

A GREAT MINERAL COUNTRY!

DISTRICT ON THE NORTH FORK OF THE KETTLE RIVER.

Present Development Has Exposed Enormous Deposits—District About Volcanic Mountain.

Grand Forks, B. C., June 12.—[Special.]—The country bordering on the north fork of the Kettle river gives promise of becoming at no distant date one of the richest and most productive mining regions on the North American continent; in fact, all that is necessary for the realization of this condition is the driving of shafts and tunnels to greater depth so that the ore can be mined and marketed in large quantities.

The discovery of the rich Fraser river placer in 1858 attracted thousands of miners and prospectors from all parts of the world. The rush continued for nearly 10 years. The Fraser was explored to its source, and its many tributaries were closely panned for pay dirt.

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tanting himself up in a complicated law suit. The writer has no intention or desire to discuss the merits of the case, and only refers to it in its connection with the development of the North Fork mines. Sufficient to say, Brown's lack of capital to develop the Volcanic and Wolverine, and the remoteness of the property from railway and smelter caused him to arrange with others for the flotation of the property as a joint stock company, with a capital of \$200,000; a large sum, truly, but justified by the magnitude of the undertaking. Matters proceeded satisfactorily to the time when the scheme looked like a grand success. Then the legal complications already referred to arose. Since then the properties have been hung up in the courts, and all idea of extensive development abandoned for an indefinite period.

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THE NEWS FROM GRAND FORKS

RIVALRY BETWEEN STAGE COMPANIES INTO THE BOUNDARY.

Service of the Columbia Telephone Company—Interview With Mr. John A. Manly.

Grand Forks, June 10.—[Special.]—The Columbia Telephone company will inaugurate its service on or about Dominion Day. The line will extend from Cascade City to Camp McKinney, passing through Grand Forks, Columbia, Niagara, Summit, Eholt, Greenwood, Anacanda, Boundary Falls, Midway and Rock Creek. In conjunction with the Spokane and British Columbia Telephone company the new line will have communication with Rossland and Spokane. To complete necessary connections the Canadian company will also build a line from Trail to Rossland and thence to the International boundary.

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"I found an exceptionally keen interest displayed in Toronto in the progress and development of the Boundary country. Grand Forks is naturally in the public eye. I was interviewed by all the Toronto newspapers and while giving them whatever local information I possessed did not fail to put in a word for our growing city. The interest displayed in the Boundary country may be judged from the fact that I was literally besieged at my hotel by expectant and interested individuals. Some wanted information respecting our great mineral wealth, while again others, who contemplated going into fruit raising wanted to know all about the agricultural resources of the Kettle River valley; then again and to satisfy merchants, watchmakers, laborers and others, who thought of changing their location. The only man I sent away unhappy was an undertaker, who after our interview bore the unmistakable look of a professional mourner. I overtook him at the door and partially consoled him with the point that people out here occasionally died of old age.

"Everywhere in the east," continued Mr. Manly, "I found the people to entertain a favorable opinion about southern British Columbia, especially the Boundary country. This applies in a lesser degree to Chicago, where I hope we will shortly be better known. Eastern Canadians have absolute confidence in our future and are an splendid results from our mines in the near future. There is no difficulty about getting capital for any legitimate proposition. This summer will witness a large influx of people who will come out to look around with a view of making permanent investments in the Boundary. Thus far we have had no 'black eye,' a state of affairs that I trust will continue. One has no conception of the vast amount of capital lying idle, not only in the principal cities, but in every town and village of Ontario as well. It would not take any special inducement to divert millions of this capital towards this section. The same key that opens their treasure houses will unlock the vast treasures locked up in our hills. Our agricultural resources are not so well known."

