A MILLION IN GOLD

It Was Brought to Victoria by Miners From the Yukon.

ONE MAN HAD $175,000

The Report of the Discovery of a Rich Body of Quartz Has Been Confirmed—An American Company Is Buying Claims of All Kinds.

VICTORIA, Jan. 17.—[Special.]—The Corona, which arrived from the north today, brought Yukoners who have between them a million dollars' worth of golddust They were: J. J. Baker, Joe Fox, Y. Olsen, Dan Campbell, L. Sedgwick, Charles Brosino, Wm. Kaufmann, H. L. Burt, H. L. McCready, Judge Minrat Matterson, T. L. Grady, Henry Willett, W. H. Welsh, H. T. Coffin, J. E. Surry, Wm. Kerr, George Johnson, and S. Mallett. One of the fortunates is L. Sedgwick, a young man, who brings with him $175,000, obtained for claim No. 36, Bonanza creek. Andy Olsen, an intelligent Swede, who has sold out claims Nos. 36 and 37, Eldorado creek, still retaining claim No. 22, is credited with close on a quarter of a million of dollars, and several others had with them the proceeds of their sales, from $130,000 to $150,000 per claim.

W. H. Welsh, H. T. Coffin and L. Burt, who left Dawson on December 12, confirm the reported discovery of a rich quartz body. The strike was made in the first place on the upper end of claim No. 30, El Dorado creek, and two stringers, one near No. 27 and another lower down the creek, were afterwards discovered. The general impression is that the finds mean the location of what will prove to be a deposit which will establish the permanency of the gold fields. The American Trading & Transportation company are reported to be buying claims at high prices, and the men say that any man who owns a claim of any kind can realize from one to two thousand dollars without having put a pick in the ground.

Mr. Justice Drake gave judgment this morning in the matter of Mr. Gwillam of Slocan City against the law society, ordering the society to accept forthwith the notice tendered by Mr. Gwillam of his intention to apply for a call to the bar.

The appeal in the Rossland case of Lippmann vs. Edwards was dismissed by the full court with costs.

Charles Gallagher, an old man who once was a member of the provincial legislature, went to sleep on the Victoria & Sidney railway track near Beaver lake Sunday evening and was run over by the train, a leg and arm being cut off and other injuries inflicted, causing instant death.

AMENDED REGULATIONS.

A Royalty of 10 Per Cent to Be Collected.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—The amended regulations covering placer mining along the Yukon river and its tributaries, including the Klondike, as well as in other parts of the Yukon territories, were adopted in council on Saturday. The main points and most important changes are covered by the following summary: Every miner and employe of a miner will be required to take out a miner's certificate, the fee for which will be $10. In case of a company it will be $50, or $100 according to the amount of the capital stock. Miners' licenses will confer the right to mine, fish, hunt and cut the timber necessary for mining.

Provision will be made for obtaining more miners' certificates at a number of cities and towns, such as Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. The general size of mining claims will be 250 feet. Discoverer's claim will be 500 feet. Every alternate 10 claims shall be reserved by the government of Canada.

Sub-aqueous mining leases will be issued in five-mile sections, the fee to be $100 per mile per annum and the usual royalty. The fee for recording and renewing mining claims will be $15.

Any number of miners not less than five, more than 100 miles distant from the office of the mining recorder, may appoint a recorder, who will record claims and within three months transfer the records and fees to the nearest mining recorder.

A royalty of 10 per cent on the gold mined shall be levied and collected by the government officers appointed for that purpose, but a provision is made for an exemption on the annual product of any mining claim up to $2,500, so that claims which do not produce more than $2,500 will not be liable for royalty. Provisions are made to prevent speculation in claims, by throwing the claim open to entry which has not worked a certain number of days, unless reasonable cause is shown, and by providing that a record shall not be issued for more than one claim to any miner in the same locality. There are other provisions guarding the public interest and revenue, and at the same time affording ample facilities for mining the enormous wealth of the Yukon.

