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only where by erosion water has cleaned away the debris, or fire has swept over the mountain side, that the character of the rock can be discovered without most laborious effort. The district is a large one, and it is not improbable that the metalliferous character of the ore above described may be common to the whole region. It is known to prevail on Granite Creek, where a number of claims have been located, and on the head waters of the Sarita as well. But prospecting, particularly away from the streams, is very difficult and very slow work. It will take years to fully explore the shores of Barclay Sound alone, to say nothing of the unknown mountains whose peaks tower above the coast range a few miles inland. There is a magnificent field here for discovery. It is convenient to Victoria, can be reached at small cost, and the weather for nine months in the year is favorable. What better work can a young man engage in—especially one who is out of work and has the strength and the requisite knowledge? It is absurd to suppose that the only mineral claims in the district have been taken up; there are as big fish in the sea as ever were caught and as good mineral ledges on Barclay Sound still undiscovered as have yet been located. Prospecting is hard, laborious, often disappointing, but independent of these things, there are many blanks are drawn there are still, perhaps, as many prizes won as in ordinary commercial occupations.

CONSOLIDATED ALBERNI.

Mineral Hill in the McLaughlin range is about thirteen miles from Alberni at the head of China creek. The "hill" is from 3,000 to 4,000 feet above sea level, rising abruptly from the end of the wagon road (1,200 feet) for a distance of one and a quarter miles to the Consolidated Alberni mine. Over a zig-zag trail cut in the mountain side on Mineral creek, to a height of 2,300 feet, the supplies have to be packed, and down the same distance the ore is conveyed to the three stamp mill now in course of erection. The Consolidated Alberni is being developed systematically. The shaft has been tapped by a tunnel at a depth of about seventy-five feet, where the vein was found to maintain its width of 15 to 18 inches, with the walls clearly defined. The ore at that depth is highly mineralized and there is every indication that its richness will increase as greater depths are attained. The ore is being milled and has assayed from \$20 to \$200 per ton. It is a white quartz, containing pyrites of iron of from 2 to 3 per cent. These sulphides are of sufficient value to pay for riving the owners. The company are at present taking into the mine a 30-horse power boiler, and expect to have the three-stamp mill which is now on the ground in operation in the course of five or six weeks. The mill will be erected at a point 2,300 feet below the mine, and the ore for the present will be packed over the trail a distance of a mile and a quarter. Not enough time was taken to visit all the surface showings in this district, but enough has been seen to justify the prediction that in the near future the west coast of Vancouver Island will be marketing a quantity and quality of ore that will surprise even those who are enthusiastic.

OTHER LOCATIONS.

While the Consolidated Alberni is the only mine on Mineral Hill on which any extensive development has been done, there are many claims on which the owners are doing assessment work. George Brown, one of the most successful prospectors, has completed assessment work on the Champion and Missing Link and will apply for a crown grant. With six men he is now doing the assessment work at the Adelaide, owned by Taylor, Belcher, Crown Point and Vancouver claims. On the Mountain Rose, which is owned by a Vancouver firm, a tunnel is being run by six men. Capt. Simons, of the Wellington, has five men at work in the tunnel on the L.X.L. Company are working on the Ace of Spades, owned by Henry Saunders, Messrs. Hoback, Garrard and McKinnon and others are having their claims prospectively assessed. A. E. G. is surveying the Chance, one of the Quadra Co.'s claims, and the Last Dollar, Halifax and American Bay. Mr. Geo. Huff is working three men on the Rival and three on the Maid of the Mist, both on Mineral Hill. On the Alberni, nine miles down the canal from Alberni, assessment work is going on on several claims. Thus it will be seen that there is considerable activity in the mining districts of Alberni, and although most of the work is being carried on in compliance with the mining law it is none the less evidence that the owners, who are nearly all men of great faith and little capital, have confidence in the richness of their claims. The success of the Consolidated Alberni, which has plenty of capital and energy behind it, will give an immense impetus to the district and establish beyond all question the permanency of Mineral Hill as a mining centre.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

The Duke of York is a hydraulic mine, Messrs. G. A. Kirk and A. J. C. Gallely, of this city, being largely interested in the property. It is about seven or eight miles from Alberni, on China creek. The company own three and a half miles along the creek and 10 chains on each side. Under the management of Mr. M. W. Loveridge, an experienced California hydraulic miner, work was commenced at the end of March last. A vast amount of work has been done. A flume, 3x6 feet, with a grade of one in sixteen, and one and a quarter in a mile, has been built in a substantial manner, all the lumber being cut on the ground. At the upper end, for a distance of sixty feet, the flume is carried along the side of a perpendicular cliff, suspended by strong chains fastened to steel drills driven into the solid rock. At other points it is carried over trestles sixty feet high. From the bulk head to the monitor, the water is carried in a twenty-two-inch steel pipe, with 140 feet head, and leaves the six-inch nozzle with a force that makes the gravel and boulders dance before it like straws in a gale of wind. A Derrick (Loveridge's patent) having a 90 foot arm and a capacity of six tons, is operated with the utmost ease by a one and a quarter-inch jet of water striking with 30-horse power the flanges of a water wheel under the mast. The sluice boxes and bedrock flume have a grade of eight inches in sixteen feet, and are strong and substantial. At the time of inspection 21 men were at work, and there was sufficient water for one and a half months, although in the winter and earlier in the summer there will be an ample supply for four six-inch nozzles playing continuously on the banks of gravel. Thus far nearly \$30,000 have been expended in buying

