

NOT A MINING BROKER.

If you want to buy shares in a mining company, go to a mining broker, and not to the president of the company. This is the lesson which an English capitalist learned the other day. He had heard of a certain mine, and desired to make an investment. He was informed that Mr. — was president of the mine, and called upon that gentleman in his office. The president received the capitalist with an astonishing amount of pomposity, and asked if he mistook him for a mining broker. "No." was the sharp retort; "I mistook you for a gentleman."

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES.

Men who carry quartz around to offices should be able to remember the rock they carry. A few weeks ago an amateur prospector, full of zeal but not of knowledge, called upon a mining broker, and exhibited some quartz which he considered "the best stuff" which a certain district produced. A price was asked for the claim, and the quartz left as a sample. Next day the prospector called with more samples from another piece. During the conversation the broker produced the first specimen and asked the prospector what he thought about it.

"I don't consider it worth much. Don't touch it."

"Guess you're right," replied the broker: "I got it from you."

A CLOSE CALL.

Billy Innis and his partner, a man named Ross, have been prospecting for some time in the vicinity of Cooper creek. On Thursday week Ross, in climbing around the face of a cliff, out upon a narrow ledge of rock, found further progress impossible. He attempted to retrace his steps, but found he could not turn without falling, and below him was a sheer drop of almost 2,000 feet. His awful position unnerved the man, and he clung to the rocks helpless. Calls for help brought his partner; but he, having no rope, was as helpless as the man on the cliff.

Innis went for help. He had a long journey, the nearest available assistance being at Gallop's camp, on Howser lake; and when the unfortunate prospector was rescued, he had been sixteen hours in his perilous position on the cliff. He was half frozen and nearly famished, and could not have held out much longer.

Mr. William Jordan is back from Harrison lake, where he secured a claim.

Mr. J. J. C. Chambers, a well known prospector, has left on important mining business.

Mr. R. MacPherson, M.P.P., left on Thursday for the Kootenay country on a prospecting tour. He expects to be absent for at least two months.

Mrs. H. Grilove, wife of the popular proprietor of the Oriental hotel, arrived in the city on Thursday from Ontario. She is delighted with Vancouver and will make her home here.

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