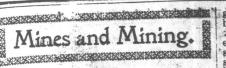
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Vancouver Island. The mineral resources of Vancouver

Island are the subject of a special re-port in the New York "Engineering and Mining Journal," by Mr. W. M. Brew-Island are the subject of a special re-port in the New York "Engineering and Mining Journal," by Mr. W. M. Brew-er, He says: "Until within the last few years prac-iteally nothing has been known of the island other than the coal fields along be exstern coast. Although placer gold many of the best properties in the coun-

the eastern coast. Although placer gold was mined on Leach river, about 22 miles from Victoria, during the Fraser ver and Cariboo excitements, no efintil quite recently appears to have en made to locate quartz leads or up yet, and it is not quite certain yet her ore bodies. Coal mining around just when it will be completed and ready ther ore bodies. Goal mining around sanaimo and Comex has been an im-ortant industry since the early fifties. Duarrying lingestone in the vicinity of ictoria: for quicklime, as well as gdraulic linestone for cement, has gdraulic linestone for cement, has gdraulic linestone for cement, has

Star. Golden River, Quesnelle. n carried on for some years past. The discovery of free milling gold bearing quartz along the shores of Alberni canal and float, heavily mineral-Joseph Huater, ex-M.P.P., chief gineer and general manager of Golden River Quesnelle Company, sed with iron and copper pyrites, on the

west coast of the Island on Quatsino, Clayoquot and other sounds proved an incentive to prospectors to attempt a thorough exploitation of the west coast and interior of the island during the past two seasons. In 1897 the discovery of the Phair or Skirt mountain group, and the Mount Sicker mines, carrying good values in

Sicker mines, carrying good values in copper, was followed by a stampede inthose districts, the former located near Goldstream, about 10 miles from Vic-toria, and the latter near Duncans sta-tion, on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo rail-During the present season all of these

localities, and especially the west coast, have been the scenes of considerable prospecting. But still the interior of island remains comparatively unex-ed. The reason for this is chiefly the lack of roads and trails. The mountains are not of great altitude, but the anderbrush and dense forests render ex-ploration most difficult. So far as 1 can earn, the work conducted on the west has been quite superficial, but samples of high grade copper ores been brought from shallow work-Most of these samples are solid and copper pyrites, closely assocoast has been quite superficial, but many samples of high grade copper ores ings. iron and copper pyrites, ciated, though some are pyrhotite carry- promptly.

ciated, though some are pyriotic curves ing good yalues as well as copper At Alberni several thousand dollars have been expended in building wagon roals and trails, as well as opening the Prospects. The Alberni Consolidated group has attracted the most attention have been expended in building wagon roads and trails, as well as opening the prospects. The Alberni Consolidated oup has attracted the most attention because of the high values returned from a shipment of ore to the smelter, and from another to a stamp mill, the and from another to a stand min, see returns from the former being \$40 per ton and the latter \$18 per ton in gold. Early in the spring of 1898 the property was bonded to an English syndicate, a four-stamp milling plant, with concen-trator, was erected at the mine to make

thorough milling test, and a few hun-

dred tons of the ore were treated by amalgamation. I am reliably informed

this resulted in a saving of \$7 per ton, and it was currently reported that the

sale, was negotiated, but at the last minute the deal fell through and all work has been suspended. The future

policy of the company has not been made

public. Near Goldstream, about 10 miles from Victoria, is located the Phair or Mount Skirt group of copper prospects. Dur-ing a visit I examined the workings and

dumps. About 600 feet of tunnels, shafts and drifts comprise the former, and about 100 tons of sulphide ore taken

from drifts the latter. There are three distinct leads of ore, in a formation very similar to that at Rossland. The fissures appear to be quite persistent, but each

fluxing, although a great deal of the ore is solid pyrites. While the two leads

the public.

plete success.

information:

The Ainsworth Mines.

"The contract let in October on the

Fifteen men are employed.

was run some distance in ore.

Bonded the Tamarack.

resent workings give good depth. "On Woodbury creek the Pontiac group and the Grant group are rawhid-ing ore down to the lake shore for ship-

"All the mines have laid in large quan

All the induces have reaching ange during titles of provisions and material for the winter's work. The old camp's outlook has never been so bright. I believe Hot Springs Camp will live after many oth-

ers more talked about are forgotten.