NO BONUSES THIS YEAR.

Minister of Railways Is Opposed to Yukon Schemes.

The announcement that comes from Ottawa with the official authority of Mr. Blair, the minister of railways, that the government does not intend to grant any bonuses to railway companies for the purpose of assisting them to build railways or portions of railways to the Yukon, is very satisfactory, more especially in view of the large number of charters that have been and are being applied for to build lines in that direction, says the Winnipeg Tribune. From the way in which things were shaping, we had all but concluded that the annual raid of the C. P. R. would be confined to the exploitation of the government to secure a large bonus to construct a line from Telegraph creek to Teslin lake, to help out the Stickeen river route which is sure to prove such a gold mine to the company in connection with the transportation of adventurers and tourists to the Yukon. Judging by public sentiment in regard to allowing the C. P. R. to fasten its tentacles any tighter upon the country, there would certainly be an outcry if the government should propose a subsidy to the company for almost any purpose whatever. The people of the west feel this most keenly, and entertain the view in pronounced form that any negotiations with the company should be in the direction of loosening the grip which the company has upon the country, instead of tightening it. The C. P. R. has secured quite enough public aid, and if it declines to expend its own money for the development of traffic routes, then the government should see to it that some other company enters the field. It is getting a bit tiresome building railroads out of the public exchequer and then presenting them to the Canadian Pacific railway.

PRICE OF SHARES IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Jan. 17.—[Special]—The Toronto Mining and Industrial exchange held its first call today. The bidding was active. The prices were as follows:

NAME.	OPENING.	CLOSING.
Athabasca	....	$ 24
B. C. Goldfields	....	10
Big Three	....	5
Cariboo	....	52
Colonna	....	17
Dardanelles	....	15
Deer Park	12	11½
Dominion Development	....	23½
Evening Star	7¾	6¾
Fern	....	5
Foley	....	1.75
Great Western	....	9½
Golden Cache	50	48½
Hammond Reef	23	19½
Homestake	10	....
Iron Mask	....	40
Iron Colt	15	....
Josie	....	....
Jubilee Development	11	10
Mayflower	8	....
Minnehaha, Camp McK'y	....	17
Ontario Goldfields	5½	5
Ontario Gold Hills	8	6½
Poorman	15	13
Reco	....	1.65
R. E. Lee	....	9
Smuggler	16	14½
Saw Bill	....	1.00
St. Elmo	5	....
Silver Belle	2½	....
Slocan Star	2.30	....
Tin Horn	52	....
Victory Triumph	7½	....
White Bear	9	....
War Eagle	1.05	....
Western Canada	10	10

The transactions were as follows: Athabasca, 10,000 shares; B. C. Goldfields, 500, 800, 1,000, 1,000 shares; Big Three, 700 shares; Dardanelles, 1,000 shares; Deer Park, 1,000 shares; Foley, 100 shares; Great Western, 200 shares; Golden Cache, 100 shares; Hammond Reef, 500 shares; Jubilee Development, 1,000 shares; Minnehaha, 1,000 shares; Ontario Goldfields, 1,000 shares; Poorman, 1,800 shares; R. E. Lee, 2,000 shares; Sawbill, 100 shares.

MINING NOTES.

The Coxey tunnel is in about 345 feet, and progress is being made at the rate of about 10 feet a week. It is thought that the ledge will be met within the next 25 feet.

Jas. D. Sword, agent for the Ingersoll-Sargeant Drill company, yesterday received direct from the factory a full line of mining machinery, including compressors, boilers, air receivers, drills, hoisting machinery, and duplicate parts. The company keeps a full line of machinery at the warehouses here, and is prepared at all times to equip a mine with anything needed, from a complete new plant to a washer.

William Archer of New York, who has large interests throughout the country, is at the Allan. Mr. Archer, who by the way, is now constructing the highest building in the world at New York, is interested in the project to install an electric power plant on the Pend d'Oreille, for supplying Rossland with power, and his visit is in connection with that project.

