A BIG CORPS OF RANGERS

Will be Sent by the Ontario Government TO WAHNAPITAE DISTRICT

To Make an Inspection of the Mines and Timber There.

This is in Answer to a Petition From the Sudbury Council—Ontario Coal Burning in a Stove in Toronto—What The London (Eng.) Mining Journal Thinks of Rainy River and Lake of the Woods—British Columbia Mining Laws Criticized in England—General Mining News.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Sudbury have petitioned the Ontario Government for a grant of $2000 to complete the road from their town to the Wahnapitae gold fields. As the town itself has manifested interest enough to spend a considerable sum on the road, the Commissioner of Crown Lands decided to send a corps of rangers to inspect the timber and mines in the district.

SUDBURY COAL.

It Burns Satisfactorily in a Stove at Campbell, Currie & Co.'s Office.

It appears that Capt. Currie has the laugh on the geologists concerning the burning properties of Algoma coal, for yesterday the front office of Campbell, Currie & Co. on Yonge-street was warmed from a Gurney Countess stove in which Ontario coal burned steadily all day long, and hundreds of people who had seen the announcement in yesterday's World that the coal would be there, called and were apparently satisfied that it is coal all right, and coal that will burn, too.

Capt. Currie states that this is coal from the surface, the same as examined by geologists, and for a few days it will be burned in his office in order that the people may see and be convinced.

The carload that arrived on Saturday night has been distributed liberally among those interested in the mine. Development will be carried on all winter, and coal laid down in Toronto at $3 a ton is, Capt. Currie says, a strong possibility of the near future.

ST. PAUL TUNNEL ENLARGED.

The Contract Was Confirmed Yesterday for Another 200 Feet.

Supt. Moynahan of the St. Paul mine, Rossland, wired Capt. Currie, secretary of the company, that the main tunnel is now in 30 feet, and advising the letting of a contract to carry on the tunnel 200 feet further on the ledge. The contract was confirmed yesterday, and work will go on immediately. Mr. Moynahan expects this will put the mine in shape to produce pay ore. This mine is altogether a tunnel proposition, and can be worked for five years before an expensive plant or pumps have to be put in.

LAKE OF THE WOODS

Should Take a Leading Place Amongst the Gold Producing Countries.

The London, Eng., Mining Journal says editorially regarding the gold fields of Western Ontario: "By a strange coincidence, barely had the world awakened to the knowledge that British Columbia, the Pacific Province of the Dominion of Canada, contains valuable deposits of gold, when reports of discoveries of the precious metal in the remote western district of Ontario began to be circulated. How well authenticated were these rumors, and how important the results promise to be to the Province of Ontario, may be judged from a perusal of the official report recently published by the Department of Crown Lands. At the instigation of the Bureau of Mines, Prof. Coleman, geologist and mineralogist, devoted a portion of the summer to a trip through what was reported to be the gold-bearing district. The report referred to sets forth the results of a careful examination of the leading mines and claims encountered during a journey of nearly 700 miles. A perusal of the pamphlet cannot fail to convince that if such valuable discoveries have already been made in a remote and almost unexplored district, the development of the country which has now commenced, and which will be speedily followed by the advent of means of locomotion, now wholly lacking, should result in the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River taking a leading place amongst the world's gold-producing countries."

ROUGH ON LEGISLATORS.

What The London (Eng.) Mining Journal's B.C. Correspondent thinks of Them.

London Mining Journal.

After investing a good many millions in West Australia, the speculators are beginning to find that the mining laws of that torrid colony are "unbearable." In British Columbia we suffer considerably from an incapable Ministry. There are absolutely no party divisions, and, as the gentlemen who form Her Majesty's Opposition in this province have not given signs of possessing a grain more of ability than those who sit in office, it does not appear that the suffering miner is at all likely to obtain any relief if a change of Government should take place. An instance showing how mining and other legislation is conducted in this province occurred last session. A mineral bill had been drafted and passed through its initial stages, and it was in good shape to make a decent act. During the last day or two of the session, when bills were being slaughtered wholesale, and business generally was being violently rushed along, the Attorney-General comes down at 12 o'clock at night with some important amendments to the mineral bill, and there and then gets them inserted, and the bill passed, without giving the mining members, much less the mining community, a moment to consider them.

In spite of this, however, we are a good deal better off than West Australians. The laws are liberal in the extreme, and if some points in them are inexplicable and others contradictory, they aim at giving the poor man an equal chance with the rich, and enable him to acquire at a small cost a sufficient mining area.