""Notes From Rossland.

ght the people resident in the cod of Oak Bay saw a new ing across the waters, for the eef lighthouse was then ilfor the first time. The Donment steamer Quadra yesled the keeper, John Davis the gulf and the inland chaning the buoys and overhaulcuring them for the winter. ace a new buoy on West rock, The cruise will extend as as Baynes Sound. It is ext the Quadra will go out of at the close of this month.

CONE SET GOLD IN FREE FOR DIS-24 PACKAGES OF

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WARRANTED STAMPED GULD.

Half Size.

was held by Capts. Gaudin at Esquimalt yesterday recommended that she dis-

deck load, after which a fur-

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have been carried away.

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neavy weather, as the fol

rrific gale which caused

from her log show: ** November 25, wind in-illy with high S.W. sea.

sails. 8 a.m., put ship

Noon: Heavy S.E. gale,

blowing. Carried away nd everything movable about turday, November 26: Wind

avy gale. All hands pump

about four hours. Then all

erboard, but had to give up.

Then a detailed description of rescue of the boatswain was

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Manauense is still at Esquishe is likely to remain there time-until matters are adthe underwriters for, the on her by the Albion Iron yhow. Several propositions made for the purchase of the

and drecting the mill "quality "Report favorably on the building in a week or ten days, and the machinery will be shipped from the east at once. Mr. Hamilton holds con-siderable stock in the Oro Fino and was

The management of the Sunset No. 2 expect to strike the discovery vein at a depth of 450 feet within a week or two. so well pleased with the splendid show-ing of the mine, the very large quantity

The result of the work at that depth is awaited with much interest, as the surface ore gives high assays. The Silver Belt, the latest Rossland property to resume development work, is of ore on the dumps and in sight, the clean smooth walls shown everywhere in the different tunnels and workings now working double shifts with machine drills. The expected ledge will be cross-cut at the 100-foot level within three weeks. The Golden Gate, on Dog creek, which has very rich copper ore, is pre-paring to make a shipment to the Trail many of the best properties in the coun-try, had is well able by his experience to tell a good thing when he sees it. He says the Oro Fino is all right. The Smuggler mill has not started

WITH THE PIONEERS OF '59.

While in Barkerville last summer it occurred to me to enquire about some of the old timers, who made so much money in so short a time, and dailed one even-ing upon the gold commissioner, writes "R" in the B. C. Mining Journal. I usked him if he would kindly give the the information desired; as I thought him the best person to do so. He said that there were such a number of that class that he could hardly discriminate be-tween them, but if I would mention any the particular individual, he would no doubt iemember him. I looked over my note Was a passenger on the down stage from Carbook and from a list of euphoneous names written in it selected "Wake-up Jske." As I repeated the name, the

sold commissioner smiled and replied that he knew him well, and would tell me all about him. "Jake," he said, "was the greatest character you ever saw, and was one of those happy-go-lucky fellows that one generally met with in new mining camps, generous to a fault and a very good used for milling purposes, and they can be opened and shut with perfect ease by two men norwithstanding their great surface resistance of water pressure. In speaking of the work, Mr. Hunter said the dam, was an indualified success and fulfilled all the claims made for it, which generous to a fault and a very good judge of whiskey. He was an early pioneer of Williams creek, and in compioneer of Williams creek, and in com-pany with others located ground just be-low the mouth of Conklin's gulch, on the opposite bank of the creek from Barkerville, and named it the 'Wake-up Jake.'. The claims yielded a fabulous amount of gold for a time, which barely furnished Jake with means to keep up his expenses. He had a good time while it lasted, and was the only one who spent his money that way," said the gold commissioner, as he politely, handed me a as no doubt disappointed many of the "I told you so's." Operations will be re-sumed about March, when the company may expect to realize something good for

may expect to realize something good for their enterprise and investment. Mr. Hunter speake hopefully of the outlook for the Golden River Quesnelle Mining Company: Operations will be pushed vigorously early in the spring. The steam derricks have not proved as needing as was exported. They are cumcommissioner, as he politely handed me a Havana and lighted one for himself, useful as was expected. They are cum-dersome and cause a great deal of time "there were scores of others who did the same thing." "I never shall forget," he continued,

