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A SYNDICATE has been organized in British Columbia to ship a large quantity of cord-wood to China, for the use of European soldiers in that country.

THREE bells, weighing 6, 2, and 1½ tons, respectively, arrived this week from Croyden, Eng., and are to be placed on the clock tower of Toronto City Hall.

A MOVEMENT is on foot, in Vancouver, to form a Maritime Province Association to be composed of natives of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, having for its object the bringing closer together the people of those provinces whose homes are in the western city.

THE formal opening of the Great Northern Railway took place on Wednesday last, when a through train was run from Quebec to Hawkesbury, and thence (which is one of the conditions of the bonuses, granted by Quebec and Joliette), over the Canada Atlantic Railway to Parry Sound.

It is announced in Bell Island, Newfoundland, that the Whitney syndicate expect to ship 130,000 tons of ore during the rest of the season, and that 500 additional men will be employed. The Nova Scotia Steel Co. have sunk a shaft, and men are now taking out ore about 25 feet under the surface. They will be kept at this work all winter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA lumbermen are endeavoring to place their product before the notice of the British Government, who in recent years have been purchasing annually some 20,000,000 feet of lumber in the Puget Sound district, for use by the admiralty for docks, shipyards, etc. It is hoped that they will in future give the preference to colonial mills.

THE Head line steamship "Teelin Head," Captain Orr, left Montreal on the 23rd for Belfast, via Quebec, where she will complete her deck-load. She had on board 40,000 bushels corn, 720 sacks peas, 2,250 sacks flour, 500 bags oilcake, 20 boxes furniture, 300 quarters peas in bags, 300 sacks meal, six cases brooms, 155 standard deals, 600 boxes cheese, and 300 barrels apples.

A LETTER from Grand Forks, B.C., says that the R. Bell group in Summit camp, recently acquired by the Miner-Graves syndicate, will be on a shipping basis at an early date. A sub-spur from the Phoenix spur will be extended half a mile to the ore bunkers. The values average about \$50 per ton in silver, copper and gold, making it, undoubtedly, the highest grade proposition in the Boundary country. The lead, however, is small, its width varying from three to four and one-half feet.

THE Department of Public Works gives notice that the testing of the ship channel in Lake St. Peter shows that the south bank, between lightship No. 1 and lightship No. 2, and at the bend at the white buoy, has become hacked and washed and caved in. Pilots of deep draught vessels should, therefore, use great caution, and not approach the south bank too closely in the stretches named, where there are hummocks and patches of soft mud.

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