Application has been made for a certificate of improvements for each of the following claims: Good Hope, Oriental, Modena, Abe Lincoln, Copper Bell, Copper, Copper Glance, Contact, Blaylock, Santa Rosa, Queen Lill, St. Luke, Big Four, St. Clair, St. Mark, Dewdrop Fraction, Mormon Girl, Bunker Hill, Fred, Amelia, Kenneth, Bell, O. K. Fraction.

Work on the Iron Colt has been suspended, pending arrangements for sinking on the ledge from the tunnel level.

J. D. Porter, a mining engineer of Wallace, Idaho, is in the city inspecting the disputed workings of the Centre Star. His inspection is for use in the coming judicial contest ever the workings in question.

The Virginia has just secured an 8x12 hoist from the Canadian Rand Drill company, represented locally by Frank Mendenhall.

The officers of the White Bear in Toronto write very encouragingly regarding the progress being made to secure funds with which to resume work upon the property. They inform John Y. Cole, the resident manager, that work will be started up very shortly. Recent surface work has shown an excellent outcropping east of the main shaft, and work when resumed will be directed towards opening up this chute. Heretofore all work has been conducted to the west of the shaft, but the main shaft, which is now down 175 feet, will be sunk to the 200-foot level, and a drift to the east will then be run towards the Le Roi.

Addressed a Woodstock Meeting.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Jan. 19.—Sir Richard Cartwright and Dr. McKay, M. P. P., addressed the South Oxford Reform association, at Mount Elgin yesterday.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers.

JANUARY 12.

Jumbo No. 3, Jas W Boyd and John A Forin to New York-Kootenay Mining company.
Acme ½, J A Mulvany to Andrew D Provand.

JANUARY 13.

Georgia Fraction, Harry B Pitt to Victor Monnier.
Oriental ¼, Alfred Hoyt to John Boultbee, $300.

JANUARY 15.

Johnnie ¼, M McDonald to John Elliot and Wm B Galliher.
Lincoln No 1, A H McKay to London & Rossland (B C) Mining Co.
Santa Cruz Butterfly, J L G Abbott to London & Rossland (B C) Mining Co.

JANUARY 17.

Thekla, T P O'Farrell to Geo T Crane.
Thekla, J H Bowes, Claude Cregan, W H Finlaison, J S Clute, jr, to Geo T Crane.
Bullion Fraction ⅓, W W Rippin to J H Jones, $250.
Bullion Fraction ⅓, Isaac May to F S Hobbs, $250.
Bullion Fraction ⅓, Andrew Hackett to Isaac May.
Bullion Fraction ⅓, Andrew Hackett to Walter Rippin.

JANUARY 18.

Tyler Hill ⅙, G F Smith to F W Rolt.
Copper Cup ⅙, G F Whiteman to F W Rolt.
Copper Hill ⅙, High Rock ⅙, R H Hamill to F W Rolt.
Gold Cup ⅙, Gold Button ⅙, Grey Hawk ⅙, Iron King ⅙, Copper Cup ⅓, Copper Hill ⅓, Tyler Hill ⅓, High Rock ⅓, Alexander Fenton to F W Rolt.

Certificates of Work.

Jan. 10—Hanna-Furlow, Hennewick.
Jan. 13—Mountain Trail, Silver Tip.
Jan. 15—Fannie.
Jan. 17—Eunice Lilly.
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Jan. 18—Monypenny, Alwent, Sunset No 3.

Certificates of Improvements.

January 13—Gray Cliff.

