

My plan worked like a charm. He sized me up and immediately escorted me to the ship with an emphatic command to take me off forthwith. Of course the captain had no alternative and thus I managed to get back. I'm glad that I am here and I guess, with the splendid prospects ahead, it will not be long before I can go to and from Australia first-class, and passage fully prepaid. But British Columbia suits me."

CONCENTRATES.

A number of Butte shares have changed hands during the last week.

A new town is being built on the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railroad about 3 miles south of Nelson, named Quartz Creek.

The next meeting of the British Columbia Association of Mining Engineers will be held at New Denver about July 1st.

English subjects who have taken out only their first papers in the United States are not debarred from exercising the right of franchise in Canada.

A mining office to engage in the business of examining and exploiting mines has opened offices in Lillooet, under the general management of Samuel Gibbs.

Considerable mining is being done on the Quartz Creek, Wild Horse and Porcupine Creek, mines. The Dundee gold mine in the Poker Group is down about 120 feet and crosscutting. Latest assays show \$45 to the ton.

A local broker states that shares in Lillooet and Fairview properties are firmly held at 25 cents and that little stock is offered for sale. The mines are being developed by an English company and being rapidly pushed forward.

The Hastings (British Columbia) Exploration company was registered by Deacon & Co., 9 Great St. Helen's E. C., capital £100,000—97,000 A shares and 3,000 B shares—in £1 shares. It is chartered to do the usual business of an exploration company.

The Two Friends mine has shipped over 10 car-loads of ore this winter. Twenty three men are at present engaged on this property, but it is intended to close down soon, only retaining enough men to carry on development work during the summer.

At the sale held of the Orphan Boy mine, in the Big Bend, to satisfy a judgment held by J. W. Haskins the president of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Ltd., the entire property of the company was knocked down to C. N. Davidson, of Vancouver, for the sum of \$6,200.

Extensive building is now going on in Rossland, but mining operations are held in abeyance until melting of the snow. Ten hotels are being added to the 42 already existing. It is not expected to resume very active mining operations until about the middle of

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, held recently in Montreal, the president observed that one of the most encouraging features in the situation was the wide attention the mines of British Columbia were attracting, and the great activity that prevails there.

The Union Coal Company of Comox has entered into contract with the smelter companies of Kootenay and Trail to supply them with 1,000 tons of first-class coke per month for the next year. This is independent of a smelter contract made by the Nanaimo Company and will result in driving Colorado and Pennsylvania from the field.

The Raven mine, on the northeastern end of Texada Island, which has just attained a depth of 25 feet has become one of the leading shippers of the island. It has 500 sacks of \$25 gold-copper ore taken from a seven-foot vein, which has held its width and value from the surface down. This property is near Stewart Bay, where a town is rapidly springing up.

All the warnings about the danger of suffering and starvation in Alaska seem to have had no force in keeping prospectors away from the Territory. The truth is, they are caught by the tales of rich fields, and they are only to be taught by hard experience that placer mining in a country where the season is only five months long and where grub is nearly worth its weight in gold is not a royal road to fortune.

The success of the Joggen's log rafts from the Columbia river in '95 and '96 has occasioned the formation of a combine of San Francisco lumber mill men, who have brought out Baines & Robertson and proposed bringing down two large rafts this season—one in June and one in August—from the Columbia river, each containing about 700 M feet, board measure. They figure a large saving in freights and the utilization of considerable refuse.

Certain Utah shipments for the week were as follows: From the Bullion-Beck mine, twenty carloads of ore; Bullion-Beck mill, ten carloads of concentrates; Humbug, three carloads of ore; North Star, two carloads of ore; Buckeye, one carload of ore; Dragon Iron mine, two carloads of ore daily; Noon's Iron mine, one carload of ore daily; Mammoth mill, seven carloads of concentrates; Sioux mill, two carloads of concentrates.

At the present time British Columbia is the most fashionable country in the world for mining, and many exploration companies have been organized, with millions of aggregated capital, for the purpose of exploring the mines of British Columbia. This of course means a boom for that section. The British public is by no means afraid of silver, but on the contrary believes it has reached

Improve.—*Spokane Mining Stock Reporter.*

The following list comprises the principal brokers engaged in the purchase and sale of mines, mining stock, etc. in Vancouver: A. A. Boak & Co., Bosomworth & Co., J. M. Buxton & Co., T. H. Calland, Percy W. Charleson, J. Creagh & Co., David F. Douglas, C. S. Douglas, Chas. T. Dunbar, Jas. A. Fraser, G. W. Girdlestone & Son, J. Z. Hall, F. C. Innes, B. B. Johnston & Co., Mahon, McFarland & Mahon, T. Matthews, Mellon & Scott, McKinnon, De Beck & Co., Rankin & Thynne, Rand Bros., Frank S. Taggart.

JERVIS INLET.

A large number of speculators and miners have recently visited Jervis Inlet, where some extensive outcroppings are showing, notably at the Bonanza claim. The object has been to buy or bond. We are reliably informed that while the lodes and outcroppings are promising, the slight amount of development does not, as yet, justify payment of any large purchase prices, especially in view of the fact that the ore is of a low grade. It is not pretended that the future of the district is not promising, but present appearances do not warrant sanguine expectations.

NEWS NOTES.

At the Sherman House the following miners have registered: James Stokes, of Howe Sound; W. Holly, of Seattle; Henry Walker, of Spokane; Robert Richards, of Cariboo.

Within the past month six of the local mining brokers have altered and improved their offices. The convenience of customers as well as the owners has been considered, while design and color, pleasant to the eye, has not been neglected.

It is not uninteresting to learn from the estimates for the next fiscal year, made by the Dominion parliament, that an appropriation of \$20,324.67 has been added to the public debt sinking fund; that the charges of government management have been decreased \$14,750; that \$67,250 represents the sum which is not needed for penitentiaries. It is deplorable, however, that \$70,000 should be taken off the former appropriation for the geological surveys and \$5,754.42 for scientific institutions.

The **BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING CRITIC** is the name of a mining journal which is soon to make its appearance in Vancouver. This will be weekly, and is the first weekly paper devoted strictly to the mining interests issued in the province. A strong company is backing it, many of the large mining syndicates are advertising in its columns, and Maurice Gradwohl being its editor, there is certainly that the **British Columbia Mining Critic** will become a standard of information.