"I scarcely knew the town," concluded this energetic pioneer, referring to Grand Forks, "so great has been its growth during my absence. I confidently believe Grand Forks will have a population of 10,000 within two years. This is a conservative estimate, of course, we must not sleep on the trail, but with Commodore Biron awake and doing at 5 o'clock in the morning co-operating with J. A. Smith, and the sawmill, such a contingency will never arise. Large sums will be invested here in the near future, but I must withhold the details for the present. The smelter site is the one I selected 10 days ago, feeling assured that its advantages would be appreciated sooner or later. Four years ago whilst driving up the north fork I made the same prediction in the presence of 'Doc' Smith. The pay roll is already in sight. The talk about a smoke nuisance is all bosh."

Mr. Manly spoke very enthusiastically about the splendid public services rendered by Mr. Richard Armstrong in the east. He especially instanced the plucky and successful fight against overwhelming odds made by Mr. Armstrong before the railway committee of the house of commons, Ottawa, in securing an amendment to the Railway act providing for a railway station at Grand Forks. The impressive speech made by Mr. Armstrong on this occasion was well described in an eloquent, convincing and effective manner.

E. Spraggett has sold his well known ranch near this city to J. P. Graves for \$10,000 cash. The property consists of 350 acres, of which 150 acres are under cultivation. Mr. Spraggett was the second settler in the valley, having located here in 1887. He now devotes all his time to the sawmill business.

James Reader enjoyed a holiday this week visiting Greenwood, Eholt and Midway, he also inspected the Rockland, his well known claim in Summit camp. The property was recently surveyed by J. A. Corvill and a crown grant has been applied for. The bottom of a 20-foot shaft is all in ore. Two holes 10 feet deep on the same ledge also improve the showing. Assays give values of over \$15 per ton and a good percentage of copper. Mr. Reader and Sam Jarrel also own the Reader and Carrie L. claims in Cripple Lake camp, between the north fork and west fork, 100 miles west of here.

GRAND FORKS NEWS.

The Ratepayers to Be Called Upon to Vote on a Series of Bylaws.

Grand Forks, B. C., June 8.—[Special.]—The ratepayers will shortly be called upon to vote on a series of bylaws, whose adoption is imperative for the welfare and progress of Grand Forks. The proposition is to raise sufficient money to extinguish the present debenture debt of the city, amounting to \$35,000, and for the following other purposes: One thousand and thirty-nine dollars for interest due on the present debentures; \$12,000 to establish a new electric station; and to improve and enlarge the electric light plant; \$5,500 for a Howe truss bridge across the Kettle river at Bridge street; \$4,000 for a Howe truss bridge across the same river opposite the smelter site; \$25,000 for the enlargement and improvement of the waterworks system; \$30,000 cash subsidy to the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting company; \$10,000 for a new city hall, jail and central fire station.

A decided saving will be effected as a result of the proposed agreement with the smelter company for the supply of electric power. The corporation now supplies power at a cost of \$90 per horse power per year. This figure, with the increase in the cost of wood and fuel, would tend to increase the electric energy to the extent of 150 horse power for \$60 per horse power per annum. He likewise agrees to reduce the rate to \$50 per horse power per year as soon as the city orders 200 horse power. This is equivalent on the basis of a saving of \$40 per horse power, or \$8,000 a year over the present cost. In ten years this profit from the sale of electrical energy, when taken into consideration, ensures a large and permanent addition to the city exchequer.

The boiler and plant for the Oro Denoro mine passed through here today. Veterinary Inspector W. B. Bunbury has waged a successful crusade against the mangle-infected horses on the North river (east side) range. Acting upon instructions received from the Provincial government, Inspector Bunbury has left no stone unturned to rid the range of the disease, and his efforts have proved eminently successful.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Mr. Charles Grant, of the Vancouver customs house, has been transferred for duty at White Horse rapids. Mr. Peter McAlister has been appointed to take Mr. Grants place at Vancouver.

The establishment of a \$200 rate to Dawson, \$80 to Cape Nome and \$75 to St. Michael, first-class, is said to have been due to threatened rate war. When the combination was made the all-water companies were on the verge of rate wars.

Letters Received by the Canadian Development company, Victoria, from Lake Bennett tell of the breaking up of the ice on the lake and of the successful launching of the company's new steamer Australian at Bennett on May 28.

