

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM THE NORTH

BIG PLANTS BEING SENT TO DIGGINGS

The Aisek Gold Fields—Several Offers
Made for Claims on Sheep
Creek.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

White Horse, June 11.—The great Yukon river after being held in the grip of the "Frost King" for over seven months is again released and the stern-wheel steamers have freed themselves from the ice and are once more on their way. The independent steamer Prospector, the lightest draft of all the fleet, reached White Horse on the 4th instant after a quick passage. The White Pass Company's steamer Columbian, well known to your readers as having been lost in Victoria harbor last year, yesterday, the 10th, after a trip of eight days, during which she scraped bottom all the way. But the Columbian is not light on the water, being strongly and durably built of heavy material.

The down river steamers were first, the independent boats Prospector and Casca, followed by the railway company's White Horse, Dawson, Selkirk and Victorian (also built Victoria) in the order named. All these vessels had passenger lists, for the hotels had been crowded for days with miners, traders and commercial travellers anxious to get through at the first opportunity. Many had bought through tickets at the coast or some particular steamer and could not get away from their boat was ready to leave. Long experience teaches that the best plan is the wisest way is to buy on White Horse and be free to board the first steamer leaving for down river. No freight was carried excepting from five to ten tons each.

The usual delay occurred at the head of Lake La Barge. The attempt to divert the current into a straight new channel proved abortive, the old river with strange perversity, preferring to continue in its tortuous way to the ocean to the straight course designed by the engineer.

It will be another three weeks before any large loads of freight may be moved which doubtless accounts for the fact that there is much less waiting in the sheds here than is usual at this time of the year.

Among the freight are some famous plants for Klondike and Forty-Mile diggings. One concern has steel rails and several small locomotives similar to those in use at the coal mines, with the most improved dumping cars and every thing to complete a miniature railway.

Another has piping for a great 24-inch water system, which suggests something powerful in the hydraulic line. But both sides these are made up of sets of boilers and engines, etc., with the usual paraphernalia that goes with them. It is evident that the day of the individual miner is passing and that of the great mining corporation at hand.

Tanana has the call at present among the labourers. It is learned from the police that it will keep a record of every boat and every man in it leaving for down river points that nearly 1,000 men have left this spring in boats and small scows principally for Tanana.

Nearly all these men walked from Skagway to White Horse, preferring to save the \$20 which this 110 mile ride would cost them. A working man naturally expects that he cannot earn money any easier than he can for 18c. per mile. A boat in White Horse costs \$25, and three men, and perhaps four, in full outfit, ride 800 miles in it if they are bound for Tanana, or nearly 2,000, to go to St. Michael.

But what of the gold fields of Aisek, far to the north? There are very few companies, excepting perhaps a few dredges and one or two records from these are seldom reliable. Shukum, Jim returned yesterday from Ruby, where he has sunk 50 feet without reaching bed rock, so that there is nothing conclusive about his particular operations. But he says in very poor English that the gold is there and that Bullion is good, too, though which is in the same district as Bellion is viewed with favor and several offers have come in for claims there during the last few days, which in general are not accepted.

It seems pretty clearly established that there are rich spots on Bullion, Sheep, Ruby and other creeks, but to what extent the pay streaks extend is not yet known. It will probably take some time to determine the extent of the pay streaks, if any, in the present season to demonstrate either one way or the other on any kind of a large scale.

So far the new camps, with one or two exceptions, have been visited by men of only very limited resources. There is, however, evidence of interest in the camp of those who swing big mining enterprises. J. H. Conrad, the well known mining man, has the diggings two days ago with a four-horse team, king with him two experts, Messrs. Gandy and LeRoi, who represent the C. L. Lane Mining Company of San Francisco and Nome. Capt. John Irving, C. K. McLeaman (formerly of Vancouver), Chas. Watson and others have hit it in the last few days. There is great interest in White Horse. In the diggings, every man is anxious to back his opinion up by being the possessor of at least one or two claims and this is reasonable. Whether or not the claims are as rich as hoped for they have already done and are still doing the town great good in a business way.

Livingstone creek, on the east side of the town, is a great deal of interest. The miners who did well last year have returned and about fifty men are now on their claims.

The quartz mine on Windy Arm, near Caribou Crossing, has been bonded and several men are at work developing. This is claimed to be one of the most promising properties known to experienced men who have examined it.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Appointments Made By the Government
—Workmen's Compensation Rules
Altered.

The appointments appearing in this week's Gazette are as follows:

Louis Hamblin of Deer Park, Lower Arrow Lake, West Kootenay, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

Alexander Faulds, of Victoria, M. E.,

to be acting inspector of coal mines and acting inspector of metalliferous mine for the Vancouver Island and Coast dis-

trict; inspection district during the tem-

porary absence of the inspector from the dis-

trict.

Hon. Robert Garnett Tatlow, minister

of finance, to be acting provincial secre-

tary, vice the Hon. Richard McBride,

minister of mines.

