

Bear River, Portland Canal

The Times is indebted to the B. C. Mining Exchange for the following article and accompanying cuts on the above mentioned district.

During the past year this district has attracted some little attention, on account of its possibilities as a mineral-producing country.

Situated as it is at the head of Portland Canal, a magnificent waterway, sixty miles in length, affording cheap communication with the outside world, timber and water power in abundance, and a comparatively mild climate con-

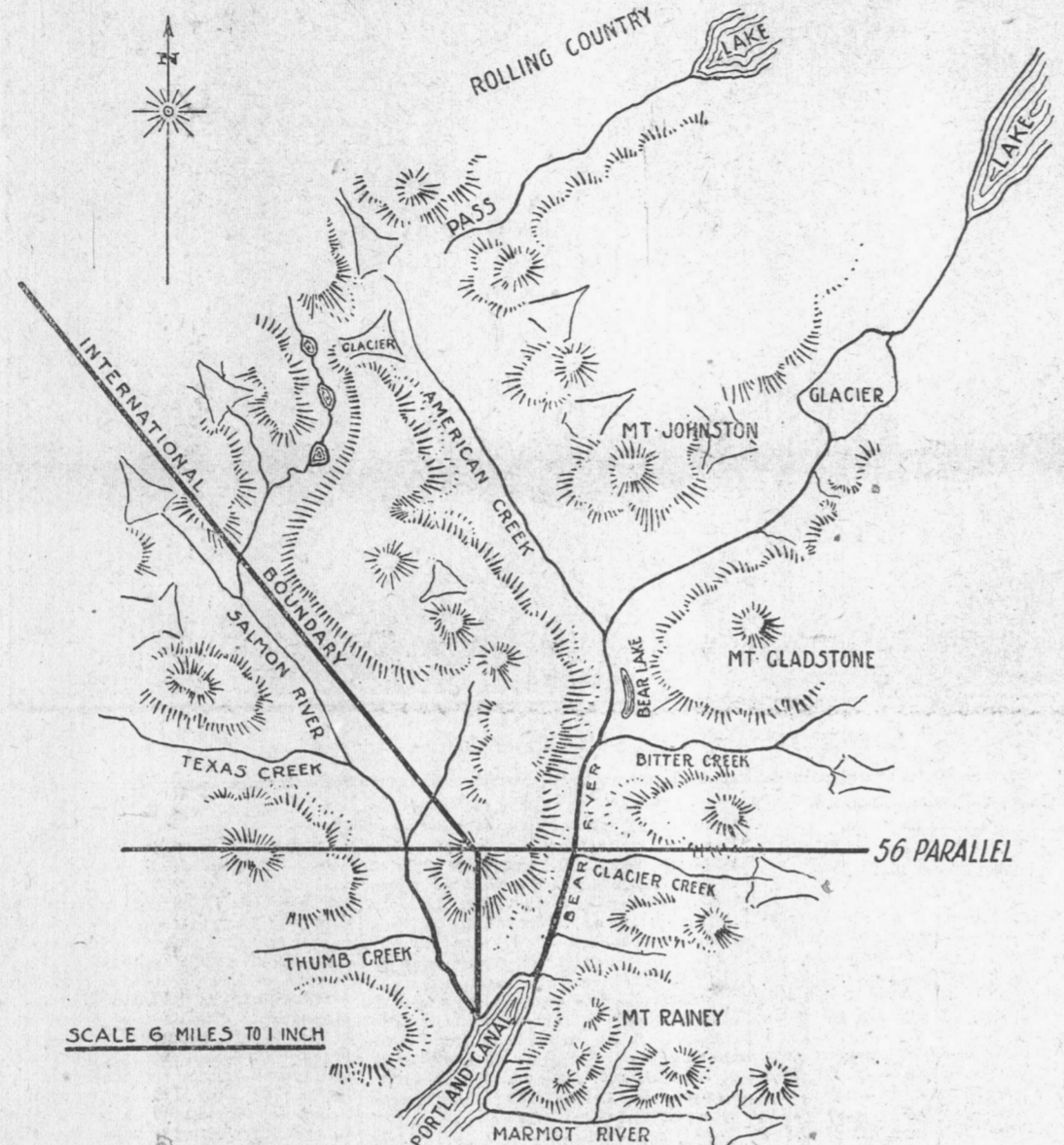
carry values from \$10 to \$200, the average value for all the ledges combined being \$90 per ton in silver and copper, with a little gold.

There is a very large showing of high grade ore on the American Girl. The ledge is thirty feet in width and can be traced for several hundred feet; the showings on the other ledges are equally good.

Beyond the necessary trails and a tunnel fifteen feet in ore on the American Girl, no work has been done in the exploitation of this property which was

number of locations in the district on which work has been done for the past two seasons but with what result is not known. They have done a large amount of work in constructing new trails. They have also strung a cable and travelling carriage across Bear river, and by so doing have conferred a boon on the community who can now cross the river in comfort instead of risking their lives in the dangerous ford.