A paragraph, or automatic tide gauge and barometer, the ingenious invention of Mr. Napier Denison of the government meteorological service, has been established at the government wharf near the old customs house at Victoria. The instrument records every movement of the water, even that made by a passing steamer.

The first lacrosse match in the senior championship series to be played at Brockton Point, Vancouver, this season, occurred on Saturday, when the Terminal City and New Westminster teams crossed sticks. Vancouver was vanquished, but not until after a hard fight and nearly at call of time.

J. W. Spencer, chief inspector of the Transcontinental Freight Bureau of San Francisco, which makes the freight tariffs for the various cross-continent railways, has been appointed to inspect at that port. George Raitton was appointed to that position. Inspectors will also be installed at Vancouver and New Westminster.

Isaac MacWhimney of Holland, Mann., and for many years a member of the legislature of that province, has decided to remove to the Okanagan valley in this province, where he will reside in future. He has purchased land in that section, including 35 acres from J. T. Davis, as well as the Bell property at Benvoulin. He has a large connection in Manitoba, many of whom will join him at an early date.

There will be a meeting in Vancouver this week of the Alaska Steamship Association, when northern rates will be thoroughly discussed. The headquarters of Rev. J. C. Crosby, superintendent of Methodist Missions for British Columbia, have been removed from Victoria to Chilliwack.

The Provincial government has at last taken a definite step towards a weekly steambus mail service between Vancouver and Squamish. Hugh McKinnon, a well known miner and prospector, has died at the Royal Inland hospital, Kamloops. Deceased was about 60 years of age. He was a native of Macintyre, Grey county, Ontario, and came to British Columbia 20 years ago.

Mr. George Cunningham, for some time a resident of Midway and formerly of Vernon, has received the appointment recently become vacant by the retirement of Mr. Reginald Gardom. A man named French, who went insane near the Big Slide, Lillooet, the other day, has been taken to the New Westminster asylum for the insane. Over 300 passengers arrived in Vancouver on Sunday by the Seattle train. They were looked for by St. Michael and other northern ports by the steamship Garonne.

Mr. Justice Irving sailed for the North on Friday en route for Ashcroft, where he will act as special commissioner to settle the troubles that arise over the recording of claims under the North-West Territory mining laws, instead of British Columbia.

Mr. P. Burns, the well known beef contractor, is perfecting his provincial beef combine. He has made a contract with the Douglas Lake cattle company for the supply of 6,000 head of beef cattle for this season.

Perrier, the condemned prisoner at the New Westminster jail, is getting along as well as could be expected, and has so far recovered from his recently self-inflicted wounds that he now takes beef tea.

Sealing schooner Borealis, Capt. Harold, cleared Saturday for the Behring sea with a crew of 30; six whites and 24 Indians. The purpose of the expedition is to seal the companies belonging to the association comply with the freight tariffs which they have agreed to, so that merchants from San Diego to Vancouver may enjoy the same rates.

The old steamer Beaver, which has been on the rocks outside Vancouver harbor, is reported to have gone to pieces, and attempts to save her being unsuccessful. She was the first steambus that ever sailed on the Pacific ocean, and the first ever docked for repairs at the Hudson Bay company's yards on the beach below Fort Nussakli.

H. M. S. Egeria, which has been commissioned to survey the line for a cable across the Pacific between Canada and Australia, will leave on June 17th. The Egeria has been overhauled in Esquimalt drydock. A direct wire on the Canadian Pacific railway telegraph connected Esquimalt with McGill university, Montreal, so that the variation of the ship's chronometers could be noted. This will be done once more before the vessel leaves. She is expected to go to the Hawaiian Islands first, and will take soundings on the way across.

There was an incident mutiny on the steamer Garonne shortly before she sailed for St. Michael on Wednesday. The crew who were on her when she ran to Honolulu, and the eight men shipped here, struck for more wages. They were getting \$30 a month and wanted \$40 and 40 cents an hour overtime. The master offered \$35 and then \$40 flat, but neither were acceptable to the seamen. The captain then offered them their discharge. This he did somewhat abruptly, ordering them to at once leave the ship. He shipped another crew at the old rates.

