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Items of Interest

H. M. S. Rapid recently called at Cairns, in Northern Queensland, a town with a large Chinese population, amongst whom a boisterous party of blue-jackets from the war ship ran riot, when on shore leave, with the result that a bill for £125 damages was forwarded to the captain, together with the following explanatory letter:

Misser Captain,—What for you send him sala man along my fellow countryman shop, smash em window, steal em hat, blake em door. What for your sala man blakeem window, window no lun away. My countryman want blake em sala man. Sala man lun away. Window more better sala man. I get your countryman makem bill longa you. Suppose you no pay him, me telle your Missie Queen. She no pay, me tell em my Emperor. You look out, suppose she no pay him bill God Save em Queen no more. No more Chinaman callem Queen good fellow. Good bye Misser Captain, hope you no cachee seasick.

It is interesting to note the value of the Anaconda smelter to a mining camp such as Butte, which treated in 12 months 1,441,000 tons of ore, yielding

124,418,000 pounds of copper, 5,074,098 ounces of silver and 16,610 ounces of gold. Cost of labor, etc., six and one-quarter millions of dollars. The whole amount done amounts, it appears, to twenty-two and a half millions. It is understood another smelter is to be erected at Anaconda by a wealthy company, who will operate as largely as the original concern. The entire pay-roll of the Anaconda numbers 6,000 men.

It may not be out of place to outline the process of smelting, which consists, first, in washing the ore, jigging, to carry off the waste or tailings, and then crushing for the furnaces, where the ore is melted, skimmed, then run into water and cooled. This is termed copper matte. These processes are continued from one furnace to another. Lastly, come the huge furnaces, where the men watch the rising fumes of sulphur, telling by the color of the smoke when the right condition is reached, after which the dumping or pouring into moulds, from which comes the copper bar, 9.99 per cent. pure copper.

At last legislation has decided to regulate the working hours per day of metalliferous miners, and wisely enforces an eight-hour system. This, together with the lifting of the license from the miner, is a very politic stroke on the part of the Government.

It is satisfactory to note that brains associated with the necessary backing has produced such encouraging results in the development of the Dorothy Morton mine. This is a practical exemplification of the fact that we have the making of mines on the Coast provided the work is directed by practical men. We hope the Dorothy Morton will prove to the Coast what the Le Roi has been and is to the Kootenay.

LATEST POINTS.

Bank Rate, 3 per cent. Open market rate, three months' bank bills, 2 per cent. Silver, 27 7-16d. per oz. (bars) standard. Copper, £73 per ton. Pig iron, 54s. 8d. Tin, £106 10s. Lead, £14 7s. 6d. Consols, 111 1-8xd. Canada Three and a-Half per Cent., 106 1-2. British Columbia Three Per Cent. Inscribed stock, 98. Canadian Pacific Railway shares, 91 3-8. Bank of British Columbia. Bank of British North America, 64. Bank of Montreal, 510. Hudsons Bay, 21 1-2.

At the time of going to print copper has taken another jump to £75. 10s., making an advance of £2 10s. since February 17th.

INCORPORATED DIVIDEND PAYING MINES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Names of Mines.	No. shares.	Capital Stock.	Par Val.	Am't of last Div.	Date of last Dividend.	Total paid on Dividends.	Minerals Produced.
Cariboo	800,000	800,000	\$1.00	\$ 02	August, 1898	\$236,964G.
Fern	200,000	200,000	1.00	05	January, 1898	\$110,000S. L.
Hall Mines Co	250,000	1,250,000	5.00	25	May, 1898	\$160,000G. S. C. L.
Idaho	500,000	2,500,000	5.00	05	May, 1898	\$261,000S. L.
Le Roi	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.00	10	April, 1898	\$775,000G.
Rambler-Cariboo	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.00	02	April, 1897	\$40,000C.
Reco	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.00	10	January, 1898	\$287,000S. C.
Slocan Star	2,000,000	1,000,000	50	05	March, 1897	\$350,000S. L. G.
War Eagle	200,000	1,000,000	1.00	1 1/2	October, 1898	\$100,500G.
Whitewater	125,000	1,625,000	5.00	32	April, 1898	\$194,000C.

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