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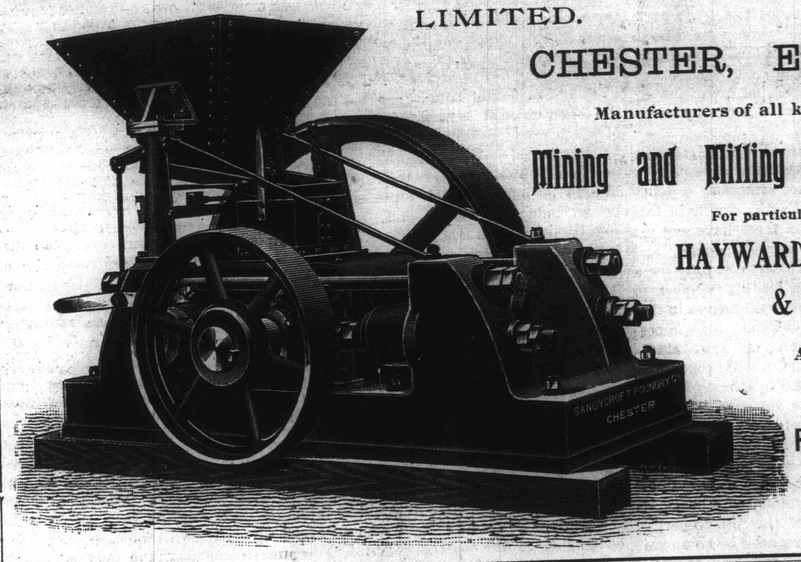

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HAD A HOT OLD TIME

The Elks' Social Was a Most Pleasant Affair.

THOMAS IN THE CHAIR

Fines Amounted to $70.25—Louis Blue Fined Three Barrels of Beer for Carrying Concealed Weapons, and John Y. Cole Paid a Dollar.

The Elks' stag social on Sunday night was a warm event. The capacious music hall at the International was crowded, and the fun, which began about 9 o'clock, kept getting higher and higher until the participants headed for home at a very uncertain hour in the morning. There are only seven Elks in the city, not counting Jerry Spellman, who is only a baby Elk as yet, but they entertained their houseful of guests in the jolliest fashion imaginable.

Dan Thomas was the chairman, and a better one it would be hard to find. He kept things on the move from start to finish. A. M. Zunn had charge of the musical features of the program. Jack Robertson was treasurer, while Billy Beswick and Victor Monnier were the policemen, and hauled offenders against conviviality before Dan Thomas, who assessed fines proportionate to the heinousness of their crime. Louis Blue was fined three barrels of beer for carrying concealed weapons, and J. Morris of Crow & Morris was required to give up 200 Queen cigars for drinking his beer from the wrong hand. John Y. Cole had to give up a dollar for laughing at the wrong time, and Dan Thomas himself was fined innumerable times on general principles. By good luck the receipts from fines, which amounted to $70.25, were just 25 cents more than the expenses, so that the Elks came out even.

The formal program was commenced by F. Rithet, who outlined briefly the object and nature of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. It was founded, he said, in New York in 1868, by an English actor, Charles Vivian, who used to sing "Ten Thousand Miles Away." Since then it has grown until now its membership aggregates 60,000, and he sincerely hoped that before another year the first lodge in the British empire would have been founded in Rossland. At the conclusion of his address the toast to the Queen was proposed, and it was given with right good will.

"Sally in Our Alley," as sung by Theo. Steinmetz elicited an enthusiastic encore. Little Miss Fannie Graham gave a clever song and dance, and in response to a recall sang in dainty style, "You Can't Play in Our Yard."

Miss Florence Doyle gave "The Home I Left Behind Me" and "Ben Bolt." Miss Ainsley sang "John Barleycorn," and was compelled to respond with "A Hot Time in Old Town" and "Mollie Riley." Miss Lynn gave a song and dance, and Mr. Hermann told in song of how his girl was a high born lady. Louis Blue gave a delicate and dainty interpretation of the couche couche, and was enthusiastically received. Fred Blockberger, the United States consular agent, sang an original song dedicated to the Elks.

There were speeches by A. Klockmann, Mayor Scott and dozens of others, and there were recitations and songs by Con Whalen, John McKane, E. Esmond, R. Miller and a score more.

Beer flowed in boundless profusion, and tasteful refreshments were served as well.