Superintendent F. S. Hussey of the provincial police, has sent Chief of Police Reed of Seattle, a circular offering a reward of \$100 for the recapture of Garret Leigina, who shot Fred Bower at Atlin City on May 4th and escaped from the officers there on May 11th. Leigina is a German, but speaks good English. He is described as fair and wearing a small beard. His forehead was marked by two very prominent protruberances, and his upper front teeth are widely separated. When he escaped his legs were shackled together.

The funeral of the late Doctor Durieu, bishop of New Westminster, was held at St. Mary's Mission Monday afternoon. The remains of the late prelate lay in state all Sunday at the Indian church, and many citizens paid their respects to the dead during the day. On Monday morning a special train left Vancouver at 8 o'clock, on board of which were many of the friends and admirers of the deceased. The Vancouverites arrived at the Royal City to be greeted at the singing of requiem high mass in St. Peter's Cathedral by Right Rev. Bishop Dunterville. Preceding this ceremony, requiem high mass was sung by the Indians, many from the mission across the inlet and from Squamish, having gone over on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Clinton, archbishop-designate, of Oregon, preached the funeral oration, at the conclusion of which absolution was given by five bishops or priests in the order of their dignity. In the afternoon a special train left Westminster at 1:30 o'clock, and many other Vancouverites joined it from the eastbound train at Westminster Junction. The ceremonies at the Mission were most impressive, and were attended by throngs of people.

Promoters' Shares. Value in Sight. Syndicate forming, developing Silver Belt group, three claims, Trout Lake district, having two rich veins, one being the famous Silver Cup ledge, whence \$175 ore richer is being mined, the other eight feet of quartz assaying \$8 in gold on the surface. English engineer's report, most favorable and minute, says: "Can even now ship at a profit of \$30 per ton. Deepener mining and railway, now building, will greatly improve this." Success certain, in high degree and quick. A real "grass roots" mine. Write or wire promptly for particulars, as opportunity to join syndicate will soon pass. If dealing in shares, state quantity you want reserved till details arrive.

GEO. K. MORTON, Private Banker, St. Thomas, Ont. Halcyon Springs. Chief Ingram has returned from a week at Halcyon Springs. He says that W. C. Husband, the manager, has created an entirely new order of affairs at the springs. The baths are all that can be desired. The service and table are excellent. Many improvements have been made, and generally a great change for the better has taken place under Mr. Husband's careful management.

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A POWDER H... People Take Refu... Escaped. At 12 o'clock... house blew up at... tunnel which is be... bia & Western ra... from Brooklyn. I... dynamite. Had it... that the people t... tunnel a good man... ed. As it was all... inity were broken... Mr. R. Robinson v... his tools and stock... and wide. Mr. Ro... yesterday and said... woods 200 yards be... a short distance fr... the men employed... the powder house... saw that the fire w... powder house. He... men and told them... of the fire reach... The men, Mr. Ro... there was no dam... says he thought h... flee from the dang... Brooklyn in order... when the explosio... about half way to... great explosion and... house was gone... the scene of the... wrought, considerable... which he uses for... to pieces and his... son estimates that... tained was fully \$3... people living in the... of the tunnel and... powder house was... took refuge in the... with their lives. ... was not over 25 fe... was built of board... wide cracks. He... menage to the lives... in that vicinity, a... powder magazine s... out-of-the-way pla... a menace to life a...

It Will Be Blown Within the Month—Ore Ready. Victoria, July 8.—The smelter of the Van Anda Gold & Copper company, at Van Anda City, will be completed and "blown in" within a month, and the company will then commence smelting its own ores, large quantities of which are being hoarded. There is now about six months' supply in sight, while the whole fire drills, three on the Copper Queen and two on the Cornell mines are all working on ore. There is 12 feet of the highest grade ore ever found on the property in the bottom of the Cornell shaft.

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