

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Burrard Mining Association—Hunting Her Husband—Dredging the Fraser.

Cowichan Agricultural Association—Officers Elected—Mining at Texada Island.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 9.—The directors of the Burrard Mining Association held their first meeting last night, Mr. G. R. Maxwell, M.P., president, in the chair. The prospectus of this Association reads to the effect that the company has been formed for the purpose of securing, with moderate incomes an opportunity of acquiring interests in mining ventures. Prospectors are to be sent out to make preliminary developments on properties that may be acquired, with the object of sale.

Word has been received that it is altogether probable that Hon. Robert Watson, of the Manitoba legislature, will accompany Hon. Mr. Tarte to the Coast. The wife of Hon. Mr. Watson, who is located in British Columbia, she has written to the acting chief of police in Vancouver.

The Vancouver Operatic Company met for their first practice on Monday evening. The company will produce the Chimes of Normandy.

At the W.C.T.U. meeting last evening it was arranged to have lectures delivered by Rev. D. V. Lucas, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., on his return to the city.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 10.—The civil service examinations are being held to-day in Dunn hall, and will be continued for the higher grade to-morrow. Mr. G. F. Burpee acts as examiner.

On the outgoing Express yesterday, C. M. Beecher, of the Hastings mill, left for Yokohama on business. Mr. Beecher will probably be absent two trips.

The defaulting treasurer from Waverly, Ohio, Legg, has written to his late host, Acting Chief Johnson, stating that on his arrival home he found things in better shape than he anticipated and hopes that he will be released on bail until February next, when his case will come before the grand jury. No trace has yet been found of the money and jewelry which Legg claimed to have hidden in the bushels.

On the outward-bound Canadian-Australian steamer Mowara, which left port this morning, James Wilson, superintendent of the C.P.R. telegraphs, departed for Honolulu, where he hopes to take a much needed rest after the trying times he went through during the late strike and the general worries of business.

More sneak thieving is reported and there are no arrests. A shack at the corner of Robson and Bute streets was broken into on Sunday night and a quantity of tools taken away.

J. A. Kemp, one of the pioneer contractors of the city and well known to all old residents, was married at Los Angeles a few days ago. The bride is Miss Dora Willis, a Los Angeles belle.

The La Cigale amateur company gave a performance of "Betsy" in the Dunn hall last evening which was fairly well patronized. The performers acquitted themselves well and will doubtless have a larger audience this evening when they are to put "La Cigale" on the boards.

Some excitement was occasioned in town yesterday by the publication of the news that a rich strike had been made on the Orphan Boy mine in the Big Bend, Kootenai country. It is said that a body of solid ore has been struck in the tunnel, and development work will be vigorously prosecuted during the winter.

Hon. Mr. Tarte is expected to arrive in the city to-morrow, Wednesday, and the preparations for his reception are in shape. A banquet will be given in the Guichon to-morrow evening and the visiting Minister will make a trip to hillwalk on Thursday, returning Friday. On Saturday a run will be taken down the river on the Quadra.

Local sportsmen are returning from Lulu Island with good bags. Mr. T. C. Atkinson reports having shot thirteen pheasants and has saved through birds are not so plentiful as was expected there is still good sport to be had.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Nov. 9.—By the Joan on Friday evening Mr. Ralph E. Blewett, of the Van Anda Mining Company came down from Texada Island, on his way South to buy some \$1,500 worth of machinery to place in the mine. Mr. Blewett speaks with enthusiasm of the rich body of ore that was struck a few days ago, and of the progress of the mining of his section. Early in the present week the shaft on the Copper Queen reached a body of rich peacock copper ore running very high in free gold. The ore is the richest that has yet been discovered in the mine, and the ledge is three and a half feet wide. Mr. Blewett believes that a very considerable body of ore has been found and is now on the way south to buy a steam hoist and pump, the management having experienced some difficulty with water, so that a number of men are constantly at work keeping it down. Ore is being taken out in considerable quantities, however, and there is now about 60 tons on the dump. The next shipment of ore will be of about 600 tons, and it is expected that the company will realize over \$12,000 on it. The shipment will go to Everett and San Francisco, but a later one may go to Swansea, Wales.

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illegally paid out from the treasury of the city of Nanaimo at the request of and by the votes of the defendants while members of the municipal council of the city of Nanaimo, and acting in such capacity."

Mr. Thomas Kitchen has on exhibition some samples of ore from the Keystone claim, which is next to the Lorne mine on Texada Island. Mr. Kitchen seems to have struck something very good, for the ore is exceedingly handsome looking, and runs high in both gold and silver. The E. Elst, now down about 10 feet, shows a five-foot ledge, and the hanging wall has not yet been reached.

