A Visit To Atlin

Streets Are Well Graded and Citizens Confident of the Future.

Work on Creek Claims--Miners Are Enthusiastic Over the Quartz Mines.

(Special correspondence of the Times.)

Your correspondent found himself via the White Pass and Yukon railway to Caribou Crossing, then by steamer Gleaner to Taku City, thence by tramway to Atlin lake, crossing the lake by steamer Scotia, arrived at Atlin City. A most pleasant journey in good weather, but when the stormy winds do blow—well, I will not harrow up your feelings.

Atlin is the City of Hope. A prettier site for a city can scarcely be imagined. The keen, crisp air in the summer makes the climate delightful. The soil makes agricultural and horticultural pursuits a pleasure, and if the mineral prospects develop into paying mines Atlin will not only be a city of hope, but will naturally develop into a permanent city of trade and residence.

Outside Victoria—the queen city of the Pacific—there is no lovelier townsite than Atlin. Its streets are well graded; its citizens have confidence in its future, displaying their confidence by erecting permanent stores and residences. Their banks are ready to buy gold dust; the provincial government have built an excellent court house and offices; a small stamp mill is in operation; a lumber mill supplies the want of the city and mines, and there is an appearance of solidity about the place that is most ensuring.

About five miles out from the city, by an excellent road, is the famous Discovery creek, the other creeks, Boulder, Willow, Spruce and Pine being in immediate contiguity, along the river. I visited the claim from whence the second largest nugget has been taken, owned by Mr. Harrigan, the adjoining claims being oiwned by Mr. N. Sabine, of Cedar Hill, Victoria. Both are doing very well, their summer's work being very remunerative.

The chief hope of the district lies in the quartz mines situated about 10 miles from Atlin. Of the value of these claims I cannot write, as it was too far for me to visit in the short time at my disposal. Experienceved miners speak enthusiasti- Experienced miners speak enthusiasti- scepticism induces me to suspend judgment. Of one thing I am certain, the placer claims are not a fake, and as long as they last Atlin will remain a solid little town.

I have been favored with a pass upon the now obsolete Red Line Transportation Company, owned and operated by M. J. Heney, the contractor for the W. P. & Y. R. The conditions accepting are somewhat peculiar:

"This pass is not transferable, must be signed in ink or blood by the holder, and the person thereby accepting and using it assumes all risk of accident and damage to person and baggage. The holder must be ready to 'mush on' at the crack of the driver's whip.

"'Four Crown Scotch' and 'Concha de Regalias' carried as side arms subject to inspection, and may be tested by the officials of the road and their duly authorized representatives.

"Passengers falling into the mud must first find themselves and then remove the soil from their garments, as the Red Line Transportation Company does not own the country and the authorities are not giving it to 'chechacos.'

"No passenger allowed to make any remarks if the horses climb a tree, and each one must retain his seat if the sled drops through the ice until the bottom of the lake is reached, when all are expected to get out and walk ashore.

"The holder hereof may gaze upon the mountain scenery, or may absorb the Italian sunsets, and, if specially desirous, may be permitted to watch the gleaming Northern Lights. If the passenger has but one lung he will have permission to inhale the fresh air to full capacity of said lung, but no bellows will be allowed.

"I accept the above conditions."

If any of your readers wish to possess this pass I am ready to sell it at a great bargain.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

Miss Kathleen Beaven and Lieut. Ellis, R. N., United in Bonds of Matrimony Yesterday.

In Christ Church Cathedral yesterday afternoon, Miss Kathleen Emily Beaven, daughter of Hon. Robert Beaven, was united in marriage to Lieut. Stanley Venn Ellis, R.N. The interior of the edifice presented a beautiful appearance with the decorations of white carnations, ferns, and many other flowers which grow so luxuriously in this city, while the general artistic effect was heightened by the tasteful arrangement of white streamers. The railing and altar were literally buried in a wealth of flowers forming a canopy over the bridal couple. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a very large number of friends.