After the social, all the Elks, together with Robert Scott, A. Klockmann and the ladies who had participated in the program, had a banquet in the dining room of the International, which was not less pleasant than the stag party that had preceded it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

In Favor of a Stock Exchange.

QUEBEC, Que., Jan. 10.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: It is a fact so well known to all that the British Columbia mines are enormously rich in gold, silver and other metals that the investors principally in Canada last winter had so great confidence in these mines that they purchased a large number of shares. Amidst the said investors I will only mention those of our city, who have bought, to my knowledge, over a million shares in the space of a few months. When they invested so large an amount, it was their opinion that a mining exchange would be opened in the city of Rossland, and that it would be maintained for daily transactions; in fact, a mining exchange was opened, but unfortunately has been closed, to kill the mining market in the eastern part of Canada. In the general opinion here, this is the principal reason for the decrease of the transactions now in every part of Canada, and we are not surprised at all if capital is short for a great number of companies with which to continue the development of their properties If these companies wish to have buyers for their shares, these buyers should have a mining market at a mining exchange, giving the real value by an equitable quotation, which would allow them to sell at any time. Quotations should not be left to the caprice of one mining broker. Your opinion, Mr. Editor, on this subject will oblige,

INVESTOR.

LISTOWEL, Ont., Jan. 8.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In a recent number of your paper I read of the death of Capt. Wm. E. Hall at the Le Roi mine. I have a brother of the same name, of whom I have not heard for 20 years. I should be glad to learn whether it was he who was killed. R. K. HALL.

[Captain Hall had three brothers, one of whom died in Utah several years ago, while of the two remaining, one resides in Butte and the other in Spokane.—ED.]

The Christina.

MILVERTON, Ont., Dec. 30.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you please let me know through the columns of your valuable paper how the Kettle River Mining & Development company, owning the Christina mine, on the north fork of the Kettle river, stands, and what are its prospects.

Yours truly, S. G. G.

[The Kettle River Mining & Development company was recently re-organized and complete new list of officers was elected. D. D. Birks of this city is now the secretary. The company, while without funds, is free from debt. An effort is being made to float 50,000 shares of stock at 15 cents per share, and the officers of the company are hopeful of success. The showing on the Christina is said to be very good. The paystreak is over five feet wide, and the company claims that the lowest assay ever received from it was $14. Work will be resumed as soon as sufficient funds are obtained. Only a nominal amount of development has been done.—ED.]

The Red Mountain.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 12.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you kindly tell me through your valuable paper why we do not read anything about the Rossland Red Mountain mine? and what has become of it?

RED MOUNTAIN STOCKHOLDER.

[Work has been stopped on the Red Mountain for want of funds. The British American corporation is credited with negotiating for the property.—ED.

The Norway.

PORT HOPE, Dec. 29, 1897.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Can you give me any information about the Norway Mining company or the Bruce Mining company? Is any work going on in the Silver Bell or the Ibex mines? I would be pleased to have any information you can give. Yours truly, G. W.

[Work has been suspended for lack of funds on the properties of both the Norway and the Bruce Mining companies. Nothing is being done on the Ibex or the Silver Bell claims.—ED.]

The Hilltop.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you please inform me, with other eastern investors in Hilltop stock, what this company's prospects are? If no work is being done is there likely to be any in the near future? Is there anything in that threatened suit by Mr. Fullerton against the company for large damages? Who and where is the official of this company likely to give investors information?

STOCKHOLDER.

[The Hilltop has been closed down for some time as the company has no means with which to continue operations. The annual meeting of the stockholders should have been held in this city upon the 10th of the month, but as no quorum was present the meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the secretary, W. H. Zeigler, whose address is the Zeigler block, Spokane.

The officers of the company are well satisfied with the showing upon the claim.

William N. Dunn, the president, was seen last evening in regard to the threatened suit by the Mr. Fullerton mentioned in the inquiry. He announced that the company had little fear that the suit would ever be brought, or if it was that it would amount to anything. Fullerton's claim is for damages said to have been sustained by the failure of the company to deliver to him stock. Mr. Zeigler of Spokane is the proper official to whom inquiries regarding the company should be directed.—ED.]