the morning that Jake struck pay dirt L was coming up the creek from Cam-eron Town about 6 o'clock that morning and noticing a crowd around the 'Wake-Of the output for the short time actual up Jake' shaft, I walked over to see what was the cause of it. One glance sufficed to explain the whole affair, and sumced to explain the whole affair, and the effect it produced on my nervous sys-tem you can imagine as I beheld a pan full of gold on the platform and heard Jake telling the crowd that he panned it out on his shift just before quitting work. It was a big strike, about 180 ounces, or \$2,880. Everybody shock hands with the here of the heur and com-Whatever the final results the public. Whatever the must results as a mining proposition may prove, the difficulties have been overcome and the work, as shown by the results, is a great piece of engineering. Mr. Hunter, as en-gineer, is to be congratulated on its comhands with the hero of the hour and com-plimented him on his good fortune, all of which he appreciated by inviting them. up to Morton's saloon to join him in a bowl of champagne to celebrate, as any D. F. Strobeck, who has been for six years a resident of Ainsworth and Hot Springs camp, the oldest camp in West Kootenay, gave a reporter the following miner should do. About an hour after-wards I saw Jake in the saloon with his pan of gold on the bar and everybody drinking champagne at his expense.'

KAISER'S CHARACTER.

Phrenologist Describes the Emperor's Traits as Denoted by the Cranium.

Skyline mine for sinking 200 feet from the bottom of the old working shaft, which was 260 feet deep, is progressing as fast as conditions will admit. The shaft is in ore, much of which is of very cool grade. Some assays run as high In the German Emperor two faculties re especially strong. One of these is shart is in ore, thich of which is to be good grade. Some assays run as high as 700 ounces silver. It is dry ore, prin-cipally cxide with some sulphide and elf-esteem, the other is veneration. Strong self-esteem, particularly in ruler, subject to fewer checks than oth-"Old faithful, the Number One mine, "Old faithful, the Number One mine, never looked as well as now. All the er men, produces a degree of confidence in personal resources much beyond their

never looked as wen as now. All the lower workings are in high grade ore. Large quantities of this are sacked as it comes from the mine, but the bulk goes through the conceptrator, which, by the way, was the first one effected in "the Kootenays. The product assays from ntrinsic value. In William II. it inspires a courage In William II. it inspires a courage bordering upon the reckless, and combin-ed with his combativeness, which is con-siderable, makes him the believer in the efficacy of force that he is. Dubtless the excess is generally bel cre body has apparently only one wall. Kootenays. The product assays from There is sufficient silica in the matrix for \$400 to \$600 in silver. It is also a dry Doubtless the excess is generally bal- away, in so far at least as the anced somewhat by other faculties, but were he once embarked on any sea, it are concerned. ore proposition. Between 30 and 40 men are employed.

is solid pyrites. While the two leads on which most of the work has been per-formed vary in thickness from a few ald have closed down and will not re-ald have closed down and will not re-solution from sailing.

Provincial News. -----

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The fire and water commission has practically finished its sitting, and ere long the citizens of New Westminster will, no doubt, know the opinion of the commissiones. ommissioner: Mr. Foote, who was severely injured

by a freight car on the tramway on Sat-urday evening, is reported to be improv-

Miss. L. Calder, of the postoffice staff, was presented with a gold watch and chain by the congregation of the West End Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening. Miss Calder has been organist at the West End church for the last them was and the acceptable gift was

The funeral of the murdered woman Jennie Anderson, took place yesterday afternoon, Mr. D. Murchie, the undertaker, conducted the tuneral arrange-ments, and the remains were buried in the Oddfellows' cemetery at Sapperton, the Rev. A. Shildrick performing the Mr. D. J. Munn will leave here to-day

for an extended European tour. The Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society beld a directors' meeting on Fri-day evening to dispose of its ordinary day evening to dispose of its ordinary business. It arranged for next year's show on October 3rd, and to close on the 6th. Mr. H. J. A. Burnett was ap-pointed anditor for the current year, and the accounts will be made up by the secretary, audited by the auditor, and presented at the next directors' meeting. Mr. Richard Gibson, of Delaware, On-tario, will be asked to indee horses and Mr. J. C. Snell to judge cattle at the next fair.

VANCOUVER.