The main outlines of British Columbia mining laws are as follows: Everyone engaged in mining is compelled to have a license, known in Australia as a miner's right. The fee for this is $5 per annum. Failure to renew the license on or before the day it runs out involves a forfeiture of all mining property, except such as is held under a Crown grant. Provided with this license the free miner, as he is termed, may wander where he pleases and stake out claims of 1500 feet square, nearly 52 acres, but he is not permitted to locate more than one claim on each separate vein or lode. If he desires to stake out a claim on private lands he has to put up security for any damage he may do to the owner thereof through his working. Having staked out a claim he must record it at the Recorder's office within 15 days, with an allowance of one day extra for every 10 miles distance from the Record office. The fee for this record is $2.50 (10s). Having recorded his claim he becomes the holder of a lease over it, which requires $100 worth (£20) of work every year to hold it. When a group of adjoining claims is held in partnership, the yearly assessment work for all the claims may, with the consent of the Gold Commissioner, be done on any one of them. When five years' work has been done—that is, when $500 (£100) altogether has been expended on the property, the holder becomes entitled to a Crown grant of it. He has, however, to pay, in addition, the cost of the survey, which varies, of course, with different claims, but may be roughly estimated at $250 (£50). The law permits a miner to pay the value of his yearly assessment into the Record office, instead of doing the work on the property, and as the value of the five years' work may be paid all at once, there is nothing to prevent a Crown grant being issued at once, except the time necessary to make a survey of the claim. A further protection is granted to the miner, who may not desire to pay up all his assessments at once, by clause 28 of the Act, which provides that "no irregularity happening previous to the date of the record of the last certificate of work shall affect the title, and it shall be assumed that up to that date the title to such claims was perfect, except upon suit by the Attorney-General, based upon fraud." This clause was inserted to put a stop to all the tricks of the claim jumper, and it was badly wanted. The owner of a mineral claim is entitled to "all surface rights, including the use of all timber thereon for mining and building purposes in connection with the working of the said claim, so long as he holds the said claim, for the purpose of developing the minerals contained therein, but no longer."

Such is the gist of the mining laws of the province so far as they relate to quartz mining, and it may fairly be said that they are liberal in the extreme. Put shortly, a mineral claim of 52 acres can be bought right out for £150.

THE GOLDEN CACHE.

A Wonderfully Rich Free Milling Proposition Near Lillooet.

One of British Columbia's really great prospects, the Golden Cache mine, was only discovered and located last spring, and is situated about 13 miles up Cayuse Creek from the town of Lillooet, on the Fraser River, which in its turn, is 60 miles from Ashcroft, on the main line of the C. P. R. The holdings of the Golden Cache Company, which is a Vancouver concern, consist of five claims. The Golden Cache itself is the most valuable, as well as the most interesting, of these properties.

The company owning the property has decided on a comprehensive scheme of development. A crosscut tunnel will be started about 100 feet below the outcrop of the vein. This will give a depth on the dip of the vein of 500 feet. Upraised every 50 or 100 feet to the ledge will enable stopes to be opened as fast as the tunnel is driven ahead. A tramway will be built from the mouth of the tunnel to the mill site on the creek, and a 10-stamp mill will be erected at once.

Stock in the company was originally put on the market at par and is now selling at 100 and 125 per cent. premium. It is quoted at $2 to $2.25 per share. Messrs. Gooderham, Blackstock and Hastings have about $50,000 invested in the company.

Shipping for a Mill Test.

Rat Portage, Dec. 21.—Operations will be commenced right away on the Cronyn property, lately acquired by an English syndicate. The property is located near the Scramble mine. Something under 30 tons of ore will be brought from Cormucopia for the purpose of obtaining a mill test of this rich property at the local reduction works. At present it looks as if this was to become one of the richest things in the district.

A Boom for Ainsworth.

Ainsworth, B. C., Dec. 21.—This town is expecting great activity during the coming spring. The opening of a new camp, which is reported very rich, and the extensive development of a large number of the old properties, are the two causes for this expected impetus to the mining business and of the influx of miners.

Ore Collecting Mania.

The ore gathering craze is gaining momentum in Spokane, and bids fair to exceed in point of importance the mania for collecting coins or postage stamps so prevalent a few years ago. At all events this mania will have more intrinsic value to the collector, as every piece of ore put carefully away has some value. One collection, the property of Mr. W. J. Harris, is said to be worth thousands of dollars.

Good Reports From Chandos.

The Belleville Intelligencer says: "Mr. James Tulloch, on his return last Saturday, reported having discovered in the Townships of Chandos and Lake some of the best veins he has ever seen. Up to the time of his return he had bonded over 3000 acres of mineral land. He has secured nearly all the lands surrounding the Chandos Copper Co.'s property, and shows some elegant samples of copper. He says he is satisfied that this is as good a mining country as is to be found on the continent, and he has had considerable experience in that line."