Twenty-four claims were recorded at the government office for this district last week, of which 21 were from Texada Island, two from Thurlow Island and one from Dunsuir district.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 9.—One hundred tickets are to be sold for the Tarte banquet which is to be held at the Hotel Guichon.

Mr. John Peck is erecting a foundry and machine works in Westminster. Tenders have been invited for the building.

Rev. Father Dautenwill, head of the St. Louis college, was presented yesterday by the students with an address couched in affectionate language and a silver headed cane. Rev. Father Dautenwill is severing his connection with the college.

The executive committee of those interested in dredging the Fraser met last night in Vancouver, Judge Bole presiding, and decided upon the report to be presented to the Hon. Mr. Tarte on his arrival here.

Applications are being received for stock of the Two Friends, a rich silver proposition in the Slokan district. The stock is being placed on the market in Vancouver at 30 cents a share. Mr. E. F. Evans, who returned yesterday from a visit to the mine, reports that the ore now being taken out is richer than any taken out before. Car load shipments from this property have been going forward steadily, but larger shipments will be made as soon as it is possible to commence reworking.

At the fall court of assize Mr. Wm. Templeton was chosen foreman of the grand jury, whose presentment contained a strong recommendation that steps be taken to provide a safe keeping place for prisoners, and also called attention to the unsatisfactory state of affairs caused by the issuing of tickets to serve as currency for small amounts by various canneries in this neighborhood.

His lordship, who thought the matter of the lock-up was one for the mayor and city council to attend to, and promised to speak to the attorney general in regard to the issuance of canny tickets.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, Nov. 9.—Wet weather caused a smaller attendance than usual at the annual meeting of the Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Society on Saturday last. The president, Mr. W. C. Duncan, occupied the chair, and about thirty members were present.

The annual report and balance sheet, which showed substantial progress, were read and adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. H. Maitland-Douglas, president; R. Macgregor and A. Blyth, vice-presidents; G. H. Hadwen, secretary-treasurer; with a committee of ten members.

John McPherson, who recently came down from Cowichan lake, reports that he and his party have built a trail from "the summit" on the Cowichan-Alberni trail to China creek. The new trail is two miles in length and is expected to prove a great convenience to prospectors and others.

Snow is already to be seen on the tops of some of the higher mountains in this district. The dog salmon run is in full blast on the Cowichan river.

Many discoveries of gold bearing quartz ledges have been made, but the result has occurred so far other than collections of vari-colored quartz and rock displayed more or less openly and gleefully.

CHEMUNIS.

P. J. Pearson has just returned from Texada Island, and reports having located some very fine mineral claims. "Howe's bar" was broken into on Friday night and a few bottles of liquor stolen.

Mr. Hargreaves, surveyor, was up here on Friday last laying out a site for the lighthouse on Bare Point.

Yesterday Rev. Mr. Beag, of Victoria, opened the new Methodist church, preaching both morning and evening. The church had only \$170 remaining unpaid when the dedication took place.

On the 5th of November the annual Guy Fawkes performance was held at Veuvus Bay. It consisted of fireworks, balloons, etc., and in the end the burning of Guy Fawkes in effigy.

The importation of hay to Salt Spring Island is greater than usual on account of the shortage this year.

The freighter Eileen is building up considerable trade between Victoria and Salt Spring Island.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

W. G. Neilson, of Beaver, was in the city this week. He has taken a hand in the mining business, and he and T. Downie, of Donald, are just now driving a 75-foot tunnel to crosscut a ledge of blue millling gold rock located close to Beaver. The outcrop yields about \$2.50 to the ton, but the expectation is that it will improve with depth. The ledge is ten feet wide.

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NEW DENVER.

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Evans, McIvor Campbell and the other Vancouver people who have the Corinth group of eight claims under bond intend to push development this winter. All the properties are to be crown granted.

Ernest Evans, of Vancouver, accompanied by his brother Percy, recently from London, was in the Slokan last week. He leaves this week for England on business connected with the Currie group and other properties.

H. W. Forster, M.P., of London, England, has purchased from D. C. Clark, F. P. O'Neil, F. E. Starkey and J. Y. Kessler four-sixths of the Ruth group. There are four claims and one fraction in the group. The names are Ruth, Hope, Despair, Wyoming and Ruth Fraction.

Twenty tons of ore recently shipped from the Two Friends to Tacoma went 276 ounces in silver and 38 per cent lead. This is \$160 a ton more than the freight and shipment cost. Another car of ore will be shipped this week, which will leave 60 tons above ground at the mine. During the winter this property will ship 100 tons a month. The new trail will be finished in a few days. The Two Friends is evidently a bonanza for its owners.