At the annual meeting of the Conser-vative Association the following officers Wilson, were telected :- President. C: Q. Ci; vice-presidents, Messrs, McAllis-ter and T. H. Robinson; treasurer, Ald. Foreman; secretary, G. E. Bull. Ex- the door of the po ecutive-Messrs. Ellis, J. J. Banfield, Mr. Johnson havi W. Brown, W. J. Bowser, J. R. Sey-mourilA. C. Stewart, F. W. Welsh, A. E. Shelton, E. L. Budlong, A. Balk-welk Dr. McGuigan and C. Hackett. The apaula subscription to the associa-The cannual subscription to the associa-

tion was placed at \$1. The customs duties collected at the port of Vancouver during the month of son, who comes to Kamloops. November totalled \$69,545, an increase A telegram was received in 1 of \$20,000 over November, 1897. from Fort McLeod Tuesday a The bank clearings for the week end-ing November 30, were \$653,536. The case of A. R. Muskett, son of R. of the evidence Muskatt gave in his own defence. He believe that the sale of the Muskett store to the prisoner was

a sham of the worst kind. The death was announced on Saturday morning of Winifred Hemsworth, aged 35 years, at St. Paul's Hospital. The deceased was highly esteemed by all who knew her, and her early death will be lamented by a large circle of friends. D. C. Fraser, M.P. for Guysboro, N. S., and J. W. Mitchell arrived yesterday from Skagway on the Dirigo. Mr. Fraseri will deliver a political address to-morrow night, and as he is a powerful platform speaker a great meeting is anticipated Mr. Fraser is of opinion that the Skag-

lard has been in the employ of the B. C. Express Company at the 61-Mile House for the past ten months, and left that place about a week ago for Ashcroft to receive medical treatment for heart dis-ease. Mr. Willard was about 62 years of age, and a native of the United

of age, and a native of the United States, having been born at Elk Grove, Wisconsin.-B. C. Mining Journal. NANAIMO.

Wm. Steele, of the Grand hotel, was out for a drive and while at the Quarterway. House, the halter slipped off his torse and she started for home. Mr. Steele ran arter her, and in the chase fell and broke one of this ribs. Myles Stephenson, driver for A. R. Johnston & Co., was badly bruised by being thrown from the wagon he was driving; which came in contact with a Chas, Gastavsonjorthe man charged with stabbing Michael Ha thett on De-parture Bay road iast Sunday, was com-mitted by Police Magistrate Simpson and sent up for trial to the next court of compartant invited competent jurisdiction. It is the intention to add Texada Island to the Na-namo-Comox weekly route of the steam-er City of Nanaimo, making calls at both sides of the island. The schedule will not be arranged till after the spe-cial trip next Sunday. This should prove of great benefit to Nanaimo, as it will afford the merchants of this city an op-portunity to appreciate for the Marcal

afford the merchants of this city an op-portunity to compete for the Texada trade, and at the same time direct the passenger traffic through Nanaimo. Little Binti Davis, who was badly burned a few days ago, has sufficiently recovered to be out of all danger.—Free Prose

GRAND FORKS.

At last a bank has been opened, Mr. H. M. Batsford, provincial man-ager of the Merchants' Bank of Haliager of the Merchants' Bank of Hali-fax, and Mr. John M. Smith, manager of the Rossland branch, arrived at noon on Tuesday, and after looking hurriedly

into the matter and interviewing some leading merchants, they decided to open an office immediately, and in the after-noon of the same day their sign was over

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bank to occupy a portion of his pre-mises until they secured permanent

KAMLOOPS.

W. J. Norfolk has been transferred to Victoria jail in place of Guard Hutcheson, who comes to Kamloops. A telegram was received in Kamloops from Fort McLeod Tuesday afternoon, announcing the death of Engineer E. Powers. No particulars were given. De-ceased who was 26 was even and Miss Perrin. The following report of the committee was read and adouted. Ine bank creatings for the 553,536. Ing November 30, were \$653,536. The case of A. R. Muskett, son of k. A. Muskett, came up before Mr. Justice Walkem the accused being charged with having been accessory with his father in perpetrating fraud on Montreal wholesale houses. Hon. Joseph Martin prosecuted and W. J. Bowser defended the prisoner, who was found guilty and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. In delivering judgment, Mr. Justice Walkem said he did not believe some of the evidence Muskatt gave in his o

