

SHARES IN MINES

A Toronto Paper's Remarks on Some Recent Stock Operations in the East.

The Danger of Frightening of the Investing Public—Some Prospects.

The Toronto Star of a late issue says: The Star, in endeavoring to protect the public, has not been slow in calling attention to the danger of investing in mining stocks, which have no basis, except the fact that a syndicate owns a few acres of rock somewhere and by some means has obtained a title, and a certain number of names to conjure with. Investment in this sort of a fairy tale are not for the benefit of Canada, or likely to result in anything except discrediting British Columbia.

Take, for example, the two mines so largely advertised, and about which some enquiries were made in a morning contemporary yesterday, the Nest Egg and the Palo Alto. An exceedingly interesting prospectus was published as an advertisement in the Star and other daily papers, signed by one of the most respectable real estate agents in Toronto. It is quite safe to say that the real estate agent knows absolutely nothing about mining or mines, except what he has been told by prospectors and promoters within the last three weeks.

The most distinct difference is to be found in the top part of the prospectus, where the trustees are advertised, and in the introductory paragraph where the names of a number of leading citizens of British Columbia are set forth as the advocates, and to a certain extent, the guarantors of the good faith of the companies. The trustees, as they style themselves, on the other hand, are men entirely unknown in this section of the world. While they may be considered very prominent and exceedingly reliable at home, their names add no weight to the project.

The names innocently used convey a very distinct idea that the mines are exceedingly good, but the interesting part of it is that the good names are not fastened on the scheme, but are simply introduced as a side show to give the affair a high sounding position. Here is the paragraph referring to them:

The control and management of these well known mines in Trail Creek is vested in the leading citizens of British Columbia: Leut. Gov. Dewdney, the Hon. J. Turner, Mayor of British Columbia, R. P. Rithet, M. P.; D. W. Higgins, Speaker of the provincial legislature; Capt. John Irving; A. J. McCall, Q. C.; E. V. Bodwell, William Wilson, Simon Leiser, C. A. Holland, and other well known citizens of British Columbia. These gentlemen were all telegraphed to by the editor of the Star, and following are their answers, each one of which is dated at Victoria:

"I know nothing about prospectus of Nest Egg & Palo Alto. I do not guarantee any statements made by George A. Case. He has no authority to act for me. J. H. TURNER."
"Am not in any way responsible for prospectus Palo Alto or Nest Egg. Don't know what statements they contain. Don't know Mr. Case. He does not represent me. I own some shares in Palo Alto, but have no interest whatever in Nest Egg. In order not to misunderstand, wish to say my name in connection with either Nest Egg or Palo Alto company. Am not connected with any sale of stock. Would like to know what has been said or done. C. A. HOLLAND."
"Know nothing of prospectus or prospects of Palo Alto, nor have I seen the prospectus of Nest Egg Mining Co. published in Toronto papers. Am stockholder in Nest Egg, and from all information I am able to obtain, consider an exceedingly promising property, as far as developed. R. P. RITHEH."
"Leut. Col. Dewdney is not responsible in any way. MRS. DEWDNEY."
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"Not responsible. Have not seen prospectus referred to. Do not know George A. Case. Have no broker in Toronto. Believe Nest Egg and Palo Alto good properties, but cannot guarantee. Mail copy prospectus to me. D. W. HIGGINS."
"WM. WILSON."
The wording of the alleged prospectus suggests that the two companies are more or less a unit, but the above telegrams seem to indicate an entirely different state of affairs. Following is a paragraph, taken from the prospectus with regard to the Nest Egg:

"The company has placed upon the market 50,000 shares of stock in the Nest Egg Mining Company, which are to be sold at 25 cents a share, and the proceeds are to be devoted to the development of the mines, and the purchase of machinery. An additional 50,000 shares will be placed subsequently upon the market at an advanced price should further money be required for the development of the property."

This certainly would lead the public to believe—and the prospectus so still being published—that the shareholders had directed that 50,000 shares of treasury stock should be put on the market at the definite price of 25 cents for "development" purposes. This can hardly be the case. While this stock was put on the market in Toronto on August 1 at 25 cents, Norman and Norman, mining and stock brokers, of Spokane, Wn.,—the headquarters of the Trail Creek mining enterprises—on their price lists quote Nest Egg at 10 bid and 12 asked. In response to various telegrams to Victoria and Vancouver, it was found that Nest Egg could be had there for 15 cents net.

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However, the prices asked were very poorly in the following statement taken from the prospectus: "The property is paid for in full, and 100,000 shares of stock are to be sold immediately at 15 cents a share for the development of this mine. Another one hundred shares is reserved in the treasury, to be afterwards sold as the needs of the company require." That things have not changed much is evident from the following telegram from A. W. Moore & Co., dated at Victoria last night: "We quote Nest Egg 12, Palo Alto 10."

