

# IN EASTERN CANADA

## Death of Mrs. Ross, Wife of the Premier of Ontario.

## Montreal Editor Summoned to the Bar of the House.

OTTAWA, March 13.—Lieutenant-Colonel Burland, of Montreal, has been appointed commandant of the Blesley team. Major Ed. Sutherland, of the 43rd Battalion, has been appointed adjutant.

Mr. Maxwell today introduced a bill regarding the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway company. Mr. Cowan has given notice of a bill to amend the criminal code. It provides that proceedings for criminal libel must commence within six months after publication of the same, and also after a civil action is taken criminal proceedings cannot follow. At present no time is fixed for taking action for criminal libel.

Mr. Blair said it was the intention of this session to introduce a bill to regulate and control freight rates.

TORONTO, March 13.—The Woman's College hospital executive yesterday announced that female physicians were to be appointed to the staff of the general hospital. Two women physicians will also be appointed as registrars.

Before the death of W. D. Towse, late commercial traveller for the Quebec firm of Seguin, Lalime & Co., deceased assigned his insurance in the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent society to his employers to pay an alleged debt of \$1,649.45. The widow is suing to have this assignment set aside.

Commissioner Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army, ill with appendicitis, has passed the crisis.

Algonquin Park is overrun with wolves, and an effort is being made to get rid of them.

OTTAWA, March 13.—Mrs. Birkett, wife of the Conservative M. P. for Ottawa, died this morning after a long illness.

MONTREAL, March 13.—Word was received here this morning announcing the death of Rev. Father Quinlivan, for several years parish priest of St. Patrick's church, this city.

RAT PORTAGE, Ont., March 13.—The Conservatives have endorsed the candidature of Dr. Smellie, of Fort William, for the district of Fort William and Lake of the Woods in the Ontario elections.

HAMILTON, Ont., March 13.—Dan McLeod, the Scotch wrestler, last night threw Charles Reinick, of Pittsburgh, Pa., five times in half an hour. He had an hour to do the trick.

TORONTO, March 13.—Mrs. Ross, wife of Hon. G. W. Ross, premier of the province, died very suddenly yesterday. She had been in good health and only recently returned from Ottawa.

WINNIPEG, March 13.—A Fort William dispatch says the man Holt, held there on suspicion of being the San Francisco murderer, has been positively identified as Kauffmann, the man wanted. Officer Dods, who made the arrest, received a telegram this afternoon from Chief of Police Wittman of San Francisco that the pictures taken there and sent to him place his identity beyond doubt, and that an officer left San Francisco today with the necessary papers. Holt, as the man calls himself, maintains his silence, saying only that when the proper time comes he will prove that he is not the man wanted in San Francisco.

HALIFAX, March 13.—Clement Rome, a Nova Scotia Telephone company's lineman, received a shock while on top of a high pole today and fell to the street, being instantly killed.

QUEBEC, March 13.—The legislature of Quebec has been considering legislation dealing with the city of Montreal recently, some of which, if passed, will be a severe drain on the city's exchequer. The Montreal Herald commented on the matter, and its remarks were not well received by members of the legislature, and as a result J. S. Briery, editor of the Herald, has been summoned to appear before the bar of the house on Tuesday next to answer to a charge of disrespect.

MONTREAL, March 13.—D. Mann, of MacKenzie & Mann, left tonight for Nova Scotia to look over the firm's railway enterprises in that section. Mr. Mann expects if all goes well to have about 200 miles of railway under construction in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton this summer.

OTTAWA, March 14.—McRae and P. McCartie of Revelstoke, waited on Mr. Tarte today with Senator Templeman and asked that the improvement of the river at Revelstoke be proceeded with. Mr. Tarte said he was going to spend \$5,000 now and was going to send an engineer to examine what additional improvements were necessary and a further grant would be made.

Mr. Hibbert Tupper will leave for Vancouver on Monday and will not likely return this session.

The bill regarding the United Gold Fields of British Columbia came up at the railway committee today, and on the suggestion of Mr. Blair it was held over to be re-cast. The bill is for a railway from Frank, Alberta, to the mountains in connection with the company's works. Mr. Blair said it would have to be framed as a railway bill.

