

Atlin Quartz Prospects.

**Colonel Doyle Expresses Him-
self as Much Impressed
With Their Value.**

He Gives Considerable Information of a Little Known

Col. John Doyle, whose mining experience extends from the interior of Mexico

on the south to Dawson on the far north, and who is one of the best known mining men in Butte or Anaconda, not forgetting the Kootenay country, being

back with him from Atlin a very high opinion of the prospects of quartz mining there. Col. Doyle went into Dawson last year and in February made a trip into the Atlin country whence he arrived in Victoria a couple of days past. He has devoted his attention to quartz while

Col. Doyle is very much impressed with the quartz showing at Gleanerville on the east side of Taku km. The place readily got its name from the fact that the first two prospectors were landed there by Capt. Irving's steamer Gleaner last spring. Three Swedes then located property now owned by Mr. Lewis and several other White Pass railway officials and some of the best of the country.

Col. Doyle's claim, the Alpha, adjoining this claim. Further along there are three claims, the Black Bear, owned by Col. Doyle; the Cumberland, owned by Wm. Clark, Col. Doyle's partner; and the John Irving, owned by Col. Doyle and Wm. Clark.

Col. Doyle produced an assay certificate showing that the Black Bear ore test went 27.6 oz. in gold or \$752, besides 17.2 oz. in silver, and naturally he is not displeased with the result. Other promising claims are the Bluebell, owned by Clark; the Shamrock, owned by Col. Doyle; and the Thistle, owned by Capt. John Irving. The vein on the Bluebell is no less than 25 feet wide between the walls, so it is

Across on the west side of the Arm is the Eureka in which Messrs. Hawkins and Hauey are interested. The assays show \$16.80 in gold. The property is in course of development.

Other very likely claims are the Sunrise, owned by Mr. Clifford, M.P.P., and the Victoria, owned by Mr. M. King of this city.

The leads in the district are very strong and well defined and thought more attention has been paid to the placer ground in Atlin so far, Col. Doyle has a decidedly high opinion of the outlook for quartz mining there. Col.

During his trip North Col. Doyle and his partner, Mr. Clark, made a trip to White Horse where they had heard of a number of quartz properties being secured by the British American Corporation. The ore here is copper and three likely claims with a ledge 25 feet wide were staked by the Colonel and his partner.

Like other experienced miners Col. Doyle condemned the alien law which has had the effect of retarding to an enormous degree the growth of the Atlin district, besides inflicting many hardships on the miners.

MR. TURNER HOME.

Mr. J. H. Turner, accompanied by Mrs. Turner, reached home last evening from London, where the ex-Premier has been since the close of the last session of the Legislature at Albany.

the legislature. Although the intervening months have been very busy ones for Mr. Turner, he appears considerably improved in health, and despite a long, hurried and tiresome trip, he was as bright and cheerful as ever when he stepped from the Islander to be greeted by a party of friends. A representative

of the Colonist called on him last evening. The present season, he said, had been a very busy one throughout Great Britain in all lines of trade, and it was difficult to have anything done. There was in consequence a great deal of money seeking investment. No doubt more of this would have come to British Columbia than did were it not for the legislation of the last session, restricting

legislation of the last session, particularly the alien and eight-hour laws, London capitalists considering them at least inopportune. British Columbia they considered could ill afford to put a check on her development at the present time. The legislation had a bad effect on British Columbia investments, the repudiative policy of the government doing a great deal of harm. For example, the

cancelling of a land grant for a line of railway from Kamloops into the Cariboo country had been taken up by a committee of the board of trade, and he heard that they had addressed the government in respect to it. Such things as these were bound to injure the credit of a country. The issue of inscribed stock, too, was not well received by the

public, which also injuriously affected everything relating to the province.

In London the excitement over the war was at fever heat. The feeling during the negotiations was that everything possible should be done to preserve peace, and it was this that prevented the government from sending troops earlier. As soon as Kruger broke off the negotia-

Mr. Turner just missed the British Columbia volunteers at Montreal, they having passed through shortly before he arrived. This was a matter of great regret to him, as he would have liked to have met the men from British Columbia.

have met the men from British Columbia. In Montreal and all along the line the greatest enthusiasm prevailed over the Canadian contingent, but Mr. Turner felt that none of the provinces or colonies had done as well as British Columbia, when the populations were compared. The province he felt had done nobly.

B. Y. P. U. Social.—To-morrow night at Emmanuel Baptist church a union social will be held. The B. Y. P. U. of Calvary church will join with the young people of Spring Ridge and provide the programme for the evening. It is expected that a large number of the young people of both churches will be present and a good time is assured all who visit.

to attend.