The real standing of mines in and about the Rossland camp, which covers a good many of the well set forth in the following telegram and reply. J. R. Reavis, it is said, is considered about the best authority in that district: "John R. Reavis, Miner, Rossland." "Wire our expense three lists all mines Rossland, this mine. (1) shortly dividend payers, and (2) those having shipping ore in sight." "A. W. ROSS & CO." Rossland, B. C., Aug. 13.

"First class—Le Roi and W. Engle; second class—Iron Mask, O. K., Josie, Poor Man, Centre Star, Crown Point, Jumbo, Nickel Plate; third class—Commander, Columbia, Evening Star, Lily May, Georgia, City of Spokane, Red Mountain, Sovereign, Cliff, Pilgrim, Deer Park, View Homestead, Kootenay, Mugwump. J. R. REAVIS." As capitalists are not the only ones affected, but the poor also, it is in the public interests that the above facts should be known and carefully pondered. Among the large number who are buying mining stocks, widows, orphans and people of small means, who have a little and who would like to have more, are perhaps the largest investors. Brokers as well as buyers should, therefore, know what they are doing.

From Friday's Daily. —S. Y. Wootton has been appointed registrar-general of titles in addition to being registrar of joint stock companies. The Lanark Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, Ltd., will remove their head offices from Vancouver, to Victoria on the 20th of September. —Mr. Hatcher and his companions having reported that they caught some human flesh on a trolling hook while out fishing on Sunday the provincial police will probably drag the firm in that vicinity to-morrow morning.

An order in council has been passed which provides for the recognition in this province of probates and letters of administration granted in the United Kingdom, like privileges having been extended to the province by the Imperial authorities. —In one of the show windows of Dixie H. Ross & Co.'s establishment is exhibited a number of ripe, red peaches, full grown and of very tempting appearance, which were plucked this morning from a tree in Mr. Ross' garden on Hill-side avenue.

—Mayor Beaven has called a public meeting for Friday evening, August 25, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of petitioning the Dominion parliament to enact a law further restricting the immigration of Chinese and Japanese. —David Logan, of Nitinat, has been appointed a justice of the peace for Cowichan-Alberni and Esquimalt districts, and Gilbert Malcolm Sprout, of Sandon, has been made a stipendiary magistrate for the counties of Kootenay and the Kettle River division of Yale. —Mr. C. S. Pearson, of Sardia, Chilliwack, has left for the east, taking his three nephews (whose parents were killed at the Point Ellice bridge disaster) to their uncle and aunt, who reside in the county of Leeds, Ont., and with whom the orphans will make their future home.

Formal notice is given in the current issue of the British Columbia Gazette by the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway & Navigation Company that they will apply for incorporation at the next session of the local houses, with power to build a railway from Vancouver to the eastern boundary of the province, with additional authority to operate connecting steamship lines. —Captain S. F. Scott, of Vancouver, who was manager of the Anglo-American Gold and Platinum Mining Co. Ltd., has made application to the courts for an order winding up the concern. The Nest Egg company much be at a pretty low figure if stock is selling in Spokane at half what is asked for it here. In such a matter the public must get the worst of it.

The Adelson-Levy quarrel between neighbors was again aired in the police court this morning before Magistrate Macrae. A charge was made for the abusive epithets used by Mr. Adelson and of the numerous articles of crockery thrown by Mrs. Levy, but as to which of the two assaulted the other, witness could not say—neither could the magistrate, who dismissed the case with a warning to each. Three small boys were also brought before the magistrate charged with throwing stones at and annoying some picnickers at Fowl Bay. They were convicted and discharged. —George Millet, a precocious lad, 12 years of age, appeared in the provincial police court this morning to answer the charge of stealing \$21 from his parents, who live at Oak Bay. George started out after securing the money, to see the country and have a good time. He went to Sidney, engaged a boat and started fishing. Upon his return he was met by a provincial officer to whom the parents had reported the theft. He had only \$11 of the money left. In the meantime he pleaded guilty and Magistrate Macrae reserved sentence until Monday, as he is in a quandary what to do with the lad.