Mr. Gallinger's bill to incorporate the Rossland and Velvet Mine Railway company was passed. The bill is for a railway from Rossland to the Velvet mine and thence to the international boundary line.

F. J. Deane has completed his work as secretary of the Chinese and Japanese commission, and left for home today.

HALIFAX, March 14.—The government steamer Aberdeen, which went to Sabie Island in search of the missing liner Huroonian, returned today, having found no trace of her. No wreckage has been washed ashore.

LINDSAY, Ont., March 14.—Hon. R. L. Borden lectured here tonight on "Canada's Influence on Imperial Policy." A banquet followed.

MONTREAL, March 14.—J. G. H. Bergeron has accepted the Conservative nomination in Beauharnois.

Sir William McDonald has given the day nursery ten thousand dollars for a new building.

WINNIPEG, March 14.—Principal Daggs, of the St. Paul's industrial school, has resigned. The announcement was made this morning by J. A. McKenna, assistant Indian commissioner, who recently investigated the management of the institution. Mr. Daggs' resignation has been accepted, but pending the appointment of his successor, he is still carrying on the work of the school.

The interest in the second game of hockey in the series for the Stanley cup, which takes place at the Auditorium rink tomorrow night between the Montreal and the Vics, is very great. If the present cold weather continues, which is probable, a much better game can be expected.

MONTREAL, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day was pretty generally observed in eastern Canada by the various Irish societies.

TORONTO, March 17.—The final session of the legislature of Ontario was prorogued this afternoon.

Edmund Yeigh, of the business staff of the Globe, died this morning at his residence of heart disease and kidney complications. Deceased was known from one end of the Dominion to the other in various capacities, his latest important office being chairman in 1890 of the Congregational Union for Ontario and Quebec.

CALGARY, N. W. T., March 17.—What will probably be murder was committed at the Atlantic hotel last night. Three men, Joe McDonald, Geo. Scott, and a man named Mueller, partners in the livery business, had some liquor and were quarrelling in the stable of the hotel, when Roy McKenzie, the proprietor of the hotel, came home. He told McDonald and Scotting to leave Mueller from the hotel, but they refused to do so. McDonald and Scotting then went into the hotel, and in the dining room they looked in and again had some words. They had reached the door when an Englishman, named Arthur Simpson, who had also been drinking, interfered and ordered them out. Scouting turned on Simpson and after a few words they all rushed and fell to the floor. Immediately afterwards two shots were fired from a 38-calibre revolver. One bullet passed through Simpson's coat harmlessly, but the other entered the right side, passing through the stomach and emerged at the right hip.

Simpson will probably die, and in the ante mortem statement which has been taken he accuses McDonald of doing the shooting. McDonald has been arrested. Scouting immediately jumped on a horse and fled to the country, and the police have not yet captured him.

LYNN, Ont., March 18.—Rev. V. Burnett, a well known Methodist minister, died aged 78.

MONTREAL, March 18.—W. E. Bourmont, son of Sir John Bourmont, today paid \$15,000 for a seat on the Montreal Stock exchange.

QUEBEC, Que., March 18.—James Briery, editor of the Montreal Herald, was summoned before the bar of the legislature to explain how it was he had published an item about two weeks ago practically saying that the assembly could be bought for \$30,000. Briery explained that the item had crept into the paper without passing the scrutiny of any of the editors. As soon as it was detected the press was stopped and the item in question was cut out. There was no intention of reflecting on the honor of any member of the legislature. The explanation was accepted.

CORNWALL, Ont., March 18.—Melvin Hall, a Dundas county desperado, who for some time past has been leading a career of crime, terrorizing the country, was today sentenced to 10 years in Kingston penitentiary on a charge of stealing eight bushels of oats.

## THINKS LARDEAU WILL BOOM.

The editor of the Calgary Herald, who recently returned from the Lardeau country, has this to say: After many years of hope deferred the Lardeau mining camp seems to have arrived at the threshold of its boom. Ever since its discovery it has been known to possess a combination of the best features of all other British Columbia camps with very few of their corresponding drawbacks.

Silver Cup, Nettie L. and Truene shipments have proved it to be a phenomenal high grade silver ore in enormous quantities. Also that in combination with rich silver values it holds gold and copper in such quantities that if either of these metals alone existed without the others the ore would in many mining countries be considered profitable.