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

ABOUT FREIGHT RATES, Proposed C. P. R. Tariff and discouble . Effect on Kootenay Trade

The report is general of the adoption of a new freight schedule on the 20 P. R. system that will effect considerable change in the present trade conditions in Kootenay, says the Kootenay Mail. Though possessed of no definite information, as the Mail understands it, the principle animating the new schedule re-cognizes that much of Kootenaxis track le resupply belongs to the east, where its goods are grown and manufactured, and that the distribution of those goods, or the jobbing trade, should be done as well by places of recognized commercial advantage in Kootenay as by other places at a distance. The through rate from points of shipment in the east, will work black a distance in the east. probably be the same to all Kootenay points and adjusted without distinction to the Spokane rate. This will probably be supplemented by a schedule of local outward rates from suitable centres, like, say Revelstoke and Nelson, which would create spheres of local trade influence in which there is a superior of the second s which these places might compete. on equal terms and secure that trade, which is tributary to them. The immense ad-vantage this would be to the Revelstoke wholesaler or jobber if a comprehensive influence sphere was given it can gasily be seen and opens a prospect of its becoming a wholesale supply centre that is rosy indeed.

Then, too, the distribution of pool carloads at various points of destination at balance of carload rates is abolished. so the distant jobber who could thereby capture that trade with nothing, more permanent than a "drummer", will permanent than a drummer, will have to forego the advantage he has had hitherto of the local dealer who built and stocked in the country and compete with him on much more equat terms,

A SATISFACTORY SHOWING

Annual Meeting of the Home Nursing Society Held on Saturday.

There was a large turnout of members the door of the police magistrate's office, Mr. Johnson having kindly allowed the Saturday afternoon, when the principal business was the receiving and adoption of reports. One change was made, that being the increase of salary for the nurses from \$35 to \$40 a month. A comnittee was appointed to make enquiries regarding cases reported during the month, and the following ladies were

From the 1st December, 1897, to Novem-FARMERS' INSTITUTE. The organization meeting of the Vic-toria District Farmers' Institute was held at Metchosin public hall last Thursday evening. There was a gool attendance, and those present, including some from South Victoria, showed great interest in, the, work. Mr. W. H. Hayward was called to the chait, with Mr. J. H. Smart as secre-tary. tary: 1 189 W and the set of the society of the society had only set out to provide a nurse, but Miss Hamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse, but Miss Hamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse, but Miss Hamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse, but Miss Hamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed herself a most valuable out to provide a nurse. But Miss Bamsdale, who has proyed with warm, well fitting gaments, fand sent comfortably clad back gaments, fand been promised steady employment at his old trade. We simply cite this case

rom Monday's Dally.) itish ship Walter H. Wilson is yal Roads from Kobe, weking. an exceedingly good passage Pacific, the voyage occupying ys. On the 17th ult, she en-a severe typhoon, which drove the confused seas at a pace im travelled by wind-jammers. blew with terrific violence days, since when continuous eavored to imitate its fury un ape was reached. During the m she lost considerable canwas torn into ribbons by er ballast shifted and her se was smashed Her spars severely and her spanker boom igser topmasts are puting for aospital, in fact, her, upper e all damaged more or less by storm. This was the same which the Nathana Dation which the Northern Pacific Henogle lost her skylights and r of her doors and windows route to this port two weeks e Wilson entered this morning hat one of her crew who is sufm some injuries received on the ght go into the marine hospital.

lystery returned from Port morning, bringing the rge Spratt's Ark back to port, was left at Simpson by the orsa, which towed her from which port she went with nmer, about two months ago. wn was a very rough oneof continual storm and heavy Mystery brought news of the am schooner Excelsior, which vn at Alert Bay on her last e season to the Copper River nd since leaving that port nine was not heard of. The Excelpassing down some few th of Nanaimo last evening. moving along slowly under a m, aided by her foresail. for it at her boilers have practically

Queen City sailed for Ahoust coast ports last evening. large amount of freight for way ports and about a among whom were Irving, M. A. Ward, the op-ndidate who will oppose Mr. e Alberni bye-election; Mr. and Mrs. Sarreault, The wil continue on the west for some time, as, the Wilgo on the ways to be over

Umatilla reached the outer early hour this morning, afpassage from San Francisco. lightest complement of pas t she has carried for many were but 61 on board all hese fifteen were landed here, eing divided between the Alaskan ports. She brought e cargo of freight, of which ere, landed here consigned to