From the Hector group on Bear river a small shipment of molybdenum ore was made, but the returns, thirteen per cent. in molybdenum, preclude the



SKETCH MAP OF BEAR RIVER, PORTLAND CANAL.

sidering its geographical position, it will, with the development of its mineral resources, undoubtedly become an important factor in the future wealth of the province.

Previous to 1899 few white men had visited the district, but in that year a party of argonauts, lured by a schemer with a tale of fabulous waters, made an attempt to reach the head waters of the Xans by way of Bear river; but the difficulties attendant on the journey proved too great, and abandoned by

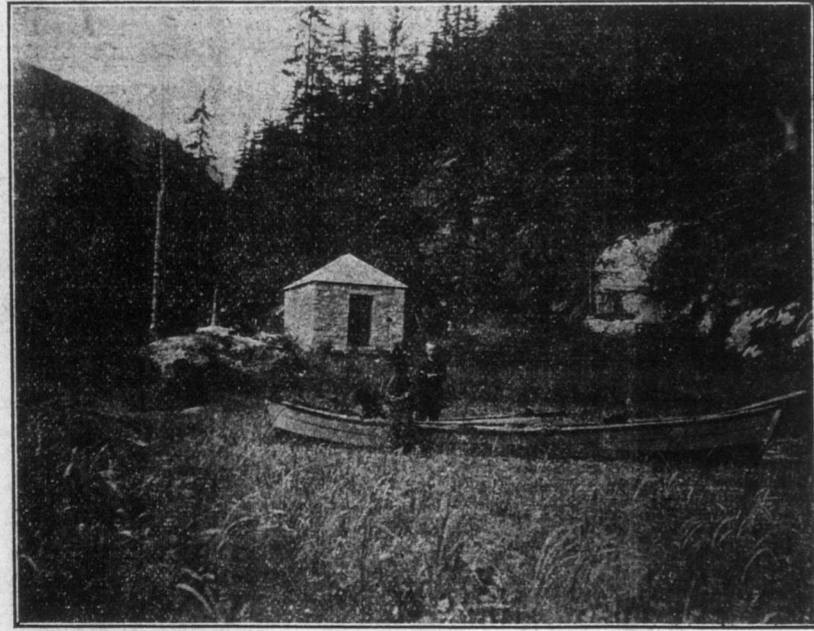
recently bonded to C. B. Russell of Seattle for the sum of \$100,000.

The property is eighteen miles from deep water and a good trail has been constructed to the mouth of American creek; from there to the mine a rough track winds along the mountain side.

In the vicinity of the American Girl group a number of locations have been made, among them the May Bee ledge is the most promising; on this claim there is a ten-foot ledge with a pay streak of two feet of nearly solid galena; a canyon

possibility of shipping this ore in bulk, but should the deposit—on which a tunnel is being run—prove to be of any extent, the installation of an electrical separator would allow the ore to be worked at a profit.

On Harris creek, a tributary of Salmon river, Messrs. Harris and Baerick of Ketchikan, located six claims last August. The ledges are large and well defined, the ore is galena, and some splendid samples of brittle silver have been taken from the claims, one picked



OBELISK SHOWING COMMENCEMENT OF BOUNDARY LINE AT MOUTH OF SALMON RIVER, PORTLAND CANAL.

their leader, the party broke up and returned to civilization.

Three of the party decided to remain and try their fortunes in the country; these three, F. P. Stewart, D. J. Rainey and H. W. Brightwell, have all acquired properties, which in view of the outlook for the district, should eventually make them wealthy men.

In the summer of '92 Stewart and Brightwell located the American Girl group of four claims on American creek; they

cuts the ledge in two at right angles exposing the vein for a perpendicular depth of two hundred feet; the ore is similar to that on the American Girl.

On Bitter creek a number of locations have been made, chief of which is the Roosevelt group owned by Rainey and Chambers. On this property, which was the pioneer location of the district, a sixty-foot tunnel has been run on the vein, which is twenty-five feet wide and assays \$28 per ton in gold and copper.