It is the three combined in the same ore, together with a large percentage of lead, which has spread the fame of the Lardeau as an ideal field for the quartz miner.

In spite of difficulties, the greatest of which is transportation, the Lardeau has already made for several men moderate sized fortunes. But compared with what it will do now that cheaper transportation is almost accomplished these are only flea bites.

The new C. P. R. branch to Trout Lake will be ready to take our ore by May 10th, and we venture the prediction that during the next two or three years the Lardeau will make more large fortunes than have been made in any other camp in British Columbia by legitimate mining.

## ULTIMATUM FROM JEFFRIES.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 18.—Billy Delaney, manager for James Jeffries, the pugilist, stated today that if Fitzsimmons did not come to terms regarding the selection of referees and the choice of a club, he, acting for Jeffries, will open negotiations for a fight between Jeffries and Sharkey.

## THE WEEKLY STOCK REVIEW

The week's business on the stock exchange showed an improvement over the preceding week's record, but the aggregate sales are scarcely up to the standard that has been set for the past month. As a rule shares were stationary, this being particularly true in the case of the principal shares in demand of late, with the exception of Centre Star. Centre Star opened the week at 37, rose to 38 and then to 38 1/4, selling even a point higher on the board. Later there was a drop in the price to 36, with another increase to 38 on Wednesday's board. The shares closed yesterday at 38-35, sales being light.

Rambler-Cariboo has not fluctuated from 85 during the entire week. The sales have not been as large as was the case in preceding weeks, but prices have not decreased. Two small lots sold on Wednesday at 85, and the closing price was 85-83.

Black Tail has been fairly active, with a fluctuation of a point or slightly more during the week. The first sale of the week was at 12, and later a sale was made at 11 3/4. Then the quotations stiffened up and Wednesday's sales were at 12 and 12 1/4, closing at 12 1/2-11 3/4.

White Bear has been among the most active stocks on the entire list at 8 1/4 to 8 1/2, closing Wednesday at 8 1/4-8 1/2. At these figures the shares have moved in considerable blocks.

Tom Thumb has been somewhat in demand, the selling price ranging from 23 1/4 to 23 1/2, the latter being Wednesday's selling price.

In other stocks business has been quiet and prices were practically stationary.

The sales for the week were as follows:

Thursday	5,500
Friday	16,000
Saturday	11,000
Monday	4,000
Tuesday	8,500
Wednesday	8,500

Total ..... 53,500

The week closed yesterday with aggregate sales of 8,500 shares, a decrease from the record of the previous day's trading.

	ASKED	BID
American Boy	1 1/2	1 1/4
Black Tail	12 1/2	12
Cariboo-McKinney	85	83
Centre Star	38	35
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.	350	350
Giant	3 1/4	3 1/4
Granby Consolidated	100	100
Iron Mask	20	15
Lone Pine	7 1/2	7
Morning Glory	3 1/4	3 1/4
Mountain Lion	32	24
Morning Star (East Kootenay)	26	23
Quill	35	30
Rambler	85	83
Republic	11	9 1/4
Sullivan	10 1/2	10
Tom Thumb	23 1/2	23 1/4
War Eagle Coal	15 1/4	10
White Bear	8 1/4	8 1/4
Winipeg	5	3 3/4

SALES.  
Rambler-Cariboo, 500, 500, 85c; Black Tail, 1000, 12 1/4-12; Tom Thumb, 2500, 23 1/2-23; Centre Star, 1000, 38c; White Bear, 2000, 8 1/4-8 1/2. Total \$,500.

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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual shareholders' meeting of the within named companies will be held at the hour and date specified in the company's office, No. 8 Kootenay avenue, Rossland, B. C., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of all such business which may properly come before the meeting:

Shakespeare G. M. Co., March 18th, 10 o'clock a. m.  
Skylark Gold Mines, Ltd., March 18th, 8 o'clock p. m.

Kingston Gold Mines, Ltd., March 18th, 8 o'clock p. m.  
St. Joseph Gold Mines, Ltd., March 18th, 8 o'clock p. m.

The meetings of the above companies are adjourned until 3rd April next at the same hour and place.