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Clayquot will begin a week-to Texada Island next week. being repaired preparatory her new service. The Clayr accommodation for twentyengers. There is some talk also eamer City of Nanaimo taking on her circuit, but nothing en decided upon.

inches to four feet of solid ore, yet on the hanging wall side the country rock compressor in place for driving the big mineralised sufficiently to be treated as low grade ore, for an undetermined thickness. The third lead, which has only been prospected on the surface, is apparently 60 to 70 feet in thickness, The owners are steadily prosecuting e work of development, and propose erecting a matting plant in the future, providing deeper work shows ore in sight to warrant the investment. The assay values vary from 25 per cent. down to point near the mill, giving a fall of over point near the mill, giving a fall of over point near the mill, giving a fall of over point near the mill, giving a fall of over point near the mill, giving a fall of over point near the mill and will be started just above the mill and will have to be run about 2,000 feet to reach the Little Donald west ven. It is the in-tertion to have the tunnel completed within 18 months from January 1, 1899. could indge from a casual examination, there is ample ore in sight to more than

there is ample ore in sight to more than pay for the development work. In the neighborhood of these prospects, but distant a few miles, prospecting work is being carried on by several local syndicates, where the outcroppings of gossan indicate the occurrence of bodies of sulphide ore. Almost parallelling this belt of igneous rocks occurs a wide belt of slates, with lenses of quartz interlaminated. These

lenses of quartz interlaminated. These slates have a strike about N. 60 degrees well built cabin. A wagon road has been completed from the town to the mine and a first-class 100-ton concentra-W., and can be traced for several miles in that direction. Gold values have been tor will be erected early in the spring. "At the Silver Glance a small force, tained from the quartz outcrops, and number of mineral claims have been At the sinter of a working a working shaft. They have about 200 tons of ore out ready for shipment. "At the Rand a contract has been let Some of these have been prosented pected by cross-cut tunnels and fair values obtained by assay, though no mill tests have been made. The ore is apfor 100 feet of tunnel on the Hope vein. A few more feet will tap an ore chute which is uncovered about 80 feet long parently free milling near the surface, at any rate. Should further development on the surface. The vein is large and strong, cutting the formation east and determine the permanency of the bodies, and that the grade of the ore is suffiwest. "The parties who have the Rand con-tract also have one on the Twin for driving the No. 5 tunnel. It is now in about 235 feet and another 35 feet is expected to tap the vein, where a good body of ore should soon be encountered, as the No. 4 tunnel is in the vein and wrong agent distinction to be cient to warrant the erection of milling plant, Victoria will become a mining centre

Mining is yet in its infancy on Van-couver Island, but the prospects are nuite promising, while the close proxmity of coking coal and limestone to the sulphide ore bodies offers superior inducements for the erection of smelters matting at least, on the island. The shipment of ore from the west coast nines by steamer can be done at a very ow cost, even to Swansea smelters, if the average grade will warrant."

Work at Texada. Arrangements have been completed ereby the Everett Smelting Company

will purchase at least 5,000 tons of iron ore from the Puget Sound Iron Mine on Textidat Island. The work of mining, will be commenced just as soon as a suit-able steamer can be chartered to carry the iron ore from Texada to Everet, it not being deemed prudent to use barges at this inclement season of the year. A steamer of about 300 tons carrying capacity is desired. bud

In Camp Fairview. Fairview, Nov. 28.-The road is now

finished from the Penticton road to the Oro Fino mine. The work has been pushed on with all possible speed for fear of the ground freezing up, but the weather has been exceptionally "mild, and there is only some 6 or 7 inches of Mr. R. Hamilton, of the William

Rossland, Nov. 30.—There is likely to be some excitement in southern Alberta, owing to the discovery of an oil belt not far from the Cow's Nest mineo These oil fields are supposed to have originated R. Hamilton, Mr. R. Hamilton, of the William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, was on a business visit to the mine last Fr. day and Saturday. He also went care-fully over the mill site. He had 'no difficulty in locating the spot for the erection of the stamp mill: as it is an ideal site in every particular. Mr. Hamilton will have man at work on the Hamilton will have men at work on the

compressor in place for driving the big tunnel which will tap the vein at a

tunnet which will tap the vein at a depth of about 1,200 feet. These pro-perties were lately acquired by the Ste-vensons, who own the Highlander, which joins the little Donald on the east, and also own the large Stevenson concentra-tor on the lake shore just south of Ains-worth. The dume mentioned is for carworth. The flume mentioned is for carrying the water from Krao creek to a point near the mili, giving a fall of over with Him, either offensive or defensive. We must not, however, underrate his intellectual power, but what he has he nakes the most of.