The rules respecting the Workmen's Compensation Act, which were promul-

gated in Fisherby, have been altered

with method of appointing an arbitrator.

The old rule read: "On the filing of the request for arbitration the registrar shall

forthwith transmit a copy of the request

and particulars to a judge, who shall, as

soon as conveniently may be, appoint by

writing under his hand an arbitrator to

this matter."

This has been substituted for the following:

"Upon the filing of the request for ar-

bitration with the registrar, the applica-

nt or any respondent may, by summons

served on the other party or parties in

accordance with the practice of the Su-

preme Court in Chambers for the ap-

pointment of an arbitrator, and the judge

may make an order appointing an ar-

bitrator on such evidence of fitness as

may deem sufficient."

Notice is given that G. Harold Grant,

mining engineer, of Victoria, B. C., has

been appointed attorney for "The Cop-

er Mountain Mining & Development

Company," in place of W. C. Spicer.

ANOTHER ORGANIZATION.

Property Owners' Association Has Elect-
ed Officers and Adopted Con-
stitution.

The Property Owners' Association was

fully organized Thursday afternoon when

the by-laws and constitution were adop-

ted and officers were elected. G. Prior

presided at the meeting. The following officers were elected: Chairman, F. B. Pemberton; secretary-treasurer, T. C. Sorby; board of managers, C. A. Hol-
land, C. Spencer, James Forman.

The entrance fee for membership is fixed at \$5 a year. This is to be omitted in the case of those who join within three months from June 1st. The annual subscription is to be \$5. Persons wishing to join may do so without the privilege of voting or serving as officers may be admitted at \$3 a year.

The object of the association, as an-

nounced in yesterday's Times, is set forth

in the constitution as follows:

"The object of this association shall be the securing of the fullest representa-

tion of real property interests on the

part of the owners of real property;

To protect such interests by a close watch

on the legislature, municipal and other

public bodies, with the view of remedying

and preventing by petition, memorial,

deputation or otherwise injurious legis-

lation, unfair taxation, and other

evils; also to afford assistance in secur-

ing amendments to laws which now bear

unduly on real property interests; and

for such other purposes as may appear desirable."

AN ASYLUM FARM.

Provincial Government Effects a Trans-
fer of Land For This Purpose.

The provincial government has effected

a transfer of timber land near the

asylum at New Westminster, which be-

longed to the property of that institution.

In exchange for this land about a thou-

sand acres of what is regarded as good

farming land has been received.

This land is situated about five miles and a half west of the town of Chemainus.

It is on the Fraser river, and also on the river road,

near Cowichan river.

The intention of the government in this

transfer of property is that it is a place

to be provided where inmates whom it

would be expedient to assign to that

work might be employed. It is proposed

to erect a building on the farm for the

ministers of the church.

There is an efficient board of trade

representing the interests of the city,

and in co-operation with the council

will be done in the near future to make

Ladysmith a city worthy of the

name.

There are numerous lodges with large

memberships among them being St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., K. of P.,

Perseverance, B. and H. Lodge, O. O. F. Independent Order of

Freemasons, Rebekahs, Rathbone

Sisters, F. O. Eagles, Woodmen of the

World, Odd Fellows' Encampment, Nova

Actina (Sclavonian) and Ancient Order

of Druids.

It is expected the new short line to

Extension will be opened early in

the fall. Work will be on in the meantime, and the bridge is pretty well completed.

It is reported that the railway station

will shortly move about 100 yards

south of its present position.

Fred Chadwick of Ladysmith, who

was injured in Extension mines a few

months ago, died yesterday afternoon at

the Royal Jubilee hospital. He was about 30 years of age, and leaves a widow and a young son. Much sympathy is felt for them.

Capt. H. A. Dillon, J. P., has been ap-

pointed correspondent and agent for the

Victoria Times at Ladysmith.

THE NEW CITY OF LADYSMITH

HAS MORE THAN FOUR THOUSAND INHABITANTS

Some of Its Public Buildings and Indus- tries—Number of Improvements Under Way.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Ladysmith, June 17.—Now that Ladysmith is an incorporated city, with a mayor and council of seven aldermen, it may be interesting to briefly mention its history and prospects.

Less than four years ago Oyster Harbor, as the site was then called, was a wild, heavily timbered tract, now it is a city of over 4,000 inhabitants. The city has a public school, with an attendance of over 800 pupils, English, Catholic and Presbyterian churches, two resident doctors and one dentist, fourteen hotels, two wholesale liquor dealers, and inns, two boarding houses, and a government agent's office is located here; there are also two real estate offices, county and small debts courts, a stipendiary magistrate and six or seven justices of the peace and three notaries public.

As regards trade, it can be estimated by the number of travellers who daily descend on our city, and all seem here in the seeking of orders and settlements of accounts.

With regard to manufactures, we have

nothing to report, but the following

are the principal industries:

Wood products, lumber, shingles, shingles

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