THE DANUBE SAILS

Wharves Thronged Yesterday Evening With Spectators-Thousands Were Present.

Several Parties Who Are Well Outfitted Went from This City.

From Menday's Dally.

The scenes enacted on the wharves when the Islander sailed with her contingent of prospectors were re-enacted. yesterday evening, when the steamer Danube sailed for Dyea. She was advertised to sail at 8 o'clock, and as early as two hours before that time long lines: of people were to be seen flocking: through the streets, all with the same objective point in view, the waterfront, By 8 o'clock thousands had assembled along the wharves and on Wharf street to watch her departure. The scene, if it had not in so many instances be pathetic, would have been quite gay, for the crowd had something of a holiday appearance. It was a scene very seldom witnessed on the waterfront, the wharf generally being given over to the ship-ping men and their cohorts.

In the freight shed the noise was deafening; longshoremen were rushing their trucks to and fro, others were trying to ush obstinate live stock up the gangplanks, and all were doing something to add to the din. It was nearly 10 o'clock before the freight was all on board and the gangplanks were hauled up. Then Capt. Meyers mounted the bridge and the whistle spoke, warning dilatory passengers that it was time they were on board. The lingering embraces then took place, and amid the laughter of those whose sole object was to see the steamer sail, "just to say we saw it go, you know," those whose friends and relations were about to depart stood and wept. The goodbyes over, the whistle spoke again and all the fever-striken niners rushed aboard saving one who wanted to stay to the very last minute. He did not seem to hear the whistle, but Capt. Meyers' "break away there!" brought his thoughts back to the situation and he was just on board before the gangplank went in.

It was then about 10 o'clock, and amid the cheers of the crowd the lines were slipped and the Danube was off

with her gold seekers. She carried about 150 passengers and a large number of horses. Her hold was also filled with freight. Among the passengers were two of the best fitted out parties that have left here so far for ondyke. One party is headed by Mr. H. L. Hulbert and is made up as follows: L. C. Barff, C. R. Brown, W. F. olmie, Frank Clay, W. Merrifield and C. Hopkins. This party took up eight borses and two boats, which have been expressly made for them for the trip. These boats have can vas tops and can be used as sleeping places. They have en fitted out regardless of expense and each man has taken his bull-dog with him. What the bull-dogs we taken up for none of the party would say. Another party was made up of Dr. n. late m of the Jubilee Hospital, D. Carmody, Frank Flint, L. Casey, of Walkely, King & Casey, Harry A. Howard, formerly bookkeeper for H. Saunders, Chas. Maynard and W. Forrest, of Cowichan, Thi party is well supplied, having 1,500 pounds to the man. They are taking ten horses to pack their goods over the pass and four boats for the lakes and river travel. Two were wooden boats and two canvas. Mr. Howard, who is to be the bookkeeper of the party, will keep a diary of each day's incidents. That diary will make interesting reading. W. Clarke, another of the passengers, goes up Skagway Bay to superintend the building of the new wharf and the building of bridge across the Skagway river for the British Yukon Company. Among: others who left on the Danube were th following Victorians: T. Tugwell, J. Hunter, S. E. Ragg, W. Van Zandt, J. R. Robertson, R. B. Wood, J. Betries Anton Henderson, and a party French-Canadians. One of this party, Louis Couture, will, as arrangements have been made to that effect, carry the

mail in. The mail will go right through to the mining districts. Mr. Anton Henderson, manager of the Victoria Transfer Company, took up with him twenty-five horses, with which will engage in the business of packing reight over the pass. The Danube called at Nanaimo on her

way north to take a large number of niners from there. She will call at each of her usual northern way ports on both her upward and downward trips The steamer Thistle, which was adver tised to sail for Dyea on Thursday next. will not do so, as in the opinion of those perating her she can rake in more shekels by looking after the large amount of work offering nearer home The steamer Princess Louise's trip to Dyea has also been cancelled. She will, s the arrangements stand at present

only go as far north as Naas river. Those who have dogs that appear cap ble of drawing sleds would do keep a sharp lookout after them for some time to come, as miners become un fond of such dogs, and so great is the affection for them that in many they have stolen them. Several Victorians were in consequence me

for their canines this morning. ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Nanaimo, Aug. 2.-The first shoot ceident with the opening of the seaso or game took place yesterday. As Fe dinand Fort was getting over a log the bush back of East Wellingto run, which he was dragging after vent off, discharging the whole of contents into the chest, tearing the in its passage. He dropped dead at once. The aperture caused by the was two and a half inches in diar He was a married man with two ren and 32 years of age. He was tive of France and worked in lington collieries. Two weeks nade preparations to go to the Yu

8/40/8/3/2040/20**/2000/20/20/20/20/20** British Columbia.