The Big Slide Mine.

The Kelley Creek Gold Mining and Milling Company of British Columbia, (limited) have taken over the Big Slide mine in the Lillooet district and issued a handsome prospectus. The capital stock is $1,000,000, divided into shares of the par value of $1 each, all stock fully paid up and non-assessable, and the first issue of 100,000 shares of development stock is offered to the public at 15 cents in blocks of not less than 100 shares.

VICTORY-TRIUMPH.

Mr. D.B. Bogle Talks About the New Find in Rossland District.

A representative of The World interviewed Mr. D. G. Bogle at the Queen's yesterday on the Victory-Triumph, a new company he is bringing out. Mr. Bogle is one of the pioneers of West Kootenay, and his reputation as a conservative and prudent mining man stands high.

"I suppose you are interested in a number of mining properties in West Kootenay, Mr. Bogle?"

"Yes, I have been in that country a number of years, and have acquired a large number of interests there."

"I understand you are prominently connected with the Victory-Triumph Gold Mining Company?"

"Yes, I secured the property, and organized the company."

"You have a good name, anyway."

"The name is a pure accident. It happens to be the name of the two mining claims purchased by the company. But I think the property will justify the name. When I first saw it I made up my mind that it was the best thing anywhere in the district that I knew of, and endeavored to secure it. I was able finally to get it, although I paid a big price for it; not more, however, than the showing justified."

"I suppose you have come down here to get capital to put into it?"

"Yes, but the promoters of the company, besides buying the property, have spent quite a little money in development already, and are still at work opening up the property."

"Has the property improved under development?"

"To this extent, that while we had good ore on the surface on the Triumph, we had no great body of rich ore. It was very much mixed up with shale. We sank only four feet, however, when the ore became clean, and we have now, I understand from my latest telegrams, four feet of rich payore at a depth of 15 feet. How much more there is, I don't know. The ledge is enormously wide, and, of course, we have not crosscut it yet. We will not till we get down 50 or perhaps 100 feet. Some of our ore goes as high as 30 per cent. copper. It does not carry very high values in gold, about $4, possibly, per ton."

"Then it is a copper mine you have?"

"I suppose so. There is high-grade gold ore in the ledge, but the main value is in copper in the bulk of the ore."

"Is copper of any value out there?"

"Is what?" said Mr. Bogle. "Why, man, Heinze has been importing copper ore from Butte for smelting purposes, and the smelters that are turning out copper matte are paying a premium for pyritic copper ore."

"What do you mean by a premium?"

"A premium varies from giving the miner a reduced rate to transporting and treating his ore for nothing."

"Can you get your ore treated for nothing?"

"I don't say that. But there will be lively competition for this ore among the smelters. If this new smelter at Northport is built it will be very convenient to our mine, and that smelter will be only too glad to deal with us. If there are, as I think there are, a number of good copper deposits on Sophie Mountain, its development will be remarkably rapid, and will do much to assist the cheap treatment of other Trail Creek ores. But, wait a minute before you ask me anything else, I want to tell you that we have struck good ore on the Victory also since we started work."

"Why, you must have a bonanza?"

"A prospective bonanza. I can't see further into the ground than anybody else. I will talk about having a bonanza when I have a million dollars worth of ore in sight."

"What price are you selling your stock at?"

"Ten cents a share."

"Well, do you believe your property to be worth a hundred thousand dollars?"

"Hold on a minute; you're going too fast. We have 250,000 shares in the treasury. When I sell that stock at ten cents I value my interests at $75,000, do I not? But until some of it is sold I own it all. Therefore, I value the property at $75,000."

"But a buyer gets stock at the rate of $100,000?"

"Pardon me, he does not. He buys an interest at $100,000 after his money has been spent in development. He gets a share in the property, and a share in the value in the development of 25 per cent. of the stock. Apart from that, however, I believe the property as it stands to be worth one hundred thousand dollars. But value won't do development work. That needs money. Therefore, we must sell stock."

"Your company, then, is not one of those Trail Creek fakes we hear about?"

"I think there are fewer 'fakes' around Trail Creek than people think. But that is a side issue. I never associate myself with anything I won't back up with my name and reputation and money. Times have been too hard in the west for the last few years for anybody to be overflowing with ready money except a very few who have been exceptionally lucky, but a good deal of my own is in Victory-Triumph. If it were a failure it should be the heaviest loser by long odds. It will be no failure, however. I think it is the best stock floated this year among many good ones. The people who buy it will get a square deal. If there is not a great big mine there I am ready to get out of the business and try something else where a man is not liable to ruin himself and be called a thief besides. But I am talking too much. Only people seldom give mining men who are in legitimate mining enough credit for acting in good faith, nor do they realize the immense responsibility towards investors which weighs on them all the time."