the land and preparing for hydraulic. The manager, Mr. Loveridge, has personally superintended the work and has succeeded in placing the property in a condition to pay the enterprising owners handsomely if the precious metal is in the banks in sufficient quantity, and that fact was demonstrated by careful prospecting before the undertaking was commenced. The bush fire in July destroyed several buildings, injured the flume, and seriously retarded operations, but it was not altogether an unmitigated evil, since it cleared away the undergrowth and rendered the destructive fire impossible. The company is now in excellent shape to prosecute the work, and having land enough to last for many years it is sincerely to be hoped—and it is confidently expected—that their enterprise will be amply rewarded.

WHEN OTHERS FAIL.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS RESTORE HEALTH AND STRENGTH.

A Well Known Young Lady in Napanee Gives Her Experience—So Weak That She Could Not Go On Her Feet Without Resting—Her Friends Thought She Was in Consumption—Now the Picture of Health and Strength.

From the Beaver, Napanee, Ont.

Among the young ladies of Napanee there is none better known or more highly esteemed than Miss Mary L. Byrnes. Indeed her acquaintance and popularity covered a more extended field, as she is a traveling saleslady for the Robinson Corset Co., and has many customers on her route which extends from Ottawa to Oshawa. How this young lady happens to be the subject of this article is due to the fact that she has recently undergone a most remarkable change through the use of those wonderful little messengers of health, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When the reporter of the Beaver called to make inquiry into her cure, he was met at the door by the young lady herself, whose rosy cheeks and healthy appearance gave no indication that she had undergone a prolonged illness. The reporter mentioned his mission and found Miss Byrnes quite willing to tell the particulars of what she termed "an escape from death." In reply to the query "what have Dr. Williams' Pink Pills done for you?" she replied, "why, they have done wonders. I feel like a new woman now. For eight years I was weak and miserable and I could not keep anything on my stomach, not



even a glass of milk. I had dizzy spells severe headaches, and my complexion was of a yellowish hue. My kidneys also troubled me, and in fact I was all aches and pains. In going up a flight of stairs I had either to be assisted up, or would have to rest several times before I got to the top. At times my hands and feet would have no more warmth in them than lumps of ice. On one occasion while stopping at an hotel in Kingston, after sitting on the bed for some time, I fell down in a faint. The landlady found me in this condition and sent for a doctor, who, after bringing me back to consciousness, gave me medicine to take. He told me that my system had to be run down that it was imperative that I should have absolute rest. His medicine had no beneficial effect that I could see, and I tried a number of other doctors with no better results. It became so low that I cared for nothing, and in fact I was nearly dead when I was brought to the attention of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I bought a box and began to take them, and my friends thought I had gone into consumption. It was at this juncture that I determined to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, and my appearance changed so that you can see a wonderful change they have wrought in me. I continued taking the pills for three months, and before discontinuing them every ache and pain had disappeared. I cannot speak too highly for this wonderful medicine, and I am eager to list the fact be known for the benefit of other sufferers."

Mrs. Byrnes was present during the interview and strongly endorsed what she had said, adding that she believed they had saved her life. The experience of years has proved that there is absolutely no disease that is due to vitiated condition of the blood or shattered nerves, that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will not promptly cure, and those who are suffering from such troubles would avoid much misery and save trouble by promptly resorting to this treatment. Get the genuine Pink Pills every time and do not be persuaded by any imitations or other remedies from a dealer, who for the sake of extra profit to himself, may say "just as good." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure when other medicines fail.

ONE HONEST MAN.

Dear Editor—Please inform your readers that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest, home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak sunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by two quack doctors, and nearly lost faith in mankind, but, thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to ask and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. I promise you perfect secrecy, and as I do not wish to expose myself, either by name or address simply: P. O. Box 388, London, Ont.

Closing out bicycles, a few left. Shore's Hardware.

NEWS FROM ALASKA

A Number of Disappointed Miners Return From the North by the Willapa.

Victoria Fishing and Trading Co., Has Purchased the Tacoma Steamer Edith.