The M. K. Rodgers Company have a

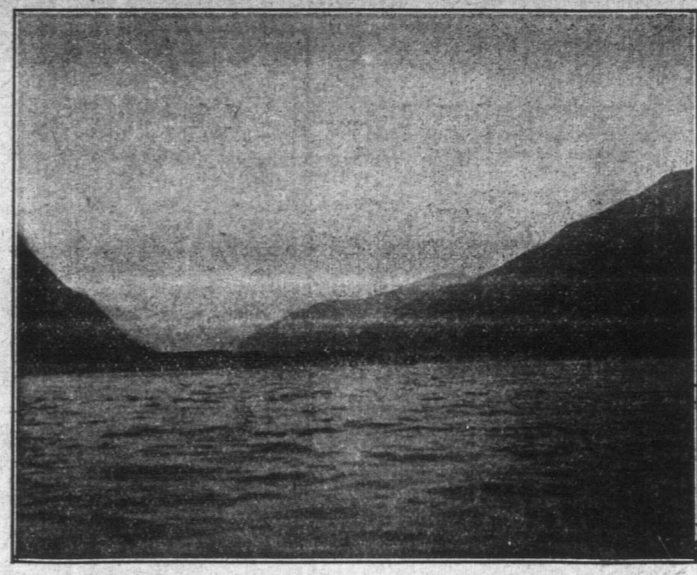
sample giving over \$1,000 in silver.

Dan Linderborg, of Kitimat, located three extensions on the above claims, the strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl on the other side of the mountain; there is a probability that the ledges are continuous, but owing to the ice cap on the mountain top it is impossible to trace them.

As a field for the prospector this district offers many inducements. The country yet to be explored is of vast extent, and according to Le Roy Dana,



BEAR LAKE, SHOWING MOUNT JOHNSTON IN DISTANCE ON TRAIL TO AMERICA CREEK.



HEAD OF PORTLAND CANAL, LOOKING UP BEAR RIVER.

a mining expert who visited the district three years ago, it presents all the characteristics of a great mining country; this opinion which was given on inspecting the Roosevelt group, then the only mining location in the district, is now being amply borne out by the later discoveries.

The similarity of the ores of the Unak camp and the trend of the mineralized zone being the same—northwest and southeast—there is a strong probability that the zone is continuous from one camp to the other, a distance of about forty miles.

How far south the zone continues it is impossible to say, but mining locations have been made at different points on Portland Canal and Observatory Inlet as far south as Maple Bay, where the Portland Consolidated have twenty-eight claims. This is a copper-gold property. The ledges are well defined, and the average value of the ore is \$97.

In the spring of this year, H. W. Brightwell crossed the divide at the head of American creek, and following a river that flowed to the northeast, discovered a large lake which he estimated to be about thirty miles long; north of the lake, the country is covered with low rolling hills, through which he believed a pass could be easily found to the Unak.

plentiful and in the spring the marshes are the homes of myriads of ducks and geese.

The location line of the boundary between Canada and Alaska will be run next summer; it will traverse for some distance the mineralized zone, and new discoveries in the track of the surveyors may be expected. The bronze obelisk marking the commencement of the line has already been erected; it stands in a prominent position, at the mouth of Salmon river.

STEVE JONES RETURNS.

Proposes to Erect Building at Vancouver Early Next Year.

On Friday Steve Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, returned from Vancouver, where he concluded the purchase of a lot on the corner of Homer and Hastings streets, as mentioned in the Times yesterday. The sum involved was \$45,000.

Asked what his intentions were, Mr. Jones announced that a splendid building would be erected on the site mentioned at an early date.

When pressed for details he explained that his plans were not yet fully matured. He considered that the property was one



ANOTHER VIEW OF BOUNDARY OBELISK, MOUTH OF SALMON RIVER.

If such is found to be the case, this would be the best route to the mines there, the present route by way of the Unak river being long and difficult.

The climate of the district compares favorably with the other mining regions of the province. The summer is a rule is warm and sunny with occasional showers of rain. Winter sets in about the end of October, but the snowfall is not great until December, when it falls to an average depth of four feet, and lies till March or April.

On Bear river there is a good deal of first-class agricultural land, slightly covered with alder and easily cleared. The soil is black loam and produces crops of good quality.

D. J. Rainey has a comfortable ranch at the mouth of Bear river, and raises all the ordinary garden vegetables successfully. No farming has been attempted on a commercial scale, there being as yet no market for the produce, but with the increased activity in mining, it will play an important part in the future of the district. The scenery is of the most rugged nature, the mountains towering precipitously to the height of six thousand feet; their tops covered with eternal snow, and their valleys filled with glaciers, from whose blue caverns turbid streams rush furiously.

From time immemorial the Indians have made the district their hunting grounds; bear, both black and grizzly, are found in plenty; and mountain goats may be seen from time to time, cropping the herbage on their aerial haunts.

The rivers team with salmon at different seasons of the year, grouse are

of the finest in the Terminal City. The dimensions of the proposed building would be about 52x120 feet. Outside of this he was not prepared to make any definite announcement as to the character of the structure. He expected work would be commenced early next year.

CLOSING HALIFAX DOCKYARD.