—Yesterday afternoon the corporation of the city of Victoria and the Consolidated Electric Railway Company were served with a writ taken out by Mr. S. Perry Mills, solicitor for Dr. A. L. Prevost, on account of the death of Mrs. Prevost, one of the victims of the Point Ellice bridge disaster. In the endorsement of the writ the defendants are charged with holding out and representing to the public that the bridge was a safe bridge to travel over in an electric tram car and with wrongful acts and neglects in allowing to be carried the said Marian Gertrude Prevost in an overloaded electric car. —Marshall Bray, government agent at Nanaimo, has been appointed gold commissioner for that portion of Vancouver Island which he has just returned to. Commencing at the northeast corner of Chemainus district; thence due west to the Alberni mining recording district; thence northwesterly on a right line to Cape Scott; thence following the mean high water mark of the sea to the Island to the place of commencement, excluding all that portion of the Alberni mining recording district embraced therein. And also for all the islands lying between the said portion of the east coast of Vancouver Island and the mainland of the province, including Texada island, but not including the islands in the New Westminster mining recording district. —Mrs. M. Carey is called to mourn the death of her sister, Mrs. Daniel Carmody, aged about 85. The lady has been a victim of consumption for some time. Her home was formerly Cheboygan. From thence the family removed to Tacoma, Washington, thence to Victoria, B. C., and finally to Phoenix, Arizona. None of these changes did the sick woman pronounced good, death finally claiming her while yet of youthful years. Undertaker Brown assisted in meeting the remains at the train here, and the funeral services were held on the following morning from the R. C. church. Rev. Father Kelly officiating. Mrs. Carmody leaves, besides her husband, three children, Daniel, Lenore and Arthur, aged fourteen, eleven and seven. These will remain at their Uncle Carey's home for the present. Mrs. Wm. Cosgrove, of Detroit, sister of deceased, and John Fitzpatrick, brother, accompanied by his daughter, were here for the obsequies.—The Clarion, Lapier, Michigan.

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The United States Secretary of the Interior Chooses Bryan and Silver.

Was Out of Harmony With His Colleagues—John M. Reynolds May Succeed Him.

A Statement That Gold Democrats Have the Encouragement of Grover Cleveland.

Washington, Aug. 22.—For some time rumors have appeared in print on the probability of the early resignation of Secretary Hoke Smith. There can now be no doubt that he has resigned, and that his resignation has been accepted. For some days past shipments have been made to Atlanta of his books and papers, and it is learned that he has declined to set any departmental business to be held for the Pacific coast. It can safely be assumed that a successor will be in charge in a very short time.

After the nomination of Bryan and Sewall it became known that Secretary Smith was the only member of the cabinet who announced the purpose to support that ticket and that this action on his part, while not in any way affecting his personal relations with the other members of the cabinet, seemed so material to him that he felt constrained to tender his resignation. The secretary declines to discuss the subject in any way.

John M. Reynolds, second assistant secretary of the interior department, has been mentioned frequently as the possible successor of Smith. Reynolds has made an excellent officer. He has had charge of the difficult work of review of the decisions of the pension bureau, and has given general satisfaction. He is a native of Pennsylvania. The new cabinet officer will have only a little more than six months to serve, and it is regarded as probable that Cleveland will prefer to fill the vacancy from the department.

The Star says: "Secretary Smith will probably retire either just before or immediately after the Indianapolis gold-standards convention. Those who are familiar with the relations that exist between Mr. Cleveland and his cabinet say that there has never at any time been the least friction between Secretary Smith and the President, nor between any members of the cabinet, and that the personal relations between the President and Mr. Smith are still 'most cordial.'"

Atlanta, Aug. 22.—The rumored resignation of Secretary Hoke Smith occasions no surprise here, as it has been understood among the secretary's most intimate friends ever since he came out for the Chicago ticket, that he would go for his return trip he has already secured. It is understood that immediately upon his withdrawal he will return to Atlanta and resume the practice of his profession. The secretary's law office has not been closed since his departure for Washington City, his partner, Judge John P. Pendleton, remaining in charge. It is well known that Mr. Smith, on entering the cabinet left a law practice which paid several times the salary of a cabinet officer, and he will return to enter one which will be more profitable still.

The British steamer Beechley sailed on Saturday evening from Vancouver for Buenos Ayres with a cargo of lumber consisting of 1,900,000 feet valued at \$15,000. The steamer was loaded in eight days. Having finished unloading her cargo of 7,500 barrels of cement at Tacoma, the bark Emblemton will come in ballast to Victoria, where she loads salmon for R. P. Rithet & Co.

The Norwegian Steamer Aggi 21 Days from Nagasaki Arrived This Morning.

H. M. S. Imperieuse Strikes a Rock in Nanose Bay—Huphe Due From Hongkong.

At an early hour this morning a large iron steamer dropped anchor off the outer wharf. No one seemed to know what she was or where she came from, but when the captain came on shore it was learned that she was the Norwegian steamer Aggi, 21 days from Nagasaki. Captain Hatterberg reports a pleasant voyage, with the exception of the thick weather which prevailed. Orders were awaiting him to load what at San Francisco for Europe, and he will probably leave for there this evening. The Aggi is registered from Bergen, Norway, and her net tonnage is 2170. The Aggi is only one of the many tramp steamers that have been chartered to load on the Pacific coast this year. It looks as if sailing vessels had their day and that their place is to be taken by the safer and speedier steamers.