Nor are his ideals entirely circumscrib within 18 months from January 1, 1899. "At the New Jerusalem the No. 1 d by his military predilections. And he has no small amount of the organ of enevolence.

when he unbends, he proves to be a most kindly and considerate man-till his dignity is aroused again. But as a rule kindness, ideals, intelli-

gence, all are valued and manifested on ly in such a way as may dontribute to wards the Emperor's own exattation. STACKPOOL E. O'DELL.

STAFF OF INDIA'S VICEROY.

It is officially announced that Lord Curzon of Kedleston has made the fol-lowing appointments on his staff as vice-roy of India;

PRIVATE SECRETARY. Mr. Walter R. Lawrence, C.I.E.

MILITARY SECRETARY. Major Arthur Sandbach, Royal Engineers.

SURGEON. ieut.-Colonel E. H. Fenn, C.E.I., R.A. M.C.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

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R. G. T. Baker-Carr, Rifle Brigade; R. J. Marker, Coldstream Guards, Jantain Captain R. J. Marker, Coldstream Gua and Lieut. F. L. Adams, Grenadier Guards.

It is noteworthy that every member of Lord Curzon's staff is acquainted with the east, and with one exception with India.

This exception is Captain Marker, who is now A.D.C. to Sir West Ridgein view .- Rossland Miner. A. Johnson, of Minneapolis, has way, governor of Ceylon, Captain Baker-Carr and Lieutenant Adam are at the ^BOn Wednesday, the 30th inst., Wm, Julius died at the 150 Mile House. Mr,

bonded the Tamarack and is now sink-ing on the vein, taking out clean shipping ore. He is also driving a tunnel to tap the veln at a point on the east end line of the Tamarack at a don't Lieutenant-Colonel Fenn is a distin-guissed army surgeon. He served in the Afghan war, was in the Kabul-Kanda-har march, and served in the Sudan in up the vent at a point on the east end line of the Tamarack at a depth of 125 feet. The first 100 feet of the tunnel is being driven through Surprise ground. It is now in only 15 feet and the full face of the tunnel is in ven matter, 1885 with the Grenadier Guards. Lord and Lady Curzon will leave Eng land on December. 15 to catch the Ben-insula and Oriental steamship Arabig. much of it being high grade ore. ""Before June next these last thre shiling: from Marseilles on December 16 named properties will no doubt he added to the list of shippers. The surface show and will be accompanied by those their staff who are not in India. ing on all of them is immense and the

FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 2.-An accident accurred on the Newfoundland railroad last night owing to a car jumping the track. D. R. Grant, of New Glasgow, N. S. and James Russell, of Blaketown, were killed, and two other persons dangerously wounded.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

Washington, Dec. 2.-Referring to cer-tain published statements that Canadian commercial travellers were forbidden to pursue their calling in the United States by the terms of the alien labordaw, Secby the terms of the alien lange aw, sec-retary Spaulding said to day ithat the how was not so construed by the treasury department, as commercial travellers work not considered as coming, within its oil fields are supposed to have originated in coal beds. The find is important, as it is the only oil deposition Western Can-ada. Oil was found floating on the creeks, and is said to be of first-class

conn powers, that he would meet extra-erdinary forces and combinations of forces, relying on the strength of his cwn resources to annihilate them. At a well attended meeting of the the vacancy. John Ferguson Actrac 'The activity of the Emperor's faculty of veneration makes him draw freely up on the past to add to his own dignity. His ancestors become deities, while God is worshipped chiefly because He is pre-sumably on his side, and he can enter without loss of dignity into an alliance with thim, either offensive or defensive. recommendation of the school board for the addition of four new rooms to the Kootenay avenue school house was ap-

proyed. John R. Cook and Elling Johnson are planning the erection of a handsome new business block at the corner of Washington street and First avenue, on

the ground formerly occupied by the old skating rink. It will be one of the finest structures in the camp and will cost about \$5,000, and show the structure

