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| S. J. Withers, of St, John, Second <br> Canadian Contingent, <br> Narrates Some Interesting Things About <br> the Diamond City-Does Not Think <br> Much of the Boers. <br> IN CAMP KIMBERLY, July 22. <br> Dear George-I am alive and well <br> and in the Diamond Clity at last. Two <br> of our guns, the right section, came <br> the others will be up some time next week, I think, though I hope they will <br> stop there for a while, as we have <br> alone. We have seen nothing of inter- <br> est since we left ble and bondolier and <br> a lot of cartridgas. I can bring them <br> home with me. I can see they are only <br> about 25 miles away. I am going to <br> They want volunteers from all the <br> colonial voluntzers out nere for the Pretoria and Johanaesbarg police. I <br> came near joining, but thought I had <br> better go home for a while, although <br> start for Canada. There is some talk <br> of us soing up around Warrenton. <br> I will finish it tonight, Tues- <br> Mon. Yesterday I got a vass out from <br> 20 clock, p. m., and weat down to De Beers' office, for a pass to see the <br> diamond mines, but 1 could not get it <br> till three oclock, and hen they told <br> go down in the mines. But they <br> went up to the top of the tower, which <br> was used as a look-out during the siege. One can get a fine view of the <br> city from it. There are mines all over <br> full blast employs about 4,000 blacks, <br> besides a lot of white men, but there <br> are only about 1,700 employed now. We did not have time to see all, so I <br> will have to get off some other day <br> snd have another look around. I <br> want to get down in the mine itself. I have seen the long Cecil gun that <br> was made here during the siege. It <br> a hurry. The city is very pretty. The <br> spots that were struck by shells are <br> all marked by the Ietter $H$. There is <br> lic gardens. We are camped half way <br> between Kimberiy and Beaconsheld, <br> at Camperdown that the Boers had <br> their hundred pounder. On our way <br> to Kimberiy from schmots a lot of forts the Boers had used. <br> If they had been any good they could <br> have taken this place very easily, but I guess the Boers are no good at <br> taking towns. I don't think the peo- <br> ple here had much to fear from boer shells. Hhe only thing that bothered <br> them was the short supply of grub. <br> Cecil Rhodes used to kill two oxen a <br> three pence a pint. <br> There are not mave two guns of the 88th <br> Field Artilley, 18 pounders, <br> and two guns of the Cape Artillery. Some of them are going up to Mafe- <br> king. * * * There is still quite a <br> Pretoria, but the end is pretty near. <br> The Boers are pretty well used up, al- though De Wet is a right smart man. <br> loving brother, <br> BIG OOPPER DISCOVERY. <br> Whole Mountain of Five Per cent. Ore <br> Reported at Howe Sound. <br> VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 28.-A <br> mountain of copper has been discover- ed at Howe Sound, within thirty miles <br> of Vancouver, by prospectors engaged <br> by H. W. Treat of New York and Sir Charles Tapper of Vancouver. Assays <br> from all over the mountain have been <br> taken and the ore runs 5 per cent. On the Daisy claim, the chief showing in <br> the group, nature has done, according <br> to Mr. Treat, what a gang of 200 mi - <br> stream of water has worn away the <br> soft schist and exposed a cliff of cop- <br> per ore 428 feet high. Surface open- ings have also been made with pow- <br> der, which exposes the big quarry of <br> copper for 1,500 feet. <br> The tremendous out cropping is less <br> than half a mile from the famous <br> Britannia group of prospects which <br> 000 . It is said by Mr. Treat and Sir <br> Charles that their properties have <br> a bigger showing than the Britannia <br> cording to the report of two New <br> York engineers, had $9,000,000$ tons of low grade ore in sight before $\$ 300,000$ <br> had been spent on the property. |
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