

G. N. CURSON SPEAKS

Great Britain Will Not Play Second Fiddle in China.

RIGHTS UNDER TREATY

What Privileges Are Granted to the Other Nations Must Also Be Accorded to England—No Exclusive Spheres of Influence.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—In a speech last night at Bolton, George N. Curzon referred to the Chinese situation in terms which, though not very lucid, suggests there is an intention to widen the scope of the utterances recently made by members of the government. He said that as the other powers were showing a disposition to acquire special advantages in China, Great Britain was entitled to claim compensatory advantages, and to demand that privileges given to others should not be inconsistent with British treaty rights. It seemed to be thought in some quarters that any foreign power might, by establishing a sphere of influence, introduce its own tariff and set up an exclusive commercial control. Such a sphere would not possibly give any government the right to abrogate or curtail the treaty rights possessed by others, and under her treaties Great Britain has precisely the same right of entry in every port under the same conditions and tariff as any other power. Great Britain's treaty rights rendered the operation of spheres of influence in China impossible. Every British government might be relied upon to insist upon these rights. This remark elicited loud cheers. From the foregoing it appears to be Great Britain's intention not only to keep the existing treaty ports open, as the speech of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has been widely interpreted to mean, but to insist upon having whatever rights anybody else obtains in the future in every Chinese port. Some of the newspapers in their editorial comments on the speech take a shy at "compensatory advantages." The Standard, a Tory organ, suggests that it would be more accurate to say "consequential guarantees." Mr. Curzon, referring to the negotiations for a loan, said "We have every reason and right to hope they will be satisfactory."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

TRILBY AND PRINCE OF WALES. AUSTIN, Ill., Jan. 18, 1898. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Can you inform me whether the Trilby and Prince of Wales are being developed or not? Yours respectfully, A. E. MARTIN, 600 Central Ave.

[No work is being done on either of the properties mentioned.—Ed.]

Numerous Inquiries Answered.

PETROLIA, Ont., Jan. 18. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I have been sent a few copies of THE MINER, and have been much pleased to see that it gives short, comprehensive items of news respecting a large number of individual properties. That is just what is wanted by a large number of people in Ontario who hold stock in companies operating in British Columbia. Myself and friends have interests in a dozen different claims; may we ask THE MINER to give us some information regarding the following properties: St. Elmo; Silver Bell; Norway, on O. K. mountain; Evening Star; Athabasca; the Gibson, in the Slokan? Very truly yours, D. CAMERON.

[The St. Elmo has not been worked for some time, although the company is free from debt and has some funds on hand. The property has an immense amount of low grade ore in sight, but it is of too low a grade to be marketable under present conditions. The management has no plans for the immediate future, but it is confident that with the reduction of the cost of handling ore, the St. Elmo will be good mine. The Silver Bell is in financial straits. A bond and lease on the property was given several months ago to Messrs. Connelly & Harrington, but, although they were to commence work some time ago, they have not done so, and it is uncertain when operations on the property will be resumed. The Evening Star is being examined at present by an engineer representing a prospective purchaser of the property, and meanwhile work has been suspended. The Norway company, not being able to sell its treasury stock to advantage, has quit work for the present on the property. The Athabasca, near Nelson, is being developed vigorously, and makes occasional shipments to the Nelson smelter. It promises well. The Gibson is one of the best known properties on the south fork of Kaslo creek. It also promises well. The Gibson is said to be the first location made on the south fork and the present owners have been steadily and quietly developing it since coming into possession a year ago last November. The development now consists of 1100 feet of work and will be continued right along without cessation. On the 10th inst. a carload of ore was railed down to the K. & S. railway and is now being treated at the Kaslo Sampling works. It is expected that other shipments will be made this winter. There are two claims in the group, being located four and one-half miles above the Montezuma on the south fork.—Ed.]

An Investigation Wanted.

TORONTO, Jan. 17. EDITOR MINER—Sir: In your issue of December 30th appears an article under the heading, "The Collapse of a Wildcat." The collapse of that wildcat property will be another link in the lessons that investors in mining shares are experiencing. I think it is a pity that lessons of that kind should occur, as the public are very cautious about buying in even what are considered gilt-edged properties. It is a duty the trustees of the International Gold-Copper Mining company owe to the shareholders to publish a full and honest statement of the affairs of the company, showing to what way the \$12,500 received from the sale of stock was expended. I for one, and I think the shareholders generally, will

not mourn the loss of their investment if the officers of the company have been true to their trust and expended the money in honest effort. Whether the officers of the company were justified in placing the property upon the market at all would require an expert to decide. Instances like the Red Eagle and International show that mining properties should not be allowed to contract debts. I trust that collapse of that kind will be few and far between, both for the sake of investors and the good name of the Rossland camp. A. Noxon, M. D.