F. R. BLOCHBERGER, Secretary.

## AN AUTONOMOUS STATE.

Therefore Cannot Establish Differential Duties in Favor of England.

BERLIN, March 19.—Commenting on the Canadian budget statement, the Berliner Neust Nachrichten declares that Canada is, economically speaking, a completely autonomous state, and therefore she cannot establish differential duties in favor of England without exposing herself to retaliatory measures.

# MINING NEWS OF THE STATES

## A NEW PROCESS.

Fred Parker, an attorney of North Yakima, speaking to a Spokane Chronicle reporter concerning the Hydro Smelting and Refining Company of Tacoma, in which he is interested, said: "We have been working on this experiment for the past five or six years and have succeeded in getting down to a point where we can use it commercially. We have a plant erected at West Seattle with a capacity of 20 tons, where we have been making our experiments. One of the chief features of the smelter is that we burn oil, the oil being converted into gas by a method protected by a patent. This gives a peculiar white heat that does its work well. We are able to secure 4400 degrees of heat and can control it any place above 1000 degrees.

"We have recently made a smelter run of five tons of ore, purchased from the Tacoma smelter at the assay value of the ore. This value was 8 3/4 per cent copper and other values that are important. Under the Tacoma process the ore must be roasted to get rid of the sulphur before smelting. The values then saved are about 80 per cent and a 40 per cent copper matte. Our process saved from this same ore 100 per cent of the assay value and made a 59 1/2 per cent copper matte. This shows the success of our plan when we can save more than the assay value. The high grade copper matte is also in demand as more easily treated.

"We have spent between \$25,000 and \$40,000 in experimenting, and have now reached the place where we know we have something of great value. We have recently purchased 175 tons of ore from Texada Island, and the consignment is about due at Seattle. About April 15th we expect to start the smelter on a steady run.

"This is the first time I have said anything about the new smelter for publication, but I am so thoroughly convinced that I will put in a customs smelter, after the make of the one in Seattle, on Camp creek in the Cle Elum district. I am putting my own money into the smelter. I am interested in a number of properties there and besides treating the ore from them will take custom ore. The smelter will start with a capacity of 50 tons per day.

"There is one great advantage the new process has shown over the old besides the saving of values, and that is the cheapness of smelting. The fuel used by our process will cost but 50 cents per ton, while the other expenses will be about the same as in an ordinary smelter. We will be able to treat ore for \$2.50 per ton."

## ARIZONA RIVER WORK.

An effort is about to be made on a large scale to extract from the Western Arizona river the gold which has been known to exist there. For some years placer miners have been making comfortable returns by diligent labor on the Colorado, Hassayampa and Bill Williams rivers, all three of which drain the richest gold districts in Arizona.

On the famous old Hassayampa are likely to occur the most interesting operations. That river drains the gold fields in Yavapai county. For hundreds of years the Mexicans and Indians and their predecessors have been taking gold from the river bed, while in recent years many white men have obtained fortunes from the sand. A lack of sufficient water has, however, prevented extensive operations.

Now a plan is being completed to overcome that difficulty. About fifteen years ago a company of Eastern capitalists built a dam at Walnut Grove, twenty-five miles north of Wyckburg. The dam was calculated to hold in reserve many thousand acre feet of water, and a long flume was built down the valley for the distribution of the water at places where the hydraulic power could be utilized to wash the sands.

When the dam was completed and the reservoir filled a severe cloud-burst in the mountains to the north filled it to overflowing, and under the tremendous pressure from above the dam gave way. In the flooding of the valley below eighty lives were lost and the damage to property approximated many millions of dollars. A large part of the flume was washed out and thus stopped the plan.

Now a company has been formed to rebuild the dam, and in all likelihood work will commence soon. In the meantime dredges are at work, and gathering gold from various places along the river, awaiting the supply of water which will enable working of the deeper and richer sands.

Along the Colorado river a hundred companies are engaged in the dredging of the sands, which are brought down from the gold bearing portions of Northern Arizona, Utah and Colorado.

Not only is the immediate vicinity of the river bed being worked, but the dredges are washing the sands in the river bottoms for miles on both the California and Arizona sides of the stream.