Ehe Bank of Toronto and the Bank of British Golumbia ran a dead, heat and a free C. P. R. returned on Tuesday in Rossland. Both of them ended a lively race when they opened for busi-ness sharp at 10 o'clock. The Bank of Upprote bes its quarters in the Stone ness sharp at 10 o clock. The park of "Igronto has its quarters in the Stone block, at the corner of Lincoln street and Columbia, avenue. A. B. Barker is in charge, with F., L. Coulson as ac-countant. The Bank of British Colum-bic head its bandsome home in the Steen has its handsome home in the Steen biock on Washington street, between Birst and Columbia avenue. H. F. Mytten is the manager and H. Aubrey Holmes is accountant. The banks start out with a gratifying volume of busito 19 cents per 100. Commodity rates For some days past the rumor has been current that the British America corporation, which recently secured the be beat correspondingly reduced. The merchants of Nelson will also be beleased to hear that at the request corporation, which recently secured the Morthport smelter, intends to move the plant to Sayward and to do all its smelt-

tons of soda

ASHCROFT.

Julius has been in charge of the black-smith work at the 150 of late.

Two hundred and fifty

steadily along.

and many of the leading business men of the district, the C. P. R. hus de-cided to discontinue the practice ing operations on this side of the line. Edwin Durant, the office manager of the which has prevailed for the past two corporation, denied positively yesterday that the corporation has any such idea years, of distributing car load lots of freight. The local tariffs have not yet been decided upon

Mr. Peters also said that he had completed arrangements for the proposed C. P. R. excursion to the Fernie and though the exact date is not yet settled, it will probably start on the 7th instant. The city councils and boards of trade of the various towns have unanimously accented the instant. unanimously accepted the invitatio and a large and representative boo

deposit have been mined at the lakes hear Clinton by George Powell and men, and arrangements are being made for fiss proper preparation for patting on the market. As a washing compound it of business men is exported. The scoursion will start about 8 m on the steamer Moyie, connect and arrangements are being much for its proper preparation for putting on the market. As a washing compound it will be a decided success if pushed, and it is in the right hands with plenty of capital behind it to push it rapidly and stradily along m. on the steamer anove, connecting at Pilot Bay with a steamer which will bring the Kaslo and Ainsworth contingents. At Kootenay Landing a special train with comfortably fitted up sleeping cars will be in waiting, and porters will be in attendance on each with high bring the spent A good patronage will without doubt be extended to the Bank of British North America now established in Ashcroft. and porters will be in attendance on each car. The first night will be spent at Crahbrook: whence the party will leave, after breakfast, for Fernie. At Fernie Mr. Blakemore, manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, will entertain the visitors to lunch, subsequently showing them the mines and the coke overs. The party will The people joined in asking them to come, as a bank was needed here, and it seems beyond doubt that the advan-tages of their being here will be shared by both the bank and their customers. by both the bank and their customers. It was simply a question of which of the several large banking concerns of Canada would first come here. Any one of them, for all are good, would have re-ceived the same support that will now be accorded the Bank of B.N.A., for it is second to none and is first on the night and next morning, after breakfast, will proceed to Movie, where they will be shown the mines in the vicinafter breakfast second to none and is first on the round in response to our united reuest. The sudden death of Ralph Willard, one of the pioneers of British Colum-bia, occurred at the Ashcroft hotel, this city, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Mr. Wil-

Drawnour, secretary intersusties, 3. Interpretation of the secretary intersectors.
Mr. R. M., Palmer having been asked by the president to address the meeting, discussion.
The meeting massed a motion that the durantice regulations where the model is and that the work with individual cases, and that the work with individual cases, and that the work with individual cases, and that the work of horicellure having proved or great value to the fruit growers of great value to the fruit growers of British Golumbia be continued and strictly enforced.
It was decided that supplementary meetings be held monthly at different marks of the district, and it is hope that the farmers in the districts surrounding Vietoria will take the earlier store the secretary, whose address is poportunity of joining by sending fitty cents to the secretary, whose address is methods.
THE CROW'S NEST ROUTE.
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Secretary-Treasurer

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 3, 1898. Financial statement for year ending Noember 30th, 1898:

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