Chief Poudrier and his force of surveyors, at present surveying the land grant for the C. & S. railway, are working in two feet of snow. The line is being run across Silver mountain to the divide between Eight and Ten-Mile creeks, thence easterly towards Kootenay lake.

Charles Sandison has bonded the T. B. and Edmondson to James McDonnell for \$25,000, 10 per cent cash, and the balance on the usual terms. These claims carry gold and silver, and are situated on Ten-Mile creek about three miles from the lake. A 100-foot tunnel will be run as speedily as possible.

The companies working the Wakefield, Thompson and Fisher Maiden groups are in need of a sleigh road so that they can ship ore this winter. The road will be about 150 feet in length and cost about \$2,000. It would run from Silverton to the mouth of Finner creek. Dave Bremner goes to Nelson this week to place the case before Fitzsimmons and ask for government aid in the matter.

The Silver Cup in the Trout Lake district will ship 550 tons of ore this winter, some of which will carry 600 ounces of silver to the ton. If the tunnel now being run should tap the ore expected the shipments will probably exceed the above estimate by 150 tons. The mine owners in Trout Lake say that the output of that section this winter will be 2,000 tons. One thousand tons would probably be nearer the mark.

On Wednesday the whole bottom of the shaft was coming into what seemed to be a solid ore body. There were 14 inches of clear ore, and the remainder was more or less mixed with ore. The clean ore ran \$20 in gold and the mixed ore ran \$14 in gold. The owners believe that the vein they are now working on is one of the veins which come from the Le Roi.

The main tunnel of the Josie is within 30 feet of the big ore chute opened in the east tunnel and 130 feet lower. It is being rapidly driven and will no doubt cut the big ore chute soon. When this is done the Josie will have a great deal of valuable ore in sight.

Wilson McKinnon and James A. Jones have returned to Rossland from a prospecting trip through the Salmon River country. They located two claims within a couple of miles of the Spokane Belle, Mr. Corbin's property. Mr. McKinnon, who brought down some beautiful samples of croppings, reports work progressing favorably on the Good Hope, Mr. Corbin's property.

The output of Rossland's mines for the month of October was the largest for any month up to date. Provided the Red Mountain railroad gets into operation this month the total for November will be much higher. Following are the October shipments from the principal mines to the Trail smelter: Le Roy, 3400 tons; War Eagle, 1,240; Evening Star, 27; Poorman, 120; Josie, 225; miscellaneous, 25; total, 5,037. Shipments to outside points, including Nelson, amounted to about 60 tons. This ore was worth on the average \$35 per ton, so that the value of the output for October was over \$175,000.

A four-fifths interest in the Giant has been sold for \$100,000. The purchasers are Chester Thorne, George Terrell and others, of Tacoma. The Giant is surrounded by the Novelti on the east, California on the south, Little Darling and Coxe on the west, and Edna on the north. The ground is traversed by two great ledges and probably a number of smaller ones. One of these big ledges runs from east to west across the claim near the centre and is supposed to be one of the ledges which form the great War Eagle vein. It has been opened almost clear across the claim by a series of surface cuts which show it to be from six to 20 feet wide. This enormous capping assays \$2 to \$4 in gold per ton and is believed to form a competent ledge, and cover one of the greatest ore bodies in the camp.

Rossland, Nov. 10.—Numerous inquiries have been received from Toronto and other points in Ontario relative to the Little Bess company. The company owns the Little Bess adjoining the Hilltop on the east and the R. E. Lee on the south. The prospect is a promising one and the Rossland parties having it in hand are responsible and competent mining men.

Developments in the south belt are again attracting much attention. The Mayflower shows in the lower workings thirty inches of ore which averages over \$100 per ton. On the adjoining claim, the Red Eagle, a surface cut has exposed nearly three feet of ore, from which assays as high as \$250 a ton have been obtained. Mayflower stock has advanced on account of heavy local buying. The Silver Bell, which in the south belt, continues to give good results as the work progresses. Like the Mayflower, its principal values are in silver, though both carry some gold. The Red Eagle runs better in gold than silver.

It is stated on good authority, that Mr. Heinze has decided to treat lead ores as well as the Rossland gold copper ores in his smelter at Trail.

The project of building another section of the Columbia and Western railway from Trail to Robson is under consideration and Mr. Heinze may decide to begin in a few days. This section of the road would give access to the Arrow Lakes which are open to steamboat navigation all the year.