The bride was attended by Miss Josephine Crease as first bridesmaid, and the Misses Muriel and Kathleen Dunsmuir, and the bridegroom was supported by Lieut Mairis, R.N The ceremony was performed by Bishop Perrin, assisted by Rev. Canon Beanlands. Mr. G. Pauline presided at the organ, and upon the conclusion of the impressive service the congregation sang the hymn, "O Perfect Love."

The bridal party left the church amid the grand strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, their way to the entrance being over a carpet strewn with beautiful flowers by several little girls who preceded them. At the entrance a party of bluejackets were drawn up on either side and made the welkin ring with cheers for the newly married couple, and when the latter entered the carriage the sailors led the horses by the bridles to "Burdett House," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, where the reception was held.

The bride's costume was a very handsome one of ivory white duchesse satin, draped with Brussels lace, and the bodice trimmed with chiffon. A veil of old Limerick lace was caught up with sprays of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas, veiled in gypsophla, and wore a gold-braided bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom.

Miss J. Crease wore a pretty dress of white and figured organdie, with narrow black velvet sash and brilliant buckles; a picture hat of black chiffon, lined with pale green, and carried a shower bouquet of mauve and cream sweet peas. The Misses Muriel and Kathleen Dunsmuir, daughters of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir, looked charming in dresses of white lace over pale blue silk and pale blue picture hats. The bridegroom's presents to the bridesmaids were handsome pearl brooches.

A singularly prepossessing and patriotic feature of the event was the red, white and blue arrangement formed by the immediate participants. The bride's costume was white, the bridegroom's uniform was blue, and Lieut Mairis wore the red uniform of the Marines. Red, white and blue bouquets were carried.

Among those present at the reception were: His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere Mrs. Beaumont, Sir Henry and Lady Crease, the Misses Crease, Mr. Lindley Crease, Mr. A. D. Crease, Mrs. Dunsmuir, the Hon. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir, the Misses Dunsmuir, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, the Misses Pemberton, Mr. J. D. Pemberton, Mr. W. D. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. W. C. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ward, Mrs. Cecil Ward, Mr. Frank Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Powell, Mr. R. B. Powell, the Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, the Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven, the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Beanlands, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Galletly, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Burns, Mr. Bickford Wilson, Mrs. E. L. Sampson; Miss L. Powell, Miss K. M. Powell, Mrs. Kirby, Lieut. Cayley, Capt. and Mrs. Williams, Lieut. E. S. Mairis (R. N.), Lieut. Morant (R.N.), Lieut. Metcalfe (R.N.), Lieut. Wilding (R.N.), Capt. and Mrs. Startin (R.N.), Capt. and Mrs. Heaton-Ellis (R.N.), Capt. and Mrs. Walker (R.N.); the Hon. Edgar and Mrs. Dewdney, the Misses Allison, Mr. O'Reilly, Mrs. and Miss Cerwin, Mr. Justice, Mrs. and Miss Walkem, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, Miss Cornwall, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Benson, Major and Mrs. Wynne, the Hon. W. J. Macdonald, Mrs. and Miss Macdonald, Major and Mrs. Phipps, Miss Phipps, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Miss Evely, Lieut. and Mrs. Glenny, Major and Mrs. Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. Alexis Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Du Moulin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wark, Miss Hemmingover, Miss Wark, the Misses Dupont, Mrs. A. R. Robertson, Dr. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dumbleton, Capt., Mrs. and Miss Richardson, Mr. A. W. Vowell, Mr. and Miss Hills, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bell, Miss Nora Bell, Mrs. and Miss Keefer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Croft, Mr. and Mrs. Bryden, Mrs. Snowden, Miss Harvey, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. E. G. Prior, the Misses Prior, Mrs. C. E. Pooley, Mrs. Sarurier, Miss Sweet, Mr. Sydney Roberts, Mrs. Worsfold, Major and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Flletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Dr. and Miss Davie, Mr. Harold Dean, Miss L. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cookson, Mr. and Mrs. Laundy, Miss Brady, Mr. W. Langley, Mr. Albert Langley, Mr. and Mrs. R. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hall, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. and Miss Jeffries, Mrs. Eugene J. de Sabla, Miss Russell, Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Miss Violet Vernon, Mr. George Denny, Lieut. Cawley (R.N.), Sub-Lieut. Roy, Mr. Van-der Gucht, Dr. John Duncan, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Baynes Reed, Mrs. and Miss Cowden, Miss Sill, Mrs. G. L. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Loewen, the Misses Loewen, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Duff, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Park, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. H. Matson, Mr and Mrs. T. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Gouch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. J. D. Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. Cuyler Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Mrs. D. M. Eberts, Miss Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Wilson, Miss Victoria Wilson, Capt. and Mrs. Granville Smith (R.N.), Dr. and Miss Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, Mrs. St. George, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. A. Gillespie, Mr. and Miss McNaughton Jones, Mrs. Scholefield, the Misses Scholefield, Mr. K. Scholefield, Mrs. Hussey, Mrs. Blaicklock, Mrs. Rome, Mr. Justice and Mrs. AE. Irving, Mr. G. A. Kirk, Mrs. Croasdaile, Mr. and Mrs. Langmead, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCallum, Mrs. and the Misses McKay, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Lobb, Mr. C. Cookson, Mr. H. Gillespie.