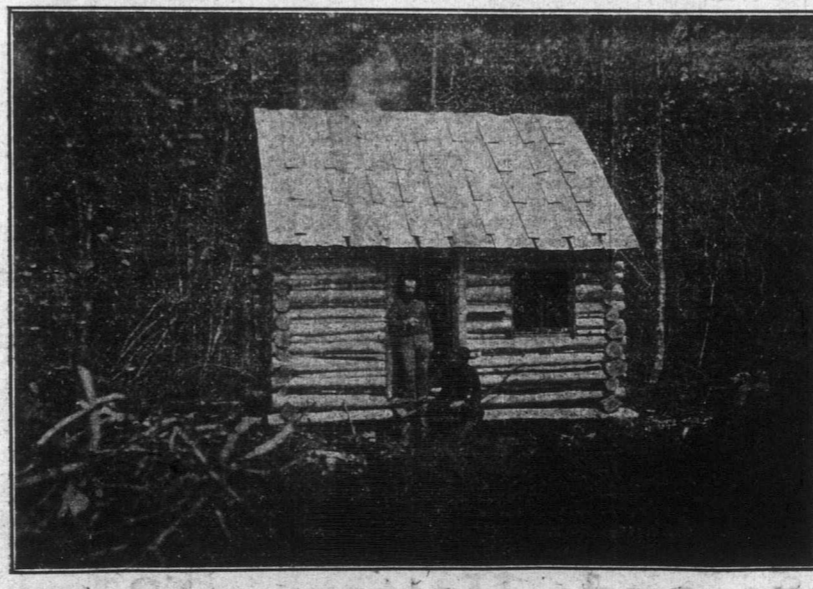
Stores Will Be Sent to Gibraltar—Workmen to Return to England.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—Advices were received from the admiralty to-day that all the furniture in the dockyard, and also in the admiralty house and naval hospital. Stores of perishable nature are to be sent to Gibraltar and all workmen who come from England and all workmen with families, in transport to be sent.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Mayor Urquhart was re-nominated for the mayoralty chair to-day along with George Gooderham and W. D. McPherson.

THE BEST DOLLAR XMAS GIFT.

One of the very best Christmas gifts and one that will be appreciated by all during 1905 is a year's subscription to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. It costs but a dollar a year and includes the lovely premium picture entitled "The Princess at Work." The publishers of that great weekly are planning to give its readers bigger value than ever during 1905. A dollar cannot be better spent. It is said the staff of clerks employed in the Family Herald office entering up names alone of new subscribers is greater in number than the whole staff of any five papers in Canada.



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SEALING FLEET TO SAIL NEXT YEAR

EIGHTEEN VESSELS TO BE SENT ON CRUISES

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The fourth annual meeting of the Victoria Sealers' Association was held Friday afternoon in the board of trade building when officers were elected for the ensuing year, and the old board of directors were reappointed. The position of presidency is held in rotation by the various bands of the company. Last year Richard Hall, M. P. P., was president. At yesterday's meeting the honor was conferred on H. Seabrook. D. Boscawen was elected vice-president, Capt. J. G. Cox, treasurer; E. Elworthy, auditor; A. Langley, secretary, and Capt. William Grant, manager. The new board of directors are Capt. J. G. Cox, Capt. William Grant, D. Boscawen, R. Hall, R. Seabrook, A. J. Bechtel and William Munsie.

Probably the most important matter reached at yesterday's meeting in so far as the public is concerned was the decision arrived at to send out a fleet of 18 vessels this coming season. This fleet in size is exactly the same as that operated during the past year. The only difference will be the replacing of the Triumph, which was lost during the season with the E. B. Marvin, which is on her way around the Horn, she having during the last few years been worked on the Falkland Islands coast with headquarters at Halifax. These schooners will cruise on practically the same grounds as they were engaged on this year. A number of sealers will be sent down the coast according to custom to follow the seal herds in their migration northward. After replenishing supplies at some station on the West Coast of Vancouver Island they will cross to the Copper Island coast. These waters with the Behring Sea are the only sealing grounds to be exploited during the coming year, the Falkland Islands having been abandoned as previously reported. Several of the schooners which were twenty-two (22) chains north, and thence back to northwest corner.

WARRENTOUR PIKE.

Dease Lake, Cassiar, B.C., Oct. 2nd, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for leave to purchase 400 acres of land situated on Dease Lake, Cassiar District, opposite Porter's Landing, and about one (1) mile south of the site of the station Lake into Dease River; commencing at the northwest corner two (2) chains west of this point, thence twenty (20) chains south, thence twenty (20) chains east, thence twenty (20) chains north, and thence back to northwest corner.

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NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, being petitioners for the incorporation of the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a Municipality, hereby give notice of our intention to apply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters Patent under the Public Seal incorporating the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a District Municipality (extending only such portions thereof as form Indian Reservations, under the name of The Corporation of the District of Saanich.

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NOTICE.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land, more or less, commencing at the southeast corner of the Indian Reserve at Quat Joe, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, and thence east to point of commencement.

(Sgd.) THOS. JONES,
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