The Bondholder and Other Properties.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you favor me by answers to the following questions in Weekly Miner.

1st. What is the present position and condition of the Bondholder Mining company, and what are the prospects of the company for the future? 2nd. Where is the Howard fraction, owned by the British Canadian Goldfields company located? Is it got or silver? How is it turning out? What other mines are this company working at present? How are they doing, and are they gold or silver? 3rd. Have any arrangements been made for commencing work again on the Elise? This is quite a list of questions, but I am sure that many of your eastern readers will be much interested in your answers. Yours sincerely, SMALL INVESTOR.

[An effort is now being made to form a new company in England to operate the Bondholder group. The past history of the company has not been encouraging. The Howard fraction is located on the divide between Lemon creek and the Springer creek. It is a silver-gold property. The British Canadian Goldfields Exploration, Development & Improvement company is also working the Athabasca group, a good property, near Nelson, which is looking well. The Elise is being reorganized under the name of the Lerwick Gold Mining company, which also owns the Lytton, an adjoining property, through which the Elise vein runs. Stockholders in the old company will receive shares in an assessment of 1/2c. per share.—Ed.]

The Ajax Group.

NORTHFIELD, Minn., Dec. 30, 1897. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Can you give me any reliable information respecting the Ontario Goldfields Mining & Development company of Toronto, Ont., that is managed by E. Wallace? I was in your city in September last, and was then informed that Mr. Wallace was working on the Ajax group, somewhere near the Ontario. What success has attended their labors I am unable to say. As I hold a block of their stock, I wish to ascertain whether it has any value, present or prospective. I remain respectfully, SUBSCRIBER.

[So far as THE MINER can ascertain, nothing is being done at present on the Ajax group.—Ed.]

B. C. Mining Laws.

THUNDERBOLT, Colo., Jan. 19. EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you kindly inform me through THE MINER what are the mining laws of British Columbia or where I could obtain a copy of said, and oblige, Yours truly, J. J. COOKE.

[The mining laws of British Columbia are quite extensive, and if Mr. Cooke desires them in their entirety he should address Richard Wolfenden, Queen's Printer, Victoria, B. C., for a copy of the statutes bearing upon this subject. Some of their more important features may be summarized as follows: Any person over 18 years old, whether or not a British subject, may become a free miner by paying an annual fee of \$5 to any mining recorder. Free miners, and such only, may locate mineral claims anywhere through the province, and may sell and transfer the same under the conditions hereafter mentioned. Claims are 1,500 feet square, and are staked under the three-post system. The locator may have part of this land on one side of his location line and part on the other side, so that the whole width of the claim does not exceed 1,500 feet. Mineral claims carry with them only the mineral contained within the borders of the claim, extended vertically downwards. That is, the locator may not follow the dip of the vein outside his side or his end line. Sufficient surface rights to develop the claim properly are included when a claim is located, but if further surface rights are desired they may be purchased from the government if not already pre-empted. The charge for recording a claim is \$2.50. Holders of claims are required to do \$100 worth of work upon them annually, dating from the time of recording, or pay that sum in cash to the province. When \$500 worth of work has been done a crown grant, equivalent to a title in fee simple, may be secured. This gives the holder of the claim absolute title to all the minerals (except coal) contained within it, and thereafter the claim is registered as real estate. The cost of surveying for a crown grant, legal fees, etc., is usually about \$125. One need not have a free miner's certificate to hold a crown-granted property, or shares in an incorporated mining company, but if a holder of an un-crown-granted claim allows his free miner's certificate to lapse, his claim can be immediately relocated by any free miner whose certificate is valid. The laws of this province are conceded to be unequal throughout the world for fairness and liberality to the working miner, and mining men in the States are hoping that the provincial laws will be adopted there. It is probable that at the next session of the provincial legislature, which convenes in about two weeks, there will be a revision of these laws, which will require that preliminary assessment work be done before the claim is recorded.—Ed.]

Will Erect a Large Building.

The Merchants' Bank of Halifax is planning the erection of a three-story building of brick and stone on the corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street, just opposite the Allan house. The building will be of brick and stone and will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Work is expected to commence soon as the snow gets off of the ground.