For the past two months steamers arriving from Alaska have had on board a number of disappointed gold-seekers who found Alaska anything but an El Dorado. In this respect the steamer Willapa, Capt. Roberts, which called at Nainaimo yesterday, on her way to the Sound from the far north, was no exception to the rule. She had 55 passengers on board, and the majority of these were disgusted with Alaska and its mines. Among the number was M. Trowl of Tacoma, who with three others left the City of Destiny last March with the intention of digging a fortune out of the frozen ground along the upper waters of the Yukon. Their good intentions were frustrated by losing their entire outfit of tools and provisions while navigating the Pelly river. Mr. Trowl is of the opinion that at present there are fully 2500 of a surplus population on the Yukon, and he has not heard of any rich strike being made. His opinion is corroborated by the Alaskan papers, which state that Forty Mile is reported very quiet. The diggings are said to be about worked out and the people are rapidly disappearing from the locality, nearly all of them going down the river to Circle City; also that Miller creek, regarded as the best diggings in the Forty Mile district, and until the present season sustaining its reputation, is said to be practically worked out. On the Pelly claim men have been laid off for the reason that they could not take out their wages. From the Miller claim Johnny Miller, the owner, cleared \$40,000 during the last year after paying out \$16,000 for wages, and then regarding the claim as so nearly worked out as to make it doubtful if he can profitably continue operations upon it, gave it to two friends who had been less fortunate. Nugget Gulch, over the ridge from Miller creek yielded but \$3 a day to the man and has been abandoned, five or six of the locators being now en route to Junction City, where they expect to arrive in a day or two. From the same Alaska papers which were forwarded to the Times by Capt. Roberts, it is learned that the Canadian police at Forty mile have levied a tax of \$15 on each miner.

Mr. Heisterman was born in Bremen, Germany, on July 22nd, 1832. After completing his studies in his native city he entered mercantile pursuits. At the age of 18 he removed to Dantzic, where he acted as a commercial house. Five years later followed his entry into the commission business in Liverpool, where he remained until 1862, when hearing of the gold excitement in British Columbia he set sail for the Pacific Coast. Arriving here in August of that year, the day he was evidently becoming tired of the monotony of digging the yellow metal from the bowels of the earth, introduced the requisite variety by inaugurating a strike. The trouble arose about the management of the land, and one Harry Semon acted as spokesman for his compatriots and was discharged in consequence. The others at once sent word to the management to discharge the look or accept their time. The management, however, had not altered five and 19 of the dissatisfied ones came to Juneau on the sloop Typhoon.

W. N. Lazier, manager of the Victoria Fishing and Trading Company, who is at present on the Sound, has purchased the steamer Edith from the Northern Pacific Railway company and is superintending the fitting out of the craft for a halibut fishing vessel. The Edith, which will be a seaworthy vessel and one suitable for the trade, will replace the Thistle, which was used by the company last season, but has recently been chartered by the New England Fishing Co., with headquarters at Vancouver. The Edith will make Victoria a port of call but will take the halibut direct to Tacoma where the company built large warehouses last year. From there the fish will be shipped in refrigerators to New York. While in Tacoma, Mr. Lazier met S. Z. Cheesbro, of the Fulton Market, New York, and made arrangements with him to handle the company's fish on the New York market.

There was a large number of shipping men at Auctioneer Byrnes' rooms this morning, when the fine iron ship Kilbrannan, 1572 tons, was sold to the highest bidder. Bidding was everything but spirited. The first offer was \$200, and she was finally sold to Captain Barnson for \$4000. Since grounding at Point Wilson in February last fully \$12,000 has been spent in hauling the Kilbrannan off, for temporary repairs cost her to Esquimaut. The consensus of opinion among shipping men is that the Kilbrannan is a bargain at the price paid as her sails and rigging are almost worth the amount. Captain Barnson has not decided what to do with his new vessel, but she will probably be repaired here.

The Hawaiian steamer Aztec, Capt. J. H. Brown, arrived in Nainaimo from San Francisco on Wednesday evening and is taking on a cargo of 6,000 tons of coal for Honolulu. The Aztec is a single screw vessel of 2303 tons register and gross tonnage of about 6,900 tons.

Besides the regular liner Empress of China, another C. P. B. steamer is due here next week. She is the Hupeh, of 1000 tons, registered in Victoria, 50 for the Southern 100 for Portland and a large quantity of tea for the east. The China has 150 tons of freight and 50 Chinese passengers for Victoria.

Mr. James Griffith, local manager at Seattle of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamship company is expected here this evening to make arrangements with R. P. Rithet & Co. for wharfage room for the company's steamers. The company have issued some very neat advertising matter.

A report was circulated in the city last evening to the effect that the schooner Beatrice of Victoria and the Vancouver Beatrice had been seized in Behring Sea. It is said the schooner Jessie of Port Angeles spoke the tug Lorne off Cape Flattery and told Capt. Langley of the seizures. The news was not conveyed to either the owners of the schooners or the Customs house officials here.

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The statement made in behalf of the late government, that legislation was passed at the last session of parliament authorizing the government to act, was not in accordance with the fact. The position is the same to-day as formally, and before the government can do anything to remove the wreck a bill must be passed. It is not probable that this would be done at the present session, but Hon. Mr. Davies, in correspondence with a gentleman in Victoria on the subject, has stated that if the wreck is not removed in the meantime, prompt and effective measures will be taken next session. If the wreck is removed by the owners at once, as now seems probable, and the weather continues favorable, the beacon and light may be placed on Brothie ledge before the gales of fall and winter begin. The Liberal government evidently means business.

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