



Texada Island Gold Brick.

THE above is a *fac simile* of the gold brick secured from fourteen tons of ore taken from the Victoria-Texada mine and treated at the Victoria Metallurgical Works, Fort street. The amount represented in the little brick is \$900.36, and does not include the gold in the concentrates, which, it is expected, will bring the average value of the ore up to \$80 per ton. The result is a most satisfactory one, as the fourteen tons of ore was an average sample of the ledge from which it was taken. There are several ledges on the property which form a junction, and it is to this point that a tunnel is being driven and the face is now within a short distance of it. The tunnel has been run in on a fine body of concentrating ore. The ore just milled, however, was taken from a ledge uncovered several weeks ago, and on account of its high value it is now the intention of the management to concentrate work on this deposit, which is four feet in width, and can be traced for a considerable distance. In order to push work as rapidly as possible, night and day shifts will be placed on, and the management has also decided to shortly erect a stamp mill and concentrator on the ground. This will save freight and treatment, which amounted to \$15 per ton on the 14-ton shipment. The company's property consists of five fractional claims, one of which was recently taken up. It is situated on a small island, a short distance from shore, and the rich free gold ledge crops out on it. This has added materially to the value of the property, and there is every reason to believe that further development will make it one productive of generous and frequent dividends.

Located at Northport.

THE contract has been let for the erection of the Le Roi smelter at Northport. This is official and final. We would like to ask why the Le Roi people thought it necessary to trifle with the public on this subject? Last Wednesday the following telegraphic correspondence took place between the *Miner* and Colonel Peyton, manager of the Le Roi mine:—

ROSSLAND, July 21.

Col. I. N. Peyton, Northport, Wash. :—

Is it true that Northport has been definitely decided on as a site for the Le Roi Company's smelter? It has been so announced here to-day.—*Rossland Miner*.

NORTHPORT, Wash., July 21.

To *Miner*, Rossland :—

Le Roi trustees have taken no definite action on location of smelter. Under existing conditions it does not seem possible to locate our smelter on the Canadian side of the line without largely increasing the cost of smelting. I. N. PEYTON.

Mr. Harris was seen on the subject. He said :—"I have been down to Trail and seen Mr. Heinze. We are now investigating his offer. It includes a free smelter site, certain adjacent water power, half of a townsite and half interests in the water power he

controls at Sayward. Daily reports of the investigation will be sent to the head office at Spokane."

We publish these facts to show that the Le Roi people have had something to conceal in the whole business, and that they have been acting in bad faith. It now transpires that at the very moment Col. Peyton was assuring the *Miner* and the people of British Columbia that the Le Roi Company was "not tied up as to a site" he was letting the contracts for the construction of the smelter at Northport.—*Rossland Miner*.

Canadian Customs Officers on the Yukon.

FOUR Custom House Officers went North on the *Islander* on Thursday, July 29th, to guard the routes leading to the Yukon.

Arrangements are being made for bonding privileges through the narrow strip of American territory on the coast. This news was received from Ottawa last evening by Collector Milne.

This action on the part of the Dominion Government should throw all the trade of the Canadian Yukon district to the coast and the provincial cities. It means that men who outfit on the Sound will be put to an additional cost of thirty-five per cent. for their goods, and that the Americans who have invested all their money in their outfits, retaining none with which to pay duty, will be unable to take their goods across the border into Canadian territory.

One officer will be stationed at Dyea to warn miners that they will have to pay duty before taking their goods into Canada, and others will be at the Chilcoot and White Pass routes, to collect the duty. It is not expected that the officers will have any trouble in enforcing the law, but in case they should have, Collector Milne has suggested that a few police officers be sent up. It is quite likely that his suggestion will be carried out, the Dominion Government being now alive to the necessity of strictly enforcing the customs laws, and retaining Canadian trade for Canada.

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