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General Forke Buys Out Its Rival Town. The Grand Forks Townsite Company has purchased the land of the Columbia Townsite Company. The deal was closed Wednesday. The consideration, it is understood, was in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The announcement of the purchase, which originated with T. W. Holland, manager of the Grand Forks Townsite Company, was received with general rejoicing in both cities. One thing is certain—the former bitterness prevailing between them will disappear, and all animosities in Columbia and Grand Forks will cease. The deal is a practical one, and will be of great benefit to both towns, which are separated by a narrow strip of water. The Columbia townsite is a large tract of land, and the Grand Forks townsite is a smaller tract. The deal will result in a more unified development of the area.

AN EXCURSION TO B. C. MINES

Canadian Trade Review Advises That Eastern Men Should Visit This Province.

The Canadian Trade Review, of Montreal, is evidently a wide-awake paper, as the following advice shows that it is alive to the great importance of the mining industry of British Columbia. "It is safe to say that no outside communities are more directly interested in the mining industries of British Columbia than those of Montreal, Toronto and Quebec, and it may be added with equal truth that, notwithstanding the fact that they are comparatively few in number, these cities have visited our sister province to inspect the districts or individual properties in which many of them have invested so largely. Their whole reliance is therefore placed on what they read and hear. Their broker is not their adviser and their agent, and though the confidence placed in him is not unfrequently misplaced, it is all important to be in a position to think for oneself and not to be helplessly dependent on the judgment of others. This is the reason why the mining and mineral investments with exceptional force, and should be acted upon by all who are engaged in the matter of mines and mining. In the earlier stages of the gold industry, when the ore fields were almost as inaccessible as the distant posts of the Hudson Bay Company, there was a legitimate excuse for not confronting the difficulties that stood between the outer world and the new place to a very different state of things, and the whole country has now been brought within easy distance, while the conditions of travel are such as to invite the journey with all the character of a pleasure trip. This being the case, it seems hard to understand why the number availing themselves of the opportunities given is so comparatively small. The ever-present question of cost is, of course, the simplest, and most natural explanation, and it is undoubtedly a stubborn factor to deal with, but there seems a method by which that cost may be at least temporarily offset. This is the case with the mining industry, when the railway companies are willing to provide the means of travel at what may be called temporary rates. Excursions are the order of the day, and while particularly favorable terms attach to ordinary tours, it is but right to suppose that the best of these should be named for those of an exceptionally important character. In this connection it may be said or suggested that an excursion to British Columbia, organized under the auspices of the several boards of trade and mining boards of Montreal, Toronto and Quebec, would probably prove more attractive to the capitalists and mercantile men of Quebec and Ontario than that which has yet been put before them.

Action By Conservatives

Preparations for the Elections Made at an Executive Meeting.

Hugh John Macdonald to Deliver Series of Addresses in Provinces.

The executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association held an enthusiastic meeting last night in Forster's hall, Government street, for the purpose of arranging preliminaries for a general meeting, and other matters in connection with the coming Dominion general elections. As will be seen by advertisement in another column, a general meeting is called for Tuesday, August 14, for the following purposes: Election of officers for the ensuing year. Election of delegates to attend convention of the Liberal-Conservative party, to be held at New Westminster on the 30th inst. Also, the fixing of date and the necessary arrangements for the holding of a convention for the purpose of selecting candidates to contest this city in the forthcoming election. All Liberal-Conservatives are cordially invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday evening next. Hugh John Macdonald, premier of Manitoba, will make a tour of the province towards the end of the month. He will be accompanied by a Conservative party, delivering addresses at different points.

BOOTLESS TROOPS.

Why the Men in South Africa Are Bare-footed.

Unreadiness—once again unreadiness—has been the explanation of the fact that soldiers in South Africa have to go barefooted. "A year ago," said a government official, "I was in the Cape, and I saw that when everyone knew well that this country was likely to be involved in war, the government store of boots in Pinelands was empty. It was a matter of fact, no special effort was made, and so very large number of additional contractors were engaged to provide boots for an army. "The war office had no excuse for being unprepared. It knew perfectly well, not only that a large stock of boots would be wanted, but it knew the quality and the quantity of boots demanded for a campaign in South Africa. "It knew, for example, from experience during the Egyptian campaign, that seven boots are no use in that dry, sandy climate. So it substituted screws for stiches. Also it knew that in certain instances the life of a boot was only three weeks. That happened to more than one pair of boots in the Atbara affair. "With that knowledge in its possession," he continued, "and the South African war-cloud overhead, the war office ought to have had millions of pairs of boots on hand. But as a matter of fact, no special effort was made, and so very large number of additional contractors were engaged to provide boots for an army. "As a consequence there was a rush all over England to any and every town where boots are produced to increase the rate of production. At this moment war office emissaries are rushing everywhere to find new contractors. "We are producing," said Mr. Blair, the government inspector of boots at Pinelands, "some 25,000 pairs of boots every week, and that has been the case since the war began. If you figure it out, you will find that allows every man in the army in South Africa four pairs of boots, and gives him a new pair every two months. On the average that ought to be enough, even though some boots wear out in a shorter period. "My impression is that the transport facilities are inadequate. "A large number of letters on the subject continue to be received by the Daily Mail. A private in the Royal Scots wrote to a brother in England that "one-half of the regiment has not a bit of boots on their feet. It is a shame the way we are walking about just now."

EASY TRAVELLING.

The Travelling Sidewalk at the Paris Exposition, while by no means new in conception, is here carried out on a far larger scale than ever before attempted. Extending for a length of 3.4 kilometers around the quai formed by the Rue Fabert, the Quai d'Orsay, the Avenue de la Bourdonnais, and the Avenue de la Motte-Picquet, it forms a continuous connection between the main portions of the exposition. The mechanical operation is very simple, thanks to the ease with which the platforms are distributed. It is understood that the main platform of 2 metres width travels at the highest speed, 8 kilometers per hour, while the auxiliary platforms of about the width, travels at half the speed, the platform remaining stationary. At every section of the platforms, the motors are carried upon spring suspensions, are held up against the rails driven by them with a uniform pressure, so that unnecessary friction is avoided, and in practice the whole operates remarkably well, there being very little or no jarring or irregularity.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Andrew Hamilton, of Tara, was drowned at Owen Sound on Monday, taking cramps while swimming a couple of hundred yards from shore, while his wife and three children were watching. Three men boys were brave but fruitless attempts to reach him, and one, aged 13, even dived for him, but was unable to reach him.

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With Kitchener Who Out Rounding Up the Boers.

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