The Ruth-Ester.

LATAROP, Mo., Dec. 28.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In taking your paper I find it largely devoted to the mining interests and answering such questions as pertain to mining. Would you be kind enough to give us any information you may have concerning the Ruth-Ester, a claim owned mostly by Spokane individuals, which lies adjacent to the Velvet and the Victory-Triumph.

I notice you mention them now and then. Anything concerning the surroundings will be gladly received and appreciated. M. A. GOFF.

[The Ruth-Ester Gold Mining company owns the Ruth and the Ester, near the Victory and the Triumph on Sophie mountain. Work was resumed on the property on Monday last. A crosscut tunnel is being driven, and it is now in 140 feet. It is expected that the ledge will be met shortly. The secretary-treasurer of the company is J. O. Stout, under the Exchange bank, Spokane, Wash.—ED.]

The Columbia & Kootenay.

SIMCOE, Ont., Jan. 3.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Will you kindly state in your paper in what state the Kootenay & Columbia mine is in? Why has it stopped shipping? Is Mr. Heinze working the same? If not who is the secretary of the company. Yours, etc.,

A SUBSCRIBER.

[F. Aug. Heinze did not take up the bond upon the Columbia & Kootenay, and work has been suspended since last September. Negotiations are now pending for the sale of the property to the British America corporation. The mine is owned by the Trail Mining company; inquiries may be addressed to W. V. Grider, Rossland, B. C.—ED.]

GEORGE'S MINSTRELS.

A Delighted Audience Witnessed Their Initial Performance.

The performance given by the George's minstrels at the opera house was witnessed by a large and delighted audience. The company is made up of an excellent lot of specialty people, including vocalists of merit, funny comedians and dancers of skill, and the applause was continuous from the rise to the fall of the curtain. The performance will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night.

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Weekly Market.

The stock market during the past week has shown renewed activity. Poorman has again been made a favorite; there is but little of this stock held locally, and the demand is in excess of the supply. There has been good inquiry for Deer Park, Monte Cristo, Colonna and Novelty and all these stocks have seen an advance in price. Standard stocks are steadily on the rise, and we would again impress on intending buyers that—now is the time to invest.

The Dundee Gold Mining company succeeded last week in placing 50,000 shares with a syndicate in London, England. These shares have been donated to the treasury by the promoters to provide the company with a concentrator; such concentrator, with a capacity of 50 tons per day will be erected as soon as possible.

NAME.	Par value.	Price this Week.	Price last week
Butte	$1 00	$ 01½	$ 01½
Colonna	1 00	21½	20
Commander	1 00	18	18
Deer Park	1 00	11½	11
Dardanelles	1 00	15	15
Dundee	1 00	75	75
Elise	1 00	3	3
Evening Star	1 00	8	8
Great Western	1 00	10	10
Iron Colt	1 00	15	15
Iron Mask	1 00	36	36
Josie	1 00	30	30
Kenneth	1 00	15	15
Keystone	1 00	20	20
Le Roi	5 00	8 00	8 00
Lilly May	1 00	20	20
Monte Cristo	1 00	22	20½
Novelty	1 00	3	2
Poorman	1 00	12	10
Silver Bell	1 00	3	3
Ymir	1 00	15	15
War Eagle	1 00	1 10	1 10

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A STUBBORN ARGUMENT.

The Majority in Congress Opposed to Recognizing Cuba.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—All day long the question of the granting of belligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents was argued in the house, but as on yesterday the minority hurled itself against a stone wall. On the only vote taken today, a motion designed to overrule the decision of the speaker and direct the committee on foreign affairs to report, without further delay, the Cuban resolution passed by the senate at the last session, the Republicans stood solid and voted to sustain the chair. During the general debate Chairman Hitt of the foreign affairs committee made an expressive speech, explaining at length the situation which made action by congress inadvisable.