

SILVER AND COPPER IN VANCOUVER'S AND THE NEIGHBORING ISLANDS.—Since the return of Mr. Jno. McCulloch, Analytical Chemist, from San Francisco, he has been engaged in examining chemically several specimens of Silver and Copper ores, which have afforded very extraordinary results. One sample of Arsenical Silver ore yielded 47.4 per cent. of pure metal, while a second of a similar nature contained 45.5 per cent. These samples are in the hands of different parties, who are acquainted with the locality, and who state that the ores can be procured in unlimited quantities. Of the Copper specimens, one is absolutely pure metal in a beautiful well defined crystalline state.

THE PRESIDENT has appointed G. T. Ryckman, Esq., of California, Secretary to the U. S. Legation at Chili. Mr. Ryckman is now residing amongst us, and will probably leave Victoria by the next steamer. He has means, business talent, and personal worth, which are well known to us, and we sincerely hope his excellent qualities may secure him in Chili the good fortune he deserves.

NEWS HAS BEEN received here from "Canoe Diggings," which describes the country as low and marshy. As yet there has been no prospecting done. "Canoe Diggings" are located between the head waters of the Fraser and Fort Alexander. Coarse gold has been exhibited by the Indians in large quantities. Mr. Ogdén, of the H. B. Co., had arrived at Camp le Femme, 200 miles from Fort Hope.

GOV. WELLER, of California, has commissioned E. O. Crosby, Esq., of Victoria, V. I., Commissioner of Deeds for the State of California.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL of Canada has transmitted the following to Queen Victoria, through the Ocean Cable:

The Governor General for British North America presents his humble duty to the Queen, and respectfully congratulates her Majesty on the completion of telegraphic communication between Great Britain and these colonies.

THE COMPLETION of the Electric Cable was celebrated here by a discharge of 21 guns from the Fort of Victoria. The fact thus proclaimed carries with it the aspiration that ere long we shall partake of the blessings of the wire to Vancouver's Isle. We see in the perfection of the Telegraph to and from all parts of the known world, a subjugation of hostile feelings, and that by the pulsations of the wire the pros and cons of peace and of war can be discussed and dismissed in a second. All honor then to the wire, for with it will flow peace, good will, and dollars more or less to all.

A FEW DAYS AGO, while in the neighborhood of the "Wells" on the Government reserve, a little to the north of the town, our attention was drawn to an extensive and substantially erected building on a part of the property formerly belonging to Mr. Findlayson, of the H. B. Co. The building is intended for a Brewery on a substantial basis, and is ready for the inside fittings, which are on board the schooner "Page," which left San Francisco some fourteen days ago. The proprietors have been assured of the entire support of the H. B. Co., and have consequently neither spared trouble or expense in procuring the best and most approved materials, apparatus and utensils. This Brewery will open with a working capacity of at least 2000 gallons per day, which will be a first class article.

A HIGH AUTHORITY in Geological matters says, that if hills are composed of Granite or Slate they may contain Gold, Silver, Tin and Copper; if composed of Limestone, there may be Lead; and if of Sand or Gritstone, Coal may be at no great distance. On the contrary, if hills are made up of Yellow Limestone, Chalk, or Clay, it is quite certain that they will contain neither Coal nor Lead nor any valuable mineral whatsoever. Take your pocket book and make a note of it—the points are good.

TO A CLOSE observer there are things of daily occurrence in Victoria that must lead to some reflection by such as are capable, and feel interested enough in giving them any consideration. It is somewhat remarkable, now that speculative excitement has died out, to find some of our merchants who have hitherto been considered long sighted and cautious in the extreme, employing capital and energy in laying the foundation of extensive concerns in Victoria. This is especially exemplified in the case of Mr. Chas. McDonald, who left his extensive business, as an Ale and Spirit merchant, in San Francisco, and determined upon being his own witness to and judge of the probable future of Victoria. It is gratifying to find that Mr. McDonald has viewed matters in a favorable light, a proof of which is to be found in the establishment of a business which is a credit to the town of Victoria besides being an evidence of superior discrimination and foresight on the part of the projector. Mr. McDonald has in this instance given one more proof of the cool and well considered determination which characterizes the clan to which he belongs; in which he is most ably assisted by another excellent clansman, John G. McKay.

A Book has been written on the art of making people happy without money.