

VOICE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Who Says The World Does Not Go Everywhere?

PEOPLE COMING TO CANADA

Forsaking the Transvaal for the Gold Fields of the Kootenay.

A Johannesburg Man Who Does Not Always Take Stock in Geologists' Warnings

British Capitalists in the Western Country—Coke From Wales Used in the Pacific Province—The Big Bend Mineral Region—Hydraulic Mining.

To-day The World is in receipt of a communication dated a month ago on the other side of the world, and stating how our mining news is appreciated over there, and how the journals' accounts of the activity in British Columbia are leading men to forsake South Africa for Western Canada.

The letter, which also points out that it is to the prospector and not to the geologist that we owe the discovery of our mineral resources, reads as follows: Johannesburg, S.A.R., Jan. 1st, '97.

Editor Toronto World: Dear Sir,—Under the clear blue sky and warm sun of South Africa your noble little sheet reaches us like an angel's kiss.

In lesser quantities than the coarse and cheaper kinds that we wait for arrival the same as one would the coming of a friend, read it all through (T. Eaton's advertisement included), and then pass it on to the next.

I have no doubt by this time but that it is the best-known Canadian paper on the Rand. The reports of the mining in the Kootenay country, B.C., contained in it have caused me to pick up my kit and make for the land of the Chinook.

It had what is reported about that country is true its future for a white man's home is far ahead of that of South Africa, for I had the great pleasure of trailing through that country in 1888.

Prospectors who explored that part and also the Lillooet and as far north as Soda Creek always spoke very highly of it as a mining country, and many a poor fellow would have developed their claims and become rich had they even a grub stake referred to them as an inducement; but no, it could not be had.

The whole of the Kootenay, the Yale and New Westminster districts, in fact west from the Purcell range of mountains to the coast, and the inland ridges, Texada Island, and Alberni district on Vancouver Island, all these places were considered worthless and pronounced so by one of those so-called geologists and his clique, who were sent there to investigate the interests of some English mining company. This report, coupled with the making of a mine and other tricks of the trade known to miners put a damper on things for a time, until the British Columbia government, who hold of the matter and passed laws to make the holder of a claim act honest.

The geologist belongs to a class of professors who only counts upon his title as to what the bowels of the earth contain, as is proven by the fact that the Kootenay country at the present time is turning out its riches, and also the places mentioned in this letter, which were considered as worthless by the same class of professors, and are to-day proving their wealth, and the very Rand that to-day is turning out its tons of gold per month and still on the increase, with its thousands of inhabitants who are making money every day, would not have their existence, had the people of early days abided by the report that geologists had made.

No! it was owing to the perseverance of the prospector and the diamond drill that the mystery was unraveled and another earth yielded her treasures. Look at the Treadwell mine in the world, with its 240 stamps, and paying a grand dividend of \$1,000,000 a year. A report that created it? No! it was the prospector. Take the Ballarat nugget taken from the sea, and sent to Australia, and weighing 130 ounces. Again, the prospector, and the very spot had been condemned as worthless by the geologist as worthless. Again the Dundreagh coal mine on Vancouver Island, which was considered as worthless by the geologist as worthless. Again the Dundreagh coal mine on Vancouver Island, which was considered as worthless by the geologist as worthless.

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English Capital.

Going Steadily Into the Rich Slocan Silver Country.

One of the clearest indications that the Slocan galena country is fast coming to the front as one of the richest mining districts of British Columbia is the fact that foreign capital is looking for properties there. An English syndicate is understood upon good authority to be negotiating for the possession of the Alamo, Cumberland and Idaho mines and the Slocan mill and shaft. The figure offered by J. D. Farrell, the manager of the properties, is \$750,000, and the bid is under consideration.

These mines are all well known. The Idaho has paid \$125,000 in dividends, and is paying \$20,000 monthly at present.

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