DEVELOPMENT IN ONTARIO

The Big Operations of One Company Alone.

HEADQUARTERS IN TORONTO

Crown