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British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

The sale of some of the properties owned by the Chanine Mining Company in the Gold Fields of British Columbia, which has been pending for so long, has now been completed. The price paid for the English company is \$135,000 and for the 14 or 15 claims, situated around the Gold Fields, has been done on the development work has been done on the Burns group, Ingersoll and Bobbo, but the other claims are simply mere prospects. The returns from the work done have, however, been of a highly satisfactory nature. The Chanine Mining Company still own several claims, including the White Pine, which development work will be continued.

ROSSLAND.

With 75 per cent. of the values saved by milling and concentration, only \$100,000 can be worked at a profit of at least \$3.50 per ton as shown by C. C. Woodhouse, Jr., in a letter in another column. There does not seem to be any doubt that the ore as now as \$3 in gold can now be made to pay. Rossland has an enormous tonnage of ore running from \$6 to \$15.

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PAUL TREMBLES

Britain is Undoubtedly Preparing for a Great Struggle in the Transvaal.

Delagoa Bay Reported Leased - Henry Labouchere Gets Very Much Excited.

London, April 5.-The preparations against eventualities in the Transvaal are being steadily pushed forward. A representative of the Associated Press has learned from war office sources that the general staff has decided that the British forces have been selected and have been asked to prepare a plan for the campaign against the Boers, including the number and description of the troops of different brigades of the service, etc., which he judges will be necessary to bring the military operations to a successful conclusion.

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