The Increase in Revenue British Columbia.

NEW MINING LEGISLATION

Proposed by the Government of the Pacific Province Next Session.

law discriminated against mine laborers by taxing them, while allowing other workingmen engaged upon similar work, such as digging ditches, to go free. Now his obnoxious tax is to be abolished and only persons who desire to take up or hold mineral claims will be required to take out a Free Miners' Certificate as a necessary qualification for holding such property. In order to partially make up for the loss of revenue by the above amendment the charge for mining companies' certificates will be increased.

Anent the proposed legislation. The Golden Era says: "It is to be hoped that, if any changes are to be made, some new and cheaper schedule of fees to be paid to Government will be introduced. Some of the present charges for registration and copies of instruments are simply outrageous and should be reduced. Some provision should also be made for giving better security and more accurate knowledge as to the state of titles to intending purchasers of mineral claims."

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Golden Era.
The Toronto syndicate which purchased the International last fall for \$10,000 cash from the McMurdo estate operations in the early

\$1000 TO THE TON.

A prospector named O'Connor reports having found a ledge in the St. Mary's country between Kaslo and Fort Steele which assayed 40 ounces in gold to the ton. He declines to set a price on his find, saying he have a prough there to keep him rich by Pack enough there to keep him rich by pack-ing it out on horseback.

Are to be Found Very Rich Copper

"I have no hesitation in pronouncing Texeda Island the richest mining district in British Columbia," said Mr. E. Blewett, superintendent of the Van Anda mine, says The Nanaimo, B.C., Mail. "I have not had much to say up till now," he continued, "because I wanted to be quite sure how the Van Anda was turning out. Now that we have a mine and an ore shipper I don't mind talking a little. The last shipment of ore from the Van Anda, two weeks ago, was 40 tons, and now there are 80 tons ready to ship and if it averages what the last did, as I feel sure it will, the shipment will run \$65 a ton. We have the mine in good

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shape for shipping now, and will send ore out right along. As for \$25 ore, we have thousands of tons of that. I could load the Great Easterd with that class of ore to-morrow. The Van Anda is not the only mine either, for the Victoria and other claims are doing well, and the Raven, the extension of the Van Anda, gives promise of being the richest of the lot."

Mr. Blewett went on to explain that one shot put in last week knocked out 175 sacks of ore on the Raven. There have been quite a number of well informed mining men and engineers visiting Texeda Island lately, and Mr. Blewett looks for something big in the spring.

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A Road to be Built

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At the meeting of the Döminion Grange, held at the Albion Hotel, Grand Master Fisher suggested legislation to have the banks which hold multipal money publish from time to time a statement of the balance to their credit; also for a uniform system of bookkeeplag by officers of the various municipalities, frequent changing of auditors with Provincial inspection after each audit.

The Grand Master condemned the present innigration system and recommended

SS. Trinidad leaves New York SS. Trinidad leaves New York to-morrow for Bermuda with a full list of passengers. The next sailings are March 3, 13, 24. Attention is drawn to our advertising columns regarding this and the West Indies cruises of the Quebec SS. Co. Plans of steamers may be obtained and berths reserved at the company's Toronto office. 72. Yonge-street. Barlow Cumberland, agent.

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CHARTER ISSUED, DATED JANUARY 27, 1897.

The following is a verbatim extract from the Company's charter, and authorized by The Ontario Mining Act of 1894: "No liability beyond the amount actually paid upon stock in the said Company by the subscribers thereto or holders thereof shall attach to such subscriber or holder."

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK . \$2,000,000.

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THE CRAIG MINE.

This gold mine, situated a few miles east of Bannockburn, was secured under option a few months ago by a Toronto company, of which Mr. Currie, County Attorney, is the head. A force of men have been at work for some time sinking a development shaft and if the reports that have reached us without he past few days are true of the exceedingly rich finds of free milling ore, the company will close the option and secure the property at the price fixed, \$12,000, and they will have a snap. The present owners are Messrs. Peter Vankleek, half interest; James Maitland, Col. James Brown and City Clerk Robertson of Belleville, the balance.

The old Richardson hill; at Eldorade, where gold was first discovered in Madee in '66, is again under, operation. Another Toronto company, will Mr. John Lambe at its head, has secured possession and will make an effort to prove that all the gold of the Richardson hill was not contained in that extraordinary rich "pocket" that created so, much excitement when first discovered. Mr. Lambe and his mining engineer. Mr. W. A. McNaughton, arrived at Eldorado last week and commenced work. We understand their property includes the 15-stamp mill at Bannockburn.

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The River Range Oil Co.'y has been organized to drill for Oil in the Bothwell oil territory. The Company has a lease of 74 acres in the oil belt, and a contract has been let for sinking the first well. The Company's property comprises the east half of the farm owned by Mr. George Swallwell, facing on the river. Various companies are drilling on each side of the Company's lot, and splendid wells have been struck. The most valuable property so far discovered is that of Messrs. Carmen and Fairbank, who are shipping 150 barrels of oil daily from a few wells. One of their wells has pumped 50 barrels a day continuously since it was drilled in August last. On the lo immediately west of the Company's property the Cleveland Oil Co.'y have sunk two wells, which together average 15 barrels daily. Mr. Ramsey, representing the Olean (N.Y.) Oil Co.'y, is drilling on the lot immediately east of the Company's. On the lot next further east Mr. J. R. Minhinnick, London, has struck a good well and has let the contract for sinking five more on the same lot. The Swallwell farm is in the centre of the oil belt. There is great activity in the district. Some 40 rigs are engaged drilling for oil, and all the desirable property has been secured by Canadian and Ameri-

can oil operators. In Petrolea it pays to operate a well pumping one-third of a barrel a day.

Experts are agreed that the Bothwell oil field will be a permanent one. The Company has 7000 shares in the Treasury. The

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