Spain and the U. S. MADRID, Jan. 26.—Senor Sagasta, the premier, read to the queen regent today what he describes as "a very satisfactory dispatch" from Washington. It is probable that Senor Morale, minister for the colonies, will announce at the next cabinet council a project of political and administrative reform for the Philippines. Admiral Beerselco, minister of Spanish squadron at Havana to attend the naval banquet to be given by United States Consul-General Lee.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers. JANUARY 20. Two Friends, Buckeye Girl 1/2, Ben W. Pinnell to Allen G. White. JANUARY 22. Challam, Reliance 1/2, Success 1/2, Lewis Levy to Wm. Banks. Trilby Fraction 1/2, E. A. Olson to J. H. Jones, \$1,000. Trilby Fraction 1/2, E. A. Olson to F. S. Hobbs, \$1,000. Citter Fraction 1/2, Gold King 1/2, J. F. Rogers to Mrs. S. L. Turner. JANUARY 24. Pearl 1/2, H. E. Lowry to W. L. Lowry. Certificates of Work. Jan. 22—Stemwinder, Stemwinder No. 1 Fraction, Kentucky Fraction. Jan. 24—Lily May Fraction. Certificates of Improvements. Jan. 22—Portland, Velvet Fraction, Golden Butterfly Fraction, E. V. Deba. Jan. 24—Fete, Lulu.

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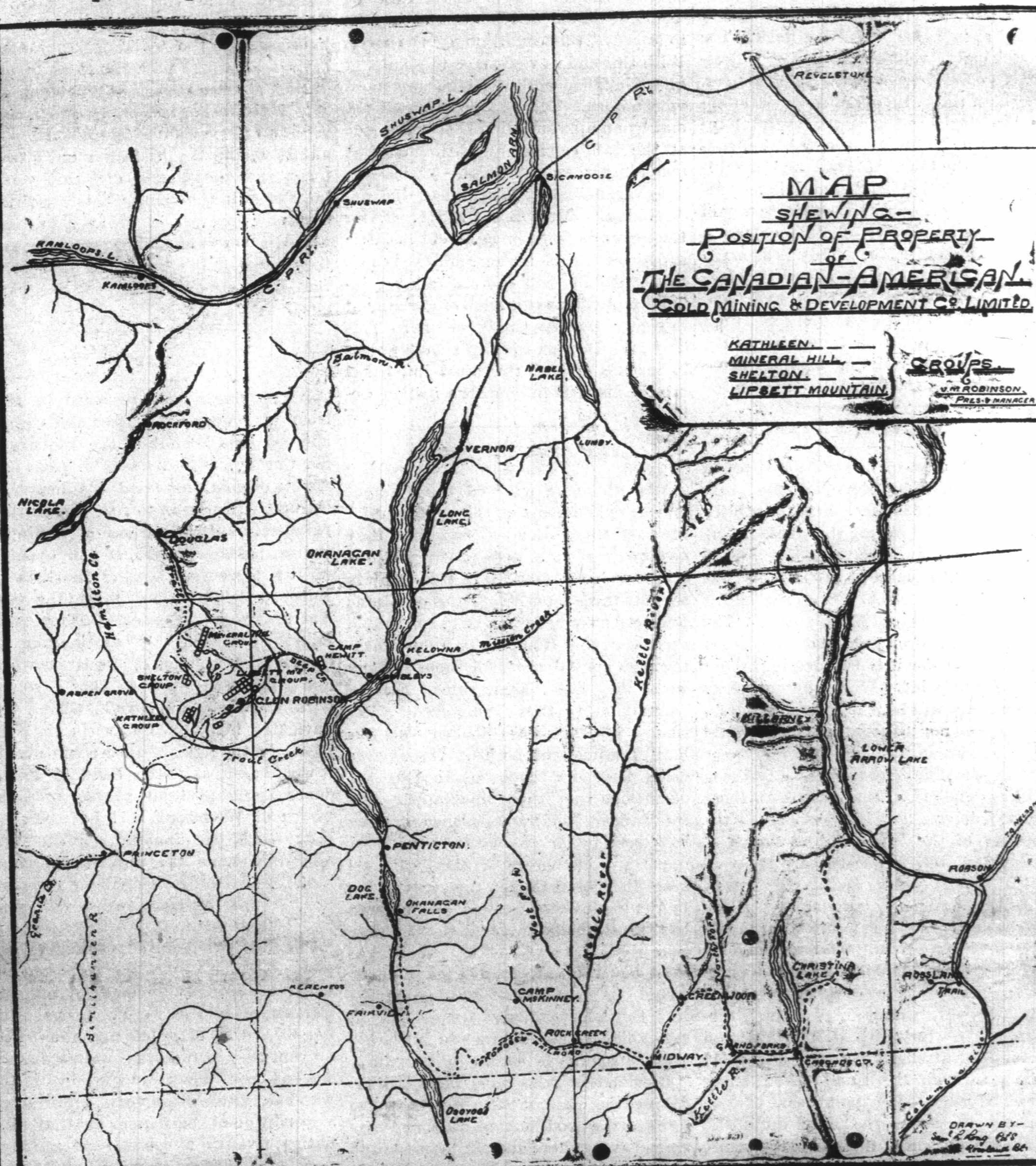
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