BACK TO THE WEST.

Western Manager of B. C. Gold Fields Co. Leaves for Rossland.

After a short visit to Toronto, the western manager of the British Canadian Gold Fields Company returns to the Pacific province.

Speaking of his company, Mr. Cuthbert said:

"I am simply astounded at the magnificent success achieved by our company."

"To what do you attribute your remarkable success?"

"Well, to three causes: First, we started out with a sound legitimate proposition on legitimate principles, and we were able to put our system before the public in a business-like manner. Secondly, o the excellent management and tact of our eastern manager, Mr. C. B. Murray. He has worked hard and conscientiously and has been the backbone of the company in this city. He has had at his back a provisional directorate that, above all things, realized their responsibility to the public, and they have worked in a very self-sacrificing manner to bring about the present happy condition of things. Thirdly, to the fact that we lost no time in getting to work in the west, and that we secured some most excellent properties at very low figures. In addition to all this we gave the first shareholders the chance to get into a good thing at a low price. We wished them to reap the benefits of future success. We are doing that even now. Our stock is worth 50 cents, but we sell a portion at 25 cents, and then raise to 40 and then to 50 cents, and so on, giving those who wish to come in a chance."

"What are your prospects for the future?"

"Well, I will tell you; we are going to be the largest and soundest mining corporation in Canada. Look at our list of directors; look at the valuable properties we have, and what they cost us; look at the large amount of cash capital we have, and if you could only once, just once, look behind the scenes, and see the deals we have on hand, especially in the brokerage department, you would think the prospects all right. I can tell you this, that I had $25,000 offered me for a block of my stock, and refused it."

"Do you expect to place any mines on the market as brokers?"

"Well, that depends. We are making enquiries about two or three propositions, and if we are satisfied that they are as represented, we will put the best thing on the market that has ever been placed here, next to our own company. The shares will not be less than 25 cents, but the whole issue will be sold in a week. 'Where is it?' Cannot say anything more about it, but it will be a daisy."

The Zilor.

Rossland Mining Review, Dec. 2.

This mine, which has lately passed into the hands of a strong company composed of local and eastern Canadian men, held a meeting yesterday, and elected their first officers: J. B. McArthur, president; T. Price Gower, treasurer and secretary, and H. Stevenson, manager.

The manager was directed to start work at once on the property. Supplies for active work and a force of five men left town this morning to begin work, which will be pusned forward all winter. On the property there has already been spent over $4000 in development work, consisting of three shafts, 30, 40 and 65 feet deep respectively.

Two of these shafts, 40 feet and 65 feet, have ore on the vein for the entire depth, and show ore from top to bottom. The other work consists of open cuts and pits disclosing the vein, and one stripping, 70 feet long, on the course of the vein, showing two feet of ore its entire length, from which samples have run $39.60 in gold, silver and lead.

The present 65-foot shaft will be sunk to the 100-foot level, and then machinery will be put in and another 100 feet sunk, and levels run at the 100 and at the 200. These levels will all be on the vein in the ore bodies and the ground blocked out for stoping; then when this is done, shipping will begin, as the ore can then be more cheaply extracted. The property is very advantageously situated for shipping facilities, being only 1200 feet from the railroad, connected by a wagon road. There is lots of water, Trail Creek crossing the claim, and abundance of timber on the ground for all purposes.

Mr. L. Edward Suckling, northeast cor. King and Yonge-streets, Toronto, has been appointed official broker for the "Zilor," and all information regarding this mine can be obtained at his office.

HAWK BAY LOOKS WELL.

A Winter Road Now Open to the Mine—Ontario's Gold.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Mr. W. A. Harvey is in town from the Hawk Bay mine, of which he has charge. In an interview to-day he reports the showing as being exceptionally good, the shaft being down over forty feet, the vein in the bottom being three feet in width, and the quartz carrying coarse and assaying remarkably well. Mr. Harvey says he considers the Hawk Bay fully as good as the Saw Bill mine when it had this amount of development, and expresses the opinion that with the same amount of ground opened up it will rank equally as well as the Saw Bill does to-day. A winter road is now cut to Hawk Bay, and the first team was started for the mine with supplies. The hoisting machinery now necessary to properly equip the mine can be forwarded immediately.

Mr. W. C. Doble, a mining man of large experience, has just returned from visiting the Empress mine at Jackfish Bay on Lake Superior. He reports the work progressing nicely there, and it will go still faster in a day or two, when the compressor is in shape.

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