Many handsome presents were received by Lieut. and Mrs. Ellis, forming a convincing commentary of their popularity among their number of friends.

Lieut. and Mrs. Ellis left on the Islander this morning en route for England, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will go over the C.P.R., taking passage on the liner Tunisian at Montreal.

FOR INDIA.

Subscriptions at the Bank of British Columbia to the Famine Fund.

The following donations have been received up to the 25th inst. to the India famine fund by the Bank of British Columbia:

Mrs. Wolfenden	$ 50
S. A. Stoddart	1 00
Mrs. Stevenson	5 00
J. T. Taylor	1 00
Anonymous	2 00
Miss Dorothy Beanlands	5 00
Anonymous	10 00
H. H. Dearborn	5 00
B. S.	5 00
W. W. Ralph	1 00
Miss E. May	1 00
Bishop & Clarke	50
A Friend	25
A Friend	1 50
Miss Armstrong	1 00
A Friend	1 00
E. Vincent	50
Capt. C. E. Clarke	5 00
Sympathy	10 00
Mrs. Carmichael	2 50
Total	$68 75

Welcomed To Dawson

The Northern Miners Give an Enthusiastic Reception to His Excellency.

The Men With Grievances Lay Their Needs Before the Governor-General.

The Earl and Countess of Minto received a royal welcome on their arrival at Dawson city on the 14th inst. Fully an hour before the steamer bearing the vice-regal party was due to arrive thousands of people in holiday attire were parading up and down First avenue in anxious anticipation and expectation. At 11 o'clock the smoke of the steamer Sybil was seen over the island south of the city, and ten minutes later, with Capt. Cox at the wheel, the steamer was passing the barracks of the Northwest Mounted Police, when a salute of 21 guns was fired. Ten minutes later the beautifully decorated steamer tied up to the dock of the C. D. Co., the Orpheum theatre band rendering in melodious strains the tune of the national anthem, 'God Save the Queen."

Immediately on the landing of the steamer, Major Z. T. Wood, of the N. W. M. P., having been the escort of the vice-regal party, eight members of his force, with uniforms and arms, alighted and lined up on the dock at the end of the gang plank. Commissioner Ogilvie and other members of the Yukon council with the district clerk, Dr. J. N. E. Browne, and members of the citizens' committee, board of trade, newspaper men and others, then boarded the steamer and were introduced to His Excellency by Commander Wood.

Dr. Browne, secretary to the commissioner, presented a formal address signed by Commissioner Ogilvie, J. E. Girouard, W. H. P. Clement and Z. T. Wood, assuring the Governor-General of the loyalty of the inhabitants of this northern portion of the Queen's dominion.