On the Bill Williams Fork, one of the main branches of the Colorado river, is planned the largest placer mining institution known. The process includes the erection of a dam which will hold in reserve the flood waters of the stream, that they may be economically distributed for the washing of the bed of the stream of the lower river, and contemplates the placing of water on the many hundred thousand acres of placer ground lying between the Harqua Hala mountains and the Colorado river. In that locality the Spaniards and the ancients

worked out great quantities of gold by dry washing, and it is declared by experts that water placed there will produce untold millions in gold.

## PLATINUM IN WYOMING.

Professor William C. Knight, of the Wyoming State University, announces that ore in the New Rambler copper mine is worth \$200 per ton in platinum and palladium. He has had analysis of the ore made by three leading mineralogists in the United States and one report has already been received. This analysis shows the ore carries from 10 to 12 ounces of platinum and palladium, both rare and precious metals in great demand and worth approximately \$25 an ounce. The ore in the New Rambler runs from 18 to 25 per cent copper.

The discovery has stirred up mining men who prophesy a brilliant future for the New Rambler as the ore exists in almost unlimited supply. The deposit is not in the shape of a vein, but a huge pocket, the boundaries of which cannot be determined, for the reason that the same quality of ore has been found in other mines and prospects distant from the Rambler several miles. The entire country in the vicinity of the New Rambler seems to be underlaid with this rich ore and undreamed of fortunes undoubtedly await the miner there.

## NICKEL NEAR NORTHPORT.

John Selmer returned Thursday from O'Toole mountain, about 12 miles below Northport, where he had been visiting his partner, Anton Johnson, who is running a tunnel on the Prudential on that mountain, says the Northport News.

Mr. Selmer was enthusiastic over the showing in the Pittsburgh claim, which is owned by the Mulligan brothers and Grutt brothers, and is being worked by the former gentlemen. They are running a tunnel to crosscut the ledge and are now in 270 feet. They are drifting into ore that gives assays in gold, copper and nickel, and the latter is a mineral, so far as the News is aware, that has never been found before in this district. Tom Mulligan, who is an old-time prospector of wide experience, is superintending the work, and he feels sanguine of the Pittsburgh making a great mine. His judgment, intelligence and experience certainly cause us to think that there is a great promising future for O'Toole mountain. Mr. Selmer says they have ample means and will push the work continuously from now on.

The Prudential, owned by John Selmer, Mike O'Toole and Anton Johnson, is being worked constantly by the latter gentleman. They are also running a crosscut tunnel and are in 160 feet. This property contains ore similar to the Pittsburgh, but has never been assayed for nickel or silver.

Henry Ryan, Mike Foley, Charley Park and others, also have promising looking claims on this mountain.

It is not a rich man's proposition, but we expect to see great mines on this mountain some time in the future.

## SUMMIT DISTRICT.

The Columbia mine management is still unable to operate a full force of men, and many are laid off, says the Baker City Democrat. A lack of wood is one of the drawbacks, and shortage of water, which is frozen, another. It is a hard matter to get enough water to keep the boilers going. The mill is generally operated by water power, but it is out of the question to provide this power at this time of the year, and as wood has to be used to make steam to operate the mill the supply is soon exhausted. Realizing that it is impossible to run the mine steadily, the management has shut down for six weeks, or until water in the streams is flowing again.

The Mammoth mine, not far from Sumpter, has been developed into one of the leading producers of the district. It has a well defined ledge and shows free gold. The mine is well equipped with all kinds of machinery, has a mill and hoist. The output of last month is not stated, but it is known to be a large amount.

Power drills have been installed in the lower tunnels of the California mine, in the Cable Cove district. This will be the means of pushing development much faster than heretofore and result in sooner placing the mine on a self-sustaining and paying basis. Much ore is being taken from the upper tunnels and being sacked for shipment.

Thomas Costello of Cableville has secured a contract to run the main crosscut on the Crown Point 250 feet further. This crosscut is already 500 feet in length and with the additional 250 feet it is expected the ledge will be out.

The Bonanza cleanup for February has been brought in from the mills. It has every indication of being up to the usual amount—about \$50,000. Deep sinking is now in progress on the property, and larger returns can be looked for from the ore at greater depth.

## NOTES.

Some very good ore has been found in the Onelda mine at Sutter Creek, California, on the 1850-foot level. The 60-stamp mill at this mine is crushing from 9000 to 10,000 tons per month.