VANCOUVER. Last Sunday, whilst a resident of this city and his son were up Howe Sound, they found a skeleton, minus a head, of that was apparently an Indian woman, the first large island of the Bird Nearly all the flesh was gone, remains were lying in a good The body had evidently not been very long as some bead ornaments shawl were in good condition. nder states that he heard that an Indian had recently done away with two and thinks that the discovery of the body may lead to the murder being unravelled.

KASLO. Kaslo, July 26.—Charles Sampson, Joe Cassaza, John Sampson, Otto Wallman and Alexander Buffelo have bonded their ineral claims Bismarck, Humming Bice nd Mountain Goat, situated on the South Fork, to Franklin Pratt Shervood, for the sum of \$35,000, of which sum \$1,000 in cash, \$2,500 are payable on or before the 1st day of October, 1897, and the balance by the 20th September, 1898. He is to have possession and to develop the mine, and to place the net proceeds of the ore shipped to the edit of the vendors in the Bank of British Columbia. The vendors are to have the right of inspecting the work.

C. W. Callahan, for the British Columbia General Exploration Company, has secured an option from Angus McInnis, Chas. Sandison and Frank Pynam for he purchase of the claim Florence L., the south fork of Kaslo creek. bonded he is to pay \$1,500 on the 7th of eptember, \$1,500 on the 7th of Decem and \$12,000 on the 7th of June, 1898. The deal was made at New Denver.

The first carload of ore from the bex, under the new contract with Bartett Brothers, for packing from the mine. been received. A new pack train sisting of twenty-five mules has been ported for the service, and the conractors have bound themselves to bring lown 100 tons per month.

A considerable number of new resiences are being built in McDonald adtion and in other residential portions f the city. The sand flats, which were wept at the time of the combined flood and cyclone, are now being occupied fter some years of disuse.

A number of prospectors came down om the Duncan on Monday evening, ud report satisfactory results. Some eport rich strikes on the different triburies of the Duncan.

NELSON.

Nelson, July 26.—The Poorman mill, or Cagle creek, will start up once more in few days, and will clean up and or 00 tons, of ore that is on the dump. The mill has been shut down since last ll, as the water power was not suf ent to run both the mill and the drills. the tunnel where the dead work has to wall. en prosecuted. The tunnel is now in 410 feet on the Poorman, and it may necessary to run 150 feet more before ledge is stapped. While the power being used in the mill to crush the ferred to the White claim, which is band, the power will once again be work vicorously prosecuted until the ige has been reached. The properties looking very fine, and are being put

first class working order. The Nelson Hydraulic Company has idently made a good strike on its perty on Rorty-Nine creek, and Mr. leVicar, the principal owner, is very He states that after running ough about one mile of tunnel, out 30 feet wide, that they came sudupon a large basin, which appears a natural catch for gold, and which well. They got the rim rock on e side of it and then commenced stripg across it. They have gone 150 feet, t have not yet reached the rim on the site side. The recent raims have a big supply of water on hand, and thing is working as well as could vished. A dlean-up will be made in ut 10 days and good results are look-

om Woods Loris Broulien and John ncele report a find of considerable tent on Perry creek, near Fort Steele two former having just returned om there with some fine looking speciens that appear to be rich in gold and opper. The ore is thought to be free ling, and two claims showing ledges rom six to eight feet were staked.