With Lady Minto at his side His Excellency received the address most graciously, and in reply made a neat address, saying in substance that he was most pleased to be able to visit Dawson and become acquainted with the people of the far-away Yukon; that he fully appreciated the hearty welcome with which he was being received; that he was anxious to learn of conditions as they existed, and that, in his position as Governor-General of the Dominion he will willingly and gladly do all in his power to further the interests of that portion of Her Majesty's domain.

To thrilling and enlivening strains from the band the party came ashore and were seated in waiting carriages, the first being occupied by Lord Minto, Judge Craig, Lady Minto and Commissioner Ogilvie; the second by Major Wood, Dr. Catto and Col. MacGregor and other distinguished personages, and the third by Crown Prosecutor Wade, Inspector Starnes, of the N. W. M. P., and Dr. J. N. E. Browne.

The sidewalk and street were lined with people anxious to get a glimpse of the party in the first carriage as it was driven rapidly towards the barracks, preceded by four mounted police officers.

As the carriage containing the distinguished visitors passed down the street, hats and handkerchiefs and flags were waved by the crowd that lined the way, and cheers echoed on every hand, being responded to by the Earl, who removed his hat from time to time, bowing his acknowledgements. The party were escorted to the quarters arranged for their accommodation by the reception committee, where they were left to themselves till later in the day.

The stand erected on First avenue just in front of the Aurora dock was decorated in a very pretty, tasteful and appropriate manner with flowers and evergreens. The platform was surrounded with a railing and underneath this on the sides and front, with the exception of the space taken up by the stairway, benches were placed, and upon them were displayed samples of the Yukon's vegetable products, consisting of cabbage, lettuce, turnips, radishes, carrots, peas and tomatoes. Besides these, there were displayed some very fine looking samples of wheat, barley and oats. The platform was backed by evergreens, extending across which were the words, "The Earl of Minto," in the form of an arch worked in flowers.

At this stand the citizens' committee presented a long address to His Excellency, after which a parade of floats representing the wealth and industries of the territory, was reviewed.

After the review the party were driven about the city, and in the evening a reception was held at Major Wood's residence.

The men with grievances of course could not allow the opportunity to pass without laying their representations before the Governor-General. Col. MacGregor, Secretary J. Clarke and Messrs. Woodworth, McDonald, Williams and Prudhomme, of the citizens' committee, laid a voluminous memorial before His Excellency, concluding as follows:

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that Your Excellency will take means to bring before your advisers and the parliament of Canada:

First—The necessity for immediately doing away with or at least greatly reducing the present royalty tax on gold mined in the Yukon Territory.

Second—The necessity of preparing roads and bridges and affording free means of communication within the Yukon Territory.

Third—The necessity of opening for location to free miners parts of the Yukon Territory owned by the government which are fit for placer mining.

Fourth—The necessity for reducing the present fees for free miners' certificates and for recording and renewing placer mining claims.

Fifth—The necessity for altering the hydraulic mining regulations so as to secure for the free miner the right to locate, record and work any ground which is fit for placer mining, whether covered by a concession or not.

Sixth—The adoption and enforcement of such mining regulations as will encourage to the utmost the prospector first, the miner second, and the investor third, and throw open the country for the fullest and freest development.

Seventh—The necessity of granting representation of the people of the Yukon of at least two members in the House of Commons of Canada.

Eighth—A legislative council wholly elected by the citizens of the Yukon Territory.

Ninth—The necessity of putting the liquor trade of this territory under such regulations as to subject it to the laws of trade and insure commercial freedom.

Tenth—Establishment of proper courts and a court of appeal in and for the Yukon Territory.

Eleventh—The necessity of securing or establishing a free British port of entry on the western coast of America within reach of the head-waters of the Yukon river, in order to encourage the trade and commerce between the Yukon Territory and the other portions of the Dominion of Canada.