The Leap Year group on Rover creek has been turned over by Peterson, Johnson & Co. to J. C. Belton, of London, Ont., for \$18,000 on a bond. This property consists of two claims on Rover creek about four miles from the Kootenay river, and about eighty-seven miles from Nelson. Though nothing but surface work in the shape of open cuts has yet been undertaken it has proved up a ledge of sulphide ore 13 feet wide, with no hanging wall yet in sight. The ore is nearly a solid pyrrhotite and assays astonishingly for surface ore. Assays up to \$44 total values have been obtained and several average samples gave returns of over \$80 per ton.

The Delacota shaft is down 40 feet and shows about two feet of ore in the bottom. The grade is steadily improving in both gold and copper values. The shaft will be put down to the 100-foot level before any crosscutting or drifting is done.

The Mascot looks as if it would be another Kootenay. There are five and a half feet of beautiful ore in the shaft and the face of the tunnel continues to be in solid ore. The ore in the shaft is more mixed with quartz and of better grade. The ore is valued at \$12 at the bottom of a shallow cut. The ledge is very wide and there is every indication that a solid ore body will be uncovered in a short time.

The shaft on the Red Mountain is looking finer than ever. There are at least twenty inches of fine copper ore on the hanging wall. The shaft is now down over forty feet and all doubt as to the continuity of the ore body has disappeared. Every effort is being concentrated on the establishment of the new compressor plant which has arrived at Northport. It is hoped the drills will be running by the 20th.

The Silver Bell in the south belt promise has been found on the ledge and it has been found to be about twenty feet wide, with more or less rich ore all the way across. Much of the ore is a solid pyrrhotite, and assays for gold and silver and lead of over \$100 a ton. Assays, made October 25, ran \$120 in gold, \$68.14 in silver and \$38.30 in lead—total, \$103.14.

An important strike has been made on the Anderson Fraction, a piece of ground surrounded by the California, White Bear, Black Bear and San Francisco. The shaft is now down nearly forty feet.

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GOOD TIMES COMING.

More Gold in Circulation—Hoarded Wealth Finding Its Way to the Banks.

Business Revival in New England and Pennsylvania, and Thence Throughout the Country.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The banks are contemplating the resumption of specie payments suspended in February, 1892, by the refusal to supply gold for export and for the payment of government dues. That action threw the burden of supplying gold upon the treasury, and eventually forced the issue of bonds by the government, which aroused so much complaint. Since the election metal has been coming into the banks in such floods that they see the way clear to what can be termed a resumption of specie payments. By this action of the banks, gold will be put into circulation, and no reason whatever will exist for hoarding it. They will also resume the task of supplying gold for export, and thus relieve the treasury of a great strain.

Bids on \$16,000,000 8½ per cent. gold bonds for the New York treasury were opened to-day in the comptroller's office. It is understood that the amount was largely overbid. There were 185 proposals received, all from leading bankers, representing a premium ranging from 1 to 5 per cent.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The treasury yesterday lost \$27,000 in gold coin and \$21,200 in bars, which leaves the true amount of the reserve \$121,526,364. The net gain in gold to-day at New York and San Francisco was \$1,034,700. The resources of the treasury are being severely taxed to meet the demand for paper notes of all denominations in exchange for gold. In many cases the gold holders ask the United States notes of large denominations in exchange. The latter are as valuable for reserve as is the gold, but they express a willingness to accept Sherman notes, or if necessary silver certificates, if the government is unable to furnish the United States notes. The demand for large denominations is not imperative, the principal thing being to get paper money.

Reports from all parts of the country tend to show that nearly all of the gold withdrawn during the last seven weeks was for the purpose of hoarding, and now that the supposed danger is past the gold is being offered at the several sub-treasuries, is being deposited in banks and so is finding its way into the government coffers. The fact that offers are so great that in New York at least the assistant treasurer has been compelled to refuse gold until such time as he was able to handle it and in a number of instances currency has been shipped from one sub-treasury to another to meet the usual demands.

The reserve yesterday passed the \$120,000,000 point, and the officials have no doubt that it will reach a much higher figure before the close of the year. The increase in business generally predicted, it is believed, will result in greatly increased receipts from customs and internal revenue, so that the present treasury deficit is likely to be reduced to something before the inauguration of Mr. McKinley.

Bristol, Conn., Nov. 10.—The business revival is felt here, and the most notable instance of it is found at the works of the Bristol Brass and Clock Co. Beginning last night the factory will run over-time. This course is found necessary to fill orders which have been received.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Nov. 10.—The big silk mills of the Cheney Bros. began their new schedule yesterday. The works have been running at a reduced time for more than three years. The change affects 2,500 employees.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 10.—The Chesapeake mill works have resumed their 200 men, after an idleness of three months. The Lochiel rolling mills pudding plant and the plate mill at the Paxton rolling mills also resumed, as did the Dauphin bridge works. This plant has been closed for some time.

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