YMIR. Ymir, July 26.-Tom Flynn and Char-Dundee, the locators of the famous bundee mine, are in luck again. Last fall they located the Evening Star, situate about 1,000 feet above the Dundee nine on Bear creek. Recently they put some men on to do the assessment work and at a depth of six feet a magnificent strike of rich ore was made. Some of the rock brought into town is proounced on all sides to be the finest seen ere. The value is principally in gatna and a large lump of almost solid alena now on exhibition in the Kootnay hotel is attracting great attention. Setween one and two tons of good shipng ore are already available, although depth at present is only six feet. Sevral experts have already arrived in own for the purpose of examining it.

KAMLOOPS. Kamloops Standard. Mr. Vicars and Mr. Johnston killed a age rattlesnake with eight rattles over Roper's meadow; another about six long, however, escaped them. We are informed that a party of Seatmen who are negotiating for the purse of a group of claims situated on the

north side of the Thompson are now at work prospecting the claims themselves. on the results of their investigations the deal depends. Mr. R. E. Smith returned on Monday orning with some fine looking quartz om the west bank of the North Thomp-

the quartz is good and gives on assay a workable percentage of gold and silver, Further investigations will be under-

The three claims located up the North upson river, on its eastern bank, and known as the McLean, Great Hunter and Silver Tip, by Messrs, Alex. Mc-Lean, L. V. Bennett and Scott Harmon, have been amalgamated with a view of to a great extent, give a fair idea of the value of the other two. To this end pecting has begun on the Silver Tip, G. Armstrong, who has had the work represents a free milling proposition.

REVELSTOKE.

Revelstoke Herald. The C.P.R. have granted a through rate on butter from Alberta with stopover privileges at the cold storage here. The rate from Revelstoke to the lower country is put down to two cents per

The Hotel Revelstoke was turned over to the proprietor by the contractor, Mr. T. Tompkins, on Monday, and the first meal was served that same evening. A visit to the new house convinced a Hierald man that nothing had, been spared to make the place worthy of this important railway centre.

A man named Johnson, who was left in Boyd, when he left for Montreal, has took two cheques belonging to Mr. Boyd.

Sunday sevening about 11 o'clock there was a serious affray in the tenderloin the disposal of the B. C. claim in Sum- The presumption is that Superintendent district in which one man was stabbed in the neck and shoulder and twice on the the public, but it is known that the proparm, and another received a thrust in the erty has found a prospective owner, as a groin, which very fortunately for him few days ago some kind of deal was put is likely to give the stockholders a pleasglanced unwards. The whole affair is through by Kehoe Brothers with a Mr. shrouded in mystery, which is a great J. B. Tuttle, a representative of a deal owing to a very natural desire on the part of the injured man to avoid pub-

One of the biggest discoveries yet made in British Columbia is just reported from the Upper Arrow Lake country. Alexander McMaster returned yesterday from Lexington creek, a small stream running into Fish creek, which flows into the northeast arm of the Upper Arrow lake, not far from Arrowsamples of ore from the Katsup, a claim bonded a year ago by Mr. McMaster, C. ing wall had not been reached when he it is 15 feet between the slate and porwhether the solid ore extends from wall

There seems to be some conspiracy of silence about the stabbing affray at the lower end of Frant street Sunday night, in which C. Duschene and T. Kilpatrick ore on the dump, the men will be trans- were more or less seriously cut. An air ter of freight and passenger traffic. With howing up so well that the management affair, and, though the police are supdesires to do more development work on it. The vein on the White is about four feet wide, and is very rich. When the mill has disposed of the ore now the man with see that if they would wish to retain the trade of Boundary Creek they must to rob his victim, but as he fell young to rob his victim, but as he the police afraid of what they might find hifted to the drills in the tunnel, and if they follow up the affair, or do they require the assistance of the public. J. C. Montgomery, who left here June 10th, returned from his lengthy prospecting trip on Wednesday, the 28th. He covered a lot of country and put in a good deal of work in very bad weather, and he made no less than 23 locations. Of these three were made on Keystone Mountain, two to the north and one to the south of the Lottie on the Silver Shield lead. The other locations were all made up in the new camp-Lake View Mountain-which Montgomery says he thinks is even better that on Keystone. than mountain lies between Downie and Gold Stream about six miles back from La Porte . It runs up to the divide, which runs N. W. and S. E., from the river, and the claims are all located there on what might be called the south or Downie slope of the mountain. There are five great parallel leads there shewing strong and well defined, and running so as to cross the river below and near Smith creek. There are leads of