Despite the short month and the fact that at least one mill—the Economic—has not been working, the February clean-up at Cripple Creek has been more than satisfactory. The total will reach \$5,825 tons, showing gold value of \$1,853,437. Had the Economic been running the total would have been more than \$2,000,000.

The general expectation is that about 24,000,000 gross tons of iron ore will be mined around Lake Superior this year, of which all but 500,000 tons will be in the United States. Minnesota will produce nearly or quite 14,000,000 tons, and the Mesaba range more than six-sevenths of this amount. As the year

will close the first decade of the Mesaba's existence as a mining district, the showing is a marvellous one. The General Electric company of New York is making some of the largest purchases of copper properties ever known in the Southwest. It is stated that the company intends to spend no less than \$15,000,000 in securing copper producers in Arizona and Northern Mexico.

There is excitement at Wilcox and vicinity over a find of gold, silver and copper ore. The strike is about ten miles east of Wilcox in the Dos Cabezas mountains, on what is known as the Casey group of copper claims. The ore is carbonate, strongly impregnated with iron and copper, silver, and also some bismuth and cobalt. Through-out the enormous mass appear bunches of ore which assays as high as \$1200 a ton in gold.

A new strike said to be rich in silver is reported from Cedar Canyon, Washington. H. M. Austin, who bought a quarter section from the railroad company, proceeded to prospect, uncovering near the surface a rich galena ledge assaying over 100 ounces in silver. The ledge was encountered in an open cut which was made as the beginning of a tunnel. The width of the ledge is not known. The owner will sink a shaft upon it. The strike was made a few hundred yards south of the Silver Queen, being down the mountain from the Queen and west of it. This is the first galena ledge discovered upon Van Horne mountain.

Whitman county may have a mining boom in the near future, if the opinion of C. L. Craig, an expert miner from the Black Hills, is correct. Mr. Craig has filed with county auditor Raby a contract with J. P. Crawford, and his wife, Mattie A. Crawford, by which he is permitted to prospect the land of the Crawfords for four months, and is to have a two-thirds interest in all the ledges of gold, silver or other precious metals he may find. Mr. Craig, who has associated with him R. H. Johnson, as an equal partner in the deal, said: "I prospected the land and discovered unmistakable signs of gold and silver-bearing ore, and became satisfied it is there in quantity. I am satisfied that there is a fine prospect for a great mine on Crawford's land and will begin at once to develop it."

## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

Mr. Curtis Makes Definite Charges Against Government.

## Gordon Hunter Sworn in as Chief Justice of B. C.

(Special to The Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., March 18.—Curtis today made a definite charge against Dunsmuir and the rest of the ministry in connection with the railway deal, and will tomorrow move for a committee of enquiry. Charges it enabled him to sell the E. & N. for a larger sum than would otherwise have been obtained through the subsidy of the Canada Northern, thus reaping a large advantage. He also charges all members of the executive with grave misconduct and gross and wilful neglect of duty in employing Greenshields as agent for the government while he was acting as representative for Mackenzie and

The address was carried by vote of 18 to 16 and Helmsken's motion to amend the address by declaring for re-enactment anti-Mongolian legislation was defeated on the same division.

Green moved adjournment on debate on the address in order to get to order paper to discuss redistribution bill, but the government resisted this, Martin acting as spokesman.

VICTORIA, March 18.—H. M. S. Phaeton, which recently returned from Honolulu, leaves on Friday morning on a trip around Vancouver Island and to search for wreckage from the missing ship of war Concord.

Gordon Hunter, K. C., was today sworn in as chief justice of British Columbia.

The debate on the reply to the speech from the throne which was concluded today, has proceeded since the house opened three weeks ago. The government was sustained on a division of 18 to 16, with two government supporters absent.

## NEW DENVER.

(Special to The Miner.)

NEW DENVER, March 13.—Conrad Bill, an old timer in the Slovan, is seriously ill in the Miners' Union hospital at Slovan. There is very little hope of his recovery.

The Hewitt mine, of Silverton, has had to partially close down owing to the break-up of the wagon road. There is a great depth of snow at the mine, but the road is bare and very muddy, making hauling an impossibility.