Owing to some delay in getting the City of Nanaimo off the marine slip, the British bark Bolivia was not hauled out Saturday afternoon. She will probably go on this evening. The Nanaimo was towed from Esquimalt to Spratt's wharf by the Joan, where she is having her machinery refitted and repaired. She will probably be ready for the Victoria-Comox route next week, when the Joan will be transferred to the Nanaimo-Vancouver route, where she will run in opposition to the Union Steamship Co.'s steamer Catch. It is rumored that the Union company will retaliate by placing one of their steamers on the Victoria-Comox route.

The foggy weather which prevailed for the past few days has been responsible for a number of minor shipping accidents. The latest reported is that H. M. S. Imperieuse struck a rock in Nanose bay while on her way to Comox. She left Esquimalt on Tuesday morning and in the thick weather got too close in to the shore after passing Nanaimo. The rock on which she struck is under several feet of water. Her bow passed over it safely, and only the stern of the man-of-war struck. She proceeded to Comox and her divers went down to find out the extent of her injuries. It is not likely that she is badly damaged as she remained at anchor there as if nothing had happened.

The Milke Maru, the first of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line of steamers to be run in conjunction with the Great Northern railway, is expected here from Yokohama on the 30th inst. A full cargo for her return trip he has already secured. The company has 12 new steamers under construction or contracted for. The boats for here and the Sound, however, are all old steamers, and are as follows: Milke Maru, 3312 tons; Yamaguchi Maru, 3033 tons; Kurosima Maru, 4140 tons; Kinshu Maru, 3596 tons.

Another tramp steamer is about due from the Orient. She is the British steamer Huphe, 1546 tons, Capt. Young. The Huphe, which is under special charter to the C. P. R. company, left Hong Kong on Aug. 5 with a cargo of freight for Vancouver. As she has a number of Chinese passengers on board, she will call here. She is only chartered for the one trip by the C. P. R., and will probably load grain on the Sound.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer Tacoma arrived in Yokohama on the 18th inst. The Olympia is due here from the Orient on Sunday next.

British VANCOUVER. The pilot-driver, work at the Union wharf, fell over a loosening of one of the beams sitting where it fell and instant death. A report was given by some cases of illness in British Bay. Health made a search at tents, but even found the bar room of burglars yesterday thieves pried open jimmy and entered they appropriated page and two boxes of empty champagne counter. The cash itself is worth \$275 towards found in some bushes. It is some small silver.

NEW WEST. Several of the la completed their part to make tips and several of the fishermen their part to get. ing, by the end of another spurt occurred sockeyes for 1896 was 25 cents per fish, but is 15 cents. The price of hay high this season, \$5 landings being the several loads of yesterday from the to be shipped to V loads to Nanaimo. Three hundred and were received per Tuesday evening; 1 and 100 cases for At Mr. Henry V. Fisher ranch, near little son of Mr. S. city, was accidently near the ditch of when the lad slipped companion immediately house and gave the turning, was too lect the fence spot disappeared. This and when, after a low was found, he man aid.

At a mass meeting for the purpose of the purchase of the schoolman, A. Mallis was G. D. Brymer treasurer were constituted a and the vice-chairman, Justice Bole, J. E. G. derson, G. D. Brymer, J. Thompson, W. J. Bride, E. Ewen, D. J. B. McLaren and following names is a sum of most gymkhana, sports and Caledonia, including steam horse races. There day and a sum of attention will be paid year.

VERNON. The council has do three acres of land, from Mrs. Watson, is dumping ground. It (the question of a purchase of 20 acres of land who purchased a lot of a splendid lot of Gutsanach ranch. were sent up last town. The compare any fruit of the California interest in the Armstrong Liberals club, and at the inau elected and business. through with. The date has been fall exhibition of the Trades Association of sion. The show will be September 26th, and P. M. Watson, is s make it in every way view at the taxiderm C. Pound, being not white—or rather cre the in this district, is Fraser near St. Elmo brother, and was sen mounted. Although n known to naturalists, sufficiently an oddity erable interest in the aware this is the first the province.

Although the grain cheer valley is now of the thrasher. The crop the farmer is doing a usual amount of the grain is a good there was good, clear a there has almost a fall owing to the immense coats, which is partly doing enough summer partly the result of car Colis S. Smith writes statement that Mr. A sent to Kootenay to the irregularities on the part of the Kelowna Shipper union has no agent in

ROSSLAND. On Monday evening the Evening Star broke vein which the tunnel to crosscut. The working in the Eorman tunnel a few through into a ledge f good looking ore was oing about \$50 to the of this ore body has n terminated, but work still Ore is being mined to N rate of about ten tons a The Iron Horse deal through and is hardly lik present figure. J. D. I