The spirit in which Lord Minto received all these addresses is well indicated in the following extract from his reply to the public address of the citizens:

"As the constitutional representative of Her Majesty, you are well aware that I have no direct voice in the legislative affairs of the Dominion, but I must say that I believe I shall be able to make such suggestions as a result of this visit that great good to the country will accrue therefrom."

PROTECT THE BIRDS.

To the Editor: I have been much interested in the letters which have appeared in your columns anent the cut worms. Allow me to make a few observations that have come under my notice. My farm is situated in a valley or glen equi-distant from Metchosin and Rocky Point. It is about 1½ miles from the nearest cultivated land. I do not agree with others that there is "something in the soil," or that the rotation or cultivation has favored me. The fact remains that while in Rocky Point and Metchosin the potato crop in many instances is ruined, and the mangel and turnip crop greatly injured, mine have escaped the ravages of the cut worms.

I do not say that there were no caterpillars in the glen. The half dozen specimens I succeeded in finding were almost under the shadow of the house, where the birds could not readily discover them, and those persons who were curious enough to minutely examine my crops may have found an odd specimen, but I say that my crops did not suffer any damage from the plague of cut worms so universal in this part of British Columbia. Now, sir, will Dr. Fletcher or J. R. Anderson inform me to what particular providence I am indebted for immunity from this pest? The cut worms have been in Rocky Point for several years without doing much damage. People attribute their increase to the mildness of the last two winters, but I believe it is largely due to the destruction of our field birds. Here I have a whole colony of meadow larks, which sing for us all the year round. In the spring we are visited by countless robins, and there is a large number of small birds. Flocks of crows come up from the beach and feed in the furrow behind the plow, or traverse the fields in quest of food. No wanton shooting is allowed, and the much abused Jay bird here finds a safe retreat; while the chicken hawk I regard as one of the farmers' friends. Two years ago I shot a pheasant whose crop was full of the red cut worm which eats its way into the potatoes, and since that time I have assiduously protected the pheasants.

Gentlemen, protect the field birds. Give Mr. Jay a show. He is a merry little fellow, and is indefatigable in getting his living, thereby teaching some of us a lesson. Cultivate the acquaintance of the friendly crow, which industriously searches for his food in the fields "where busy plows are whistling thrang." Do not blame him if he prefers an apple in the fall for dessert. Foster the field robins and meadow larks. Scare the hawk from the poultry yard, but destroy him not, for the sake of the mice and rats he devours in the grain fields. They are all the farmers' friends, everyone of them. Let us levy a tax of $5 on the school boy and grown up boy who carries a gun and wantonly destroys our game and field birds, and the rural "acts" of our business men in town. Give the pheasants government protection for two years, increase the number of our game wardens, import larks and linnets and thrushes from Britain, and we will hear less about the destructive inroads of cut worms. I respectfully submit these suggestion for your consideration. J. D. REID.

Metchosin, B. C.

A MOTHER TELLS HOW SHE SAVED HER LITTLE DAUGHTER'S LIFE.

I am the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with medicines. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form. We thought she would die. I tried everything I could think of, but nothing seemed to do her any good. I saw by an advertisement in our paper that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was highly recommended and sent and got a bottle at once. It proved to be one of the very best medicines we ever had in the house. It saved my little daughter's life. I am anxious for every mother to know what an excellent medicine it is. Had I known it at first it would have saved me a great deal of anxiety and my little daughter much suffering. Yours truly, Mrs. Geo. F. Burdick, Liberty, R. I. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

HOISTING CUBAN FLAG.

(Associated Press.)

Santiago de Cuba, Aug. 25.—The Cuban flag will be hoisted to-day with elaborate ceremony over the palace here. It will float there for the first time since General Shafter ordered it hauled down in 1898.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Moving to White Horse

Public Works Department of Yukon to Be Transferred From Dawson.

Big Appropriations Available For Trails and Bridges--General News.

Steamer Danube, which arrived in Victoria last evening, brought the intelligence that the steamer Victorian, of the river fleet, had been quarantined at White Horse with diphtheria on board. There was only one case, and as this had been promptly isolated little further delay was expected.

John Baring, a longshoreman of Skagway, fell a few days ago while intoxicated, and his head doubling under him, he died from strangulation.

Ketchikan, which has been growing very rapidly of late, has applied for incorporation under the laws of the United State.

The Skagway Daily Alaskan, of Saturday, August 18th, prints the news on the authority of S. Weitman, a merchant of Haines, "that the Canadians intend to soon move their customs house on the Dalton trail from its present location at Pheasant Camp, now a mounted police post, to the mouth of the Klaheena river." The new place is near Klukwan. The camp and customs house are now back of the Porcupine mining country. The mouth of Klaheena is at the entrance to the Porcupine country.

Mr. Weitzman is further quoted by the Alaskan as follows: "The customs house is to be moved 18 miles nearer tidewater on Lynn canal, and to the point of nearest approach of the provisional boundary to tidewater on the canal. This would mean the establishment of the customs house at the entrance to the American mining camp known as the Porcupine district. Under the customary rule then, all goods going into the Porcupine would have to pass through Canadian territory. They would then be subject to duty or would have to be carried in bond."

The Western Union Telegraph Co. has, it is said, signified its intention of constructing a line from Juneau to Atlin.

Notwithstanding the defeat of the charters for additional northern roads, the promoters are steadily proceeding with the preliminary work in connection with these enterprises.

The Tribune of White Horse is authority for the statement that J. C. Tache, who is now in Dawson, will relieve Commissioner Ogilvie of responsibility of the public works department, and will assume control of them himself. He will, it is said, move his headquarters to White Horse.

Fifteen men with teams are now at work making a foundation for large government buildings, which will be completed about October 1st. The main building will be 30x32, and in it will be the post office and the offices of Mr. Tache, superintendent of public works; Robt. Miller, mining recorder. Two extensions, each 26x50, will be used to store supplies, 80 tons of which are now on the way here.

It is also reported that the police post at Tagish is to be removed to White Horse and that barracks capable of accommodating from 25 to 50 men will be erected close to the government buildings. In this event a district court house will also be put up.

Yesterday the good news came to Commissioner Ogilvie, says the Dawson Sun of the 11th, that the $70,000 spent on the Ridge road last season by the Yukon council has been voted in refund, and that amount is now available for work on other roads, trails and bridges to the mines, included in which will undoubtedly be a bridge over the Klondike at Klondike City. Supt. J. B. Tache is now on his way to Dawson with $50,000 given him by the government to expend upon the waterways between Dawson and White Horse. From the work he did last winter, it is a certainty that the route between Dawson and White Horse will be easy to navigate. The Yukon council has in the annual appropriations provided for $60,000 for improvement of roads and trails, which, together with the $70,000 refund, puts plenty of money in the hands of the authorities to enable them to give the miners some of the improvement that will make it possible to travel between camp and town with less inconvenience and danger. Engineers are out surveying the Ridge road down Dominion to Gold Run and down Gold Run as a creek road, and work thereon will be begun at once. Other improvements are being considered, and now that money to pay for the work is on hand improvements will be made at a rapid rate.

Public Administrator W. H. P. Clement, of Dawson, is the latest Yukon official to be subjected to annoyance, Jas. A. Magee having preferred charges that Clement made false returns in the matter of the estate of J. F. Dennis, deceased. The charges were, needless to say, found to be groundless.

IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Total Number of Pupils Enrolled So Far Is 2,404—Increase Expected.

The total number of pupils enrolled in the public schools at present is 2,404, which does not exceed the largest enrolment of last year. Next month it will probably be increased to 2,500. The Boys' Central school, North Ward, Hillside and Victoria West have respectively larger attendance than in the corresponding month last year. The enrolment in the various schools follows:

High School	128
Boys' Central	403
Girls' Central	376
North Ward	462
South Park	361
Victoria West	261
Spring Ridge	144
Hillside	164
Kingston Street	105
Total	2,404

There are many forms of nervous debility in men that yield to the use of Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weakness, night sweats, etc.,

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Esquimalt Electors Follow a Democratic System in Choosing a Road Manager.

In response to a notice issued by the members for Esquimalt electoral district calling a meeting of the electors of the Highland road district to nominate a road foreman, whom they, the members, would recommend to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the appointment, a large and representative gathering met at Colwood school house on Saturday. Mr. J. A. Annett was made chairman, while Joheph Shaw acted as secretary.

The following resolutions, with one exception, were carried unanimously:

1. That no foreman be appointed until a system of road making be defined.

2. That when a road foreman be appointed he be elected by the people.

3. That three road commissioners be elected annually by the people for the whole of the Esquimalt electoral district to decide what roads require making or repairing, and that the foreman receive all instructions from the commissioners.

4. That no road foreman employ his own team on the road work.

5. That the rate of pay for team work be $5 per day for a two-horse team and $3.50 per day for single horse and vehicle.

6. That at least two-thirds of the appropriations be spent on the main trunk roads.

7. That all work possible be sold by tender to the lowest bidder. Not carried.

8. That the foregoing are in part the opinion of the electors of Highland road district, as shown on the map and defined in notice calling this meeting, and that the said map and notice be kept by the secretary.

9. That Messrs. Stuart, Prince, Wale, Atkins and Maltravers be appointed to wait upon the hon. members for Esquimalt district and press these resolutions, they, the committee, calling a future meeting to report and take any other steps they may deem advisable.

10. That a report of this meeting be forwarded to the Times and Colonist by the secretary.

MINERALS NEAR AT HAND.

Promising Property Owned by Thomas Grahame at South Saanich—Good Showing.

Nowadays when the prospector trains his eagle eye and leaves the precincts of the city to search the fastnesses for indications of grand mineral wealth with which this province has been endowed by a beneficent nature it is too often the prevailing disposition to prosecute investigations as far as possible from the noise and bustle of the community. The fact is overlooked that it may be that almost within the boundaries of a thriving municipality there exist minerals which will remain in obscurity unless discovered through some caprice of chance.

About eleven miles from this city is a property known as the Penton mine, owned by Thomas Grahame. It is situated in South Saanich, one mile and a half from the Victoria & Sidney railway station, and the same distance from the sea. The owner has sunk two shafts, one of which is down to a depth of thirty feet, and in which an ore bearing vein has been struck which widens about three inches to the foot. About ten feet above this shaft there is a streak of ore one inch thick and traceable for six or seven feet on the surface. The wall is extremely smooth and is perpendicular.

On the second shaft the wall inclines at an angle of about forty-five degrees. This has been sunk at a distance of 300 feet from the other and has a depth of nearly twenty feet. Mr. Grahame has struck on his property some very rich copper ore, while tons of magnetic iron ore have already been taken out. That which has engendered the most interest, however, is the gold bearing quartz ledge, 20 feet wide, which has been examined by experts from Alberni, Mount Sicker, Rossland and the Boundary country, and pronounced equal to anything they had seen as regards promising prospects. Samples were tested at Montreal recently, and were stated to be the best kind of gold bearing quartz. The entire ledge of the Penton mine property varies from 60 to 200 feet in width and promises in the near future to rival properties that have by their development become famed throughout the country as mineral producers.

TROUBLESOME TO THE ARMY.

During the civil war, as well as in our late war with Spain, diarrhoea was one of the most troublesome diseases the army had to contend with. In many instances it became chronic and the old soldiers still suffer from it. Mr. David Taylor, of Wind Ridge, Greene Co., Pa., is one of these. He uses Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and says he never found anything that would give him such quick relief. It is for sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

STATUE OF APOLLO.

(Associated Press.)

Athens, Aug. 25.—A magnificent marble statue of Apollo, life size, has been discovered in this vicinity. Its workmanship is of the fifth century, B.C., and it is believed to be the oldest in existence.

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A RARE CHANCE.

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