arsenical iron there, and some of galena and some of both. Revelstoke Herald. The Lanark showed up well last month, coming second to the Slocan Star in quantity and value of one ship-

ped through Revelstoke. Byrnes and Doyle, the locators of the Lilas mine, at the foot of Trout Lake, intend to ship a carload of ore to the Nelson smelter shortly. The ore is gray eopper and galena and runs about \$100 the ton, the paystreak being about

eight inches wide. J. Leslie and Alex. Douglas, who have been out prospecting in the new district between Carnes and Laforme creeks, have found that previous reports were not exaggerated, and made some good One ledge of concentrating galena was located 7 feet wide on the surface. Mr. G. T. Atkins, of the French creek company, is going up to examine

BARKERVILLE. (B. C. Mining Journal.) Work is being resumed by the Cariboo Gold Fields on a large scale and there

are few idle men here now. The French people seem disappointed with the quartz showing and are dropping their bond on most of the properties hey had terms on. Many here think their development work has not been done to good advantage.

The three Chinamen hydraulicking would have made a much better clean-up but for a big cave of ground coming down that interfered with a section of

is well worth spending time to thorough. driven on the vein from a point further roads and streets is such as should fully Bimetallist, recorded by Mr. Brown, and

MIDWAY.

Midway Advance. Ore is being hauled to Penticton for shipment to Tacoma over the C. P. R., from the Wonderful group of claims which are situated in Washington Territory some few miles south of the bounddeveloping one, the result of which will, ary line. It is understood that returns from a car load lot of this ore recently shipped netted about \$260 per ton. Upon good authority we are advised from which some excellent specimens that the most extensive development of were brought in on Monday by Mr. N. any property in the Boundary creek district will be carried out this coming winin charge. The mineral is in quartz and ter, as it has been decided by Messrs. Farrel and Midgeon, the smelter men of Butte, to install a large plant upon the Stemwinder claim in Greenwood camp, and prospect the property to a depth of 500 feet.

A company operating on Meyers creek tention to the camp, which is becoming of greater importance as development on its several properties progresses.

The Midway irrigation ditch is being put to a variety of uses, as Mr. J. Ord has secured water from it to carry on placer mining on Boundary creek. Such a thing was not contemplated when the ditch was built, but owing to the elevacharge at Boyd's ranch by Mr. J. D. | tion of the ditch it has made it possible for some of the benches along the creek been missing for about two weeks. He to be worked, which up to the present received little attention owing to the fact one for \$30 and one for \$20, which he of its being too expensive an experiment, cashed in town, and then took the train to bring water upon them for purely minfor parts mknown. He is stated to have ing purposes. The ground now taken Hobson mine in the lakes will give an forged Mr. Boyd's signature to the up will be mined on the ground sluice

> mit camp have not as yet been given to Hobson will not have a wash-up until wealthy syndicate which is securing property on both sides of the line. That a deal has been made on this property so soon after its discovery speaks volumes as to its merit, and bears out the contention of mining men familiar with the

things contained therein. It was reported a short time ago that a deal had been made between Mr. Woodhouse, representing an English head, and brought with him several large syndicate, and Mr. Bielenberg, owner of a group of claims lying adjacent to the town of Greenwood, and consisting of A. Baldwin, W. R. Myers and S. C. Chis- the Anaconda, Kootenay and Columbia holm, all of Rossland. Mr. McMaster It is true the claims were being negotiat-says a solid body of galena seven feet ed for, but no deal was carried to comwide has been opened and that the hang- pletion at the time, but a few days ago matters were precipitated, and those incame away. The foot wall is slate and is terested came to terms. Just what the porphyry on the hanging side. The ledge terms are has not been made public, exappears to be fifteen feet wide—that is, cept that when negotiations were first opened only a half interest in the propphyry. It remains to be determined erty was being disposed of by Mr. Beilenberg, whereas now the whole of the interest is involved.

Evidence is forthcoming that the merchants of Boundary Creek are preparing to give the C.P.R. an object lesson, as they are entering upon a mutual agreement to boycott that company in the matof mystery apparently shrouds the whole the object of killing two birds with one stone they will endeavor to let the C.P.R. ther object of giving Mr. Corbin encouragement and an idea of the true proportion of the carrying trade of Boundary Creek even at the present time, they will ship all fall freight over his road, which road there is every reason to believe may be brought nearer to the Boundary Creek country before snow flies. Such course of action will cost the merchants nothing, and will have the effect of stimulating the energies of the competitors who are striving to retain a trade which is daily increasing in bulk and of corresponding importance.

VERNON. Vernon News. The new hop kilns on the Coldstream ranch are now being completed. There are six of these in all, and judging from the splendid appearance of the hop yards this year, their capacity will be taxed to size. the utmost to cure the large crop of this season.

Harvesting is now in full swing throughout the district, and from all ports of the nature of the grain crop. The wheat is splendidly headed out, and the yield will be even larger than was anticipated before cutting was commenc-

Messrs. Mangott, Cootenay, and Thatford, of Fairview, are doing development work at Keremess on their group. They propose to ship ore to Tacoma. Messrs, C. Richter and Y. Allison re-

fused \$20,000 for their claims "Something Good" and "Something Better," from a Victoria capitalist. A sale has they are now at work taking out ore and will haul it in wagons to the Wyandotte meos. The rock assays \$1082 per ton. Keremeos is not a low grade camp, as a great many assays from different claims

> ROSSLAND. Rossland Miner.

John O'Brien and Maurice - Hurley, two War Eagle miners possessing this world's wealth to the amount of \$1,000 each, have become infected with the leave Rossland this morning and embark for the new Eldorado. They have ally, particularly in view of the large and ready secured berths on the Queen, which sails from Seattle on August 3.

with a small pipe on the Black Jack the Cliff. An open crosscut is being run the Chinese. More money will now be washed up \$1,000 a few days ago, and on the big showing on the west end of in circulation, and the fishermen will

and in accordance with the plans and street from Columbia to First avenue a good terminal point for the Coastand on Washington street from First to | Kootenay railway. Some efforts in that Second avenue and the flume from the city limits to the Columbia river, was warded last night by the city council to W. B. Davey, whose bid was \$32,744. The contract will be signed this week, and the work of putting in the sewers will start at once, thus giving employment to 200 or more men.

OTTESNETTE

Work on the Cottonwood mines is progressing fairly well, much of the flume work now being pushed ahead by contractors. There is reported to be work has imported 5,000 ore sacks. This looks for all that apply and no idle men are to like business, and as the ore is reputed to be found at Quesnelle. Work on the M. carry a high gold value, a shipment from | & M. mines is going on well and the rethis locality would do much to draw at- turns from their washup are said to be satisfactory. The cut is being rapidly pushed back into the back and higher benches and a large body of pay gravel is now in sight.

The Chinese are working the North Star mine on a lay, receiving about 65 per cent. of the gross output. They are pushing back for the upper benches, where there is heavier gold and deeper

ASHCROFT

B. C. Mining Journal. A late report from Quesnelle Forks is to the effect that the water for the abundant supply for two weeks yet, running full force in both pits. After that The terms and conditions relative to the water will slacken off somewhat. about the middle of next month. There is no question of its being good, and it

ant surprise. R. H. Campbell and son went up to the Horsefly on Monday morning's stage. The pipe, etc., for Mr. Campbell's drifting proposition is about all in the Horsefly, and when he reaches there work will commence at once. Mr. Campbell feels very sanguine about his venture, Boundary creek district and the good and expects to strike bedrock in a short while. The old river channel for miles' on both sides of Mr. Campbell's ground. is staked off. The Horsefly is a good ramp, and when Hobson, Ward, Leask, Campbell and others commence active operations Clondyke will have to look to

its laurels. The parties that bought out the property owned by Ahern, sixteen miles rom Ashcroft, on the Bonaparte, are experienced miners from Cornwall, Engand. They have spent many years in tin mining, and they have a large body f ore that they assert is tin ore. They have subjected it to the usual tests, and say it is first class, and in order to make

ways, if of the right character, as valuble as any gold mine. as he thought Hagin was talking to another man, and he mounted his horse and rode away We are glad to be able to report that Hagin is out of danger. He has much to thank the care of Mr. alld Mrs. Allan for his speedy recovery. If is said the Indian can only be given a few years. It would be better for the community if all such as he were "good

STEVESTON. Steveston, July 31.—Our canners are now seriously embarrassed with the wealth of the fish supply. Every cannery is working its utmost capacity, and at it from 4 a.m. till 10 p.m. They are rapidly making up the pack projected-in fact, they are packing at the rate of from 1,000 to 2,500 cases per day. The fish are in prime condition and of good The difficulty arises therefore because of the inability of the canneries

to handle all the fish that is being caught. They have had to limit the quantity they could take from each boat quarters come the most gratifying re- to from 150 to 200 fish per day, and they have had to cut down the price from 10 cents to 6 cents per fish, and yet they have an over abundance. To some extent this is caused by the numbers received by some of them from the traps The canners are not blameworthy in receiving from that source, as they are getting fish in prime condition at about half the small price they are giving to the fishermen. But though none came from the traps the market would be glutted, as the boats are catching large numbers. A number of the fisherme have stopped work and are now engaged helping in the canneries, where the sup been made to a Chicago company and ply of men was rather short. The A B. C. Packing Company this week augmented their cannery staff by bringmill just across the line below Kere- ing over 60 young men from Westmin ster and also a number from Vancouver to work, and they are found to be very effective assistants. In some of the canneries white women are receiving empleyment, and there is a good deal that they can do with comfort to themselves and satisfaction to their employers.

The announcement that Professo Prince was to meet the fishermen to-day (Saturday) gaves great satisfaction, but some disappointment is being expressed that no official announcement has yet Cloudyke fever and have concluded to been issued by poster or otherwise here. So far our town has been most ordercourse a large number are kept very Some important work is being done on close at work in the canneries, including the Cliff. An open crosscut is being run the Chinese. More money will now be

The contract for the construction of a some such changes, and that home rule system of sewerage in Rossland, as should prevail. With incorporation this ena. recommended by Expert David Morris, place should make rapid progress, particularly if a good water supply and effications drawn up by City Engineer good drainage are provided early. Some omitting the pipe on St. Paul are of the opinion that we can offer here direction may be made after we get a local council to give voice to our needs and advantages. Already a citizens' protective association is organized, but its officers are all so busy fishing and canning that they have had to lay over

Our school trustees have at last secured a grant for a school site, as well as a school building. Tenders are in the hands of the department for the erection of the building, and the contractor will likely start work next week. The building is to accommodate 60 pupils. ADpearances are that it will soon be by far too small, but the site is large enoughabout 2 acres-and additions can easily be made. The trustees have not vet announced what they are to do about opening school next month. It is expected that the young folks will need to get another month; as a number of them are engeged in the canneries they will

Sockeyes still come in abundance, and it is evident that another Sabbath day will be spent in cannery work. Thous ands of fish are going to waste, as there is no means of handling them. Quite a numbers of the canneries have put up their pack already, and we are only at the end of July. It is estimated that ten more good sized canneries could have been kept going by the fishing fleet that whole, though dry, it has not been very hot, and occasional mild showers have prevented dust from rising. The cool, lear atmosphere has been a very valuable element in the canner's experience, as can readily be understood when we to 25,000 fish.

NEW DENVER.

New Denver Ledge. Taylor and Murphy have a group claims on the north fork of Ten Mile that give assays of over 400 ounces in silver. They have a bond in sight on the property.

The balance of the bond, \$30,000, due in September on the Thompson group, will be paid next week. The property will be stocked and placed on the market in London, England.

A payment of \$10,000 was made this week on the Alpine group. The group is owned by Stege, Clever, Heakman, Crawford and Fass, and is under bond to A. Dick and A. B. Mackenzie for \$60,000. Development work is proving the property to be rich in free milling

Engineer Perry and a corps of surveyno, mistake they are having a large ing a survey of a line from Three Forks out accident after some exceedingly sample analyzed in Butte, Mont. If to Bear Lake, it being the intention of heard work. *** One of my partners and there is no mistake about the grade of the C.P.R. to build a road between these I are going to work in town for a few one, a new and more than valuable in- points. It is also quite probably that days. Carpenters are paid \$19 a day, dustry will be developed rapidly near the road will be pushed on from Bear and helpers \$10 to \$15. In the Ashcroft. Tin mines are scarce, and al- Lake to Whitewater. The road will be camps the prevailing wage is \$15 a day The Indian brute that shot Rov Hagin | into the rich mineral section as early as near Bridge creek a few weeks ago, possible and participate in the handling named Johnny Buck, has confessed to of the great ore output. The proposed the officers and in open court that he road will greatly benefit this section in work 50 feet of the land on a claim, or,

Thompson took a stroll up the mountain back of New Denver. Near a little lake, and about a mile from the town is a claim called the Queen City, located in until the first of next June, when we April by Arthur Brindle, but upon which nothing of any richness has been discovered. Taylor and Thompson ran upon a ledge in place on this claim chances of making a rich strike. The which shows 12 to 18 inches on the surface of good ore. They immediately returned to town and bought the claim, along with the Albion, on Fidelity bluff. for \$150. On Monday they staked several extensions, and it looks as though New Denver would yet have mines at its back door.

GOLDEN.

Golden Era. The Donald Mining Co. have taken an ption on C. Baines' property at Bald Mountain.

On Saturday a party of prospectors arrived from the other side of the divide, having come through the Simpson's Pass. They located some claims on the Calgary side, and now intend prospectng in the Columbia Valley. Mr. Kirk, of London, Ont., who is interested in the Mineral King claim on Toby Creek, returned to Golden by the

Duchess on Sunday, and reports discoveries of large bodies of copper and lead ore on Toby Creek and vicinity. Prospectors from Fort Steele are now crowding into the Windermere country. There were 30 at work on Toby Creek, and ten nore went in the other day. Messrs. Johnston and Upton,

prospectors who came in from West Kootenay about six weeks ago, returned on Sunday from the Spillamachene listrict, where they made what appears to be an important discovery on the divide between Vermont and Copper Creeks. The vein they found is between 12 and 14 feet in thickness and appears to be heavily mineralized throughout. It is a copper ore carrying gold. W. G. Neilson, manager of the Beaver mills, returned a few days ago from

McLeod, where he has been to see Mr. Haney, manager of construction, regarding the timber supply for the Crow's Nest road. Mr. Neilson secured the supply of the piling required on the work, and will probably ship about three million feet of timber for the line. He has the timber out, having secured 30 men from Winnipeg, and having brought a number of horses from Calgary for haul-

Mr. Kirk brought to Golden with him this week some magnificent samples of ore from the Mineral King and Swanthe property and a large mass of fine copper ore has been opened up. It tation is that hard times have taught is fully thirty feet from one side useful lessons, and that the hard would pear rich in copper and galena, while the pear rich in copper and galena, while the their flame. They expect to make anof the ore body to the other, but it
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mens of galena and copper ores from the Erie mine, located by Mr. Sevenson in mountain which Professor Fay, with oth-the vicinity of the Mineral King. Other ers, tried last summer to reach the sumson river, to which he was conveyed by a rich streak of gravel on his claim near pleasant Valley creek, and in seven days if the Tranquille river. The appearance of the Tranquille river. The appearance of the river is reported that A. H. Sronte struck of gravel on his claim near cannot be reach the vicinity made up the results seem to have fairly made up the rainty made up their minds for incorporation as a city of the vicinity of the Mineral King. Other the vicinity of the vicinity of the Mineral King. Other the vicinity of the Mineral King. Other the vicinity of the vicinit

satisfy all that the time has come or a new claim staked by Mr. McIvor, and showing very fine grey copper and gal-

> Those popular mining investors in East Kootenay, Messrs. G. and H. Mitchell-Innes, returned to Golden on Thursday. In conversation with, Mr. G. Mitchell-Innes, who has been on a visit to the home country in connection with the mining development of East Kootenay, that gentleman informed us that it is the firm's intention to proceed vigorously with development work on the Mitchell group at Quartz Creek, the Edinburgh group on Prairie Mountain, the S George, Vulcan and Dragon, on Toby Creek, and the Pretty Girl on Horse Thief Creek. During his stay in the home country Mr. G. Mitchell-Innes found capitalists very much interested in British Columbia as a field for mining investment, but what they want are bona fide developed properties, and it is no use putting undeveloped prospects before them. He has great faith in East Kootenay, and believes that only solid development work is required to put it into a condition which will bring into it all the capital that is required. Mr. Mitchell-Innes succeeded in enlisting the cooperation of several good capitalists, and believes that the faith which he has himself shown in the country is about to be realized.

LETTER FROM DAWSON.

Some Interesting Particulars of the Clondyke District.

Mr. Alexander R. Bannerman, of Kildonan, who arrived at the Yukon gold has turned out. The weather has been fields some time ago, has written a letter exceedingly good for the work. On the to his sister, under date of June 22nd, from Dawson City, N.W.T., in which he gives some interesting particulars of the Clondyke district, which is now attracting such wide attention throughout America. By the kind permission of state that at each cannery wharf there Miss Bannerman the Free Press is enwill be lying each morning from 10,000 abled to present to its readers the following extracts from the letter:

"We aroused our partners morning at 3 o'clock to get them off on a prospecting trip. Night is the only time one can travel here owing to the intensity of the heat during the day. Yesterday the thermometer was 90 degrees Fhr.; yet there is only six inches of frost out of the ground, and it will be winter again by the middle of August. Daylight is now continuous, and so much light is by no means agreeable. *** We have had a terrible trip. It is an experience of a life time to come down those terribly swift waters. The Yukon is over a quarter of a mile wide here, and all along there are islands, where the river is in many places two miles in width. The water is high now and the river overflows the island, around which the water rushes with such force that one boat was pulled right among ors were engaged the past week in mak- the trees. However, we got down withbuilt at an early date, it being the evi- without board. We have an offer to go dent intention of the company to get on claims on Bonanza creek, receiving one-half of what gold we take out. This creek is in the richest part of the Clondyke. Two of us will undertake to On Saturday Wm. Taylor and Amos of gravel. Remember, we have to run clear across a claim before we strike the paystreak; and even then we might not get anything-that we will not know

> claims I speak of are supposed to be just as rich as any in the district. "One man came to town this morning with six five gallon oil cans full of gold, the result of his wash-up. In some places the dirt goes over \$1,000 to the foot. On the last boat, or rather the first boat that has gone down to Michaels, leaving here on the 19th inst., there were nearly two tons of gold. Men left for their homes worth from \$5,000 to \$150,000, just from last year's work. There are new diggings all over, but the claims are grabbed up in a day as soon as they are discovered. We have five claims between eleven of us on Henderson's creek, all of which are supposed to be rich. We do not intend to sell or

expect to have our wash-up completed.

Perhans we will make a fortune, but the

chances of not doing so are equal to our

work them until we have to, proviled all turns out right. "Eldorado Creek, just beside Bons iza Creek, is particularly rich, some miners having washed up as much as \$800 to a Wages will probably be \$15 or \$20 a day all winter. The season for digging commences about December 1st. The work is made doubly hard by having to draw wood for fires to thaw the earth, as daylight is short and the cold intense. The cost of living is very high. Meals, consisting of bread, bacon, coffee, or tea, cost from \$1.50 to \$2. Bacon is worth 75 cents a pound, and 25 cents a pound extra to have it packed and brought 18 miles to the mines.

per sack of 100 pounds is worth \$12., "Manitobans have no idea of the dangerous waters till they see the Alaskan rivers with their ten and twelve mile currents. This afternoon as five miners were coming back to camp after having staked some claims on the opposite side of the Clondyke river, their boat was caught in an eddy and capsized, and one man who, strangely enough, was the pest swimmer, was drowned instantly. The scarcity of provisions is one of the most serious objections to the country. Many of the richest men have lived on dog meat, for money cannot buy pro visions when there are none to buy. If made vigorous arrangements for getting we can stand the food and climate we expect to go out next summer with good

big piles of gold.
"This is a gay town. There are as many women in the place as men, and dance houses are numerous, and nothing but daylight for night."

Winnipeg, July 31.-A Banff dispatch the Free Press says: Professor Charles E. Fay and Arthur Michael, of Boston, have gone to Laggan to try and scale Mount Lefroy. The party has Swiss Alpine guides with it. This is the