	5
Cauliflower, per head	10
Celery, per bunch	5
Onions, 5 lbs. for	5
Lettuce, 4 lbs. for	5
Onions (pickling)	3
Gherkins, per lb.	5
Radishes, 2 bunches for	5
Carrots, per lb.	2
Tomatoes	20
Cucumbers	20
Turnips, per lb.	2
Fish—	
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	12
Salmon (spring), per lb.	10
Oysters (Olympian), per pt.	10
Oysters (Western), per pt.	10
Shrimps, per lb.	10
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb.	10
Herring	5
Smelts, per lb.	5
Flounders	10
Crabs 5 for	2
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	20
Eggs (Montebello), per doz.	20
Butter (Delta creamery)	25
Best dairy	15
Butter (Cowling creamery)	25
Cheese (Canadian)	15
Lard, per lb.	12
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	15
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	15
Bacon (American), per lb.	17
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	14
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	12
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	12
Shoulders, per lb.	12
Beef, per lb.	8
Mutton, per lb.	12
Veal, per lb.	12
Pork, per lb.	10
Fruit—	
Bananas, per dozen	30
Oranges, per doz.	25
Coconuts, each	10
Lemons (California), per doz.	10
Lemons (small)	10
Apples, per box	25
Cherries, per lb.	15
Muscades	15
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl (per pair)	1.50
Ducks (per pair)	1.50
Dressed turkeys, per lb.	20
Duck, dressed, each	25
Game—	
Brant, per pair	4.00

## COMOX DISTRICT NEWS

(Special to the Times.)

A concert in aid of the English church, Cumberland, was given at "Beaufort," the residence of F. D. Little, on Wednesday and was very successful.

F. D. Little, late superintendent of the Union Mines, has been promoted to general manager of Extension, Alexandra and Union.

At the annual hospital meeting held at Cumberland on Saturday evening it was shown that that institution was in debt to the extent of \$54, that fifty patients had been admitted in the course of the year, and that only five deaths had occurred. Magistrate Abrams was again elected president, Doctor Stacey vice-president, H. F. Pullen secretary, Mr. Tarbell treasurer, and Messrs. Bennett, Munro, Hall, Mounce and Marechchi directors.

## A PLEASURE AND A DUTY

I consider it not only a pleasure but a duty I owe to my neighbors to tell about the wonderful cure effected in my case by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I was taken very badly with flux and procured a bottle of this remedy. A few doses of it effected a permanent cure. I take pleasure in recommending it to others suffering from that dreadful disease. —J. W. Lynch, Dorr, W. Va. This remedy is sold by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

Rita (Mrs. W. Desmond Humphrey) is a great lover of the theatre, and rarely misses a first night performance when in town. She is also fond of riding and music.

## ARRRESTS IN SICILY

(Associated Press.)

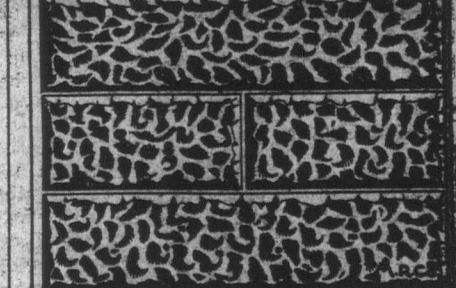
Rome, May 2.—Forty members of the Mafia have been arrested at Palermo, Sicily. One offered resistance and fired upon the police. A great impression has been caused by the arrests, and it is expected that others will be made.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for a week and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—John E. Clifford, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N.Y. This remedy is for sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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## DEFENDING THE FRONTIER

Five Battalions of Infantry Mobilized in Ontario.

(Associated Press.)

Windsor, May 3.—Five battalions of infantry have been mobilized for defence 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 sunk by American shells in Manila bay two years ago, and captured. The dinner showed immense enthusiasm. Many speeches were made, notably one by Lieut. Hobson, the naval constructor, who has had charge of the re-building of the gunboats here.

## NANAIMO PILOTAGE BOARD

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, May 2.—Advices 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 Boye, Thomas O'Connell, J. S. Knarston, 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, Quenell 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

Mr. Justice Drake to-day is holding Court. In Cutler v. Mould, the plaintiff who is a well known rancher and road foreman of Sooke, sued for rent and damages to a horse he let defendant have the use of to bring him in to town. Defendant was in the country, and as his horse became unfit he got Mr. Cutler's horse, and after he returned it plaintiff claimed rent and damages as he said the horse was damaged. His lordship allowed \$20 for rent, but refused damages. F. Higgins for plaintiff and G. E. Powell for defendant.

## THE TURF

THE NEWMARKET 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 mingling 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.

## DEATH OF E. F. WURTELE

(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 at a distance apart. Thus the bullet that just misses one man does not strike his neighbor."

"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 who they never in their lives saw before."—Caswell's Saturday Journal.

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Those who follow the arduous occupation of dressmaking or sewing have troubles 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 exclaim every time I take an arch with my needle it seems as though I am piercing my own back.

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

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Mrs. P. Coyer, the well known dressmaker, 224 Bathurst street, Toronto, Ont., gave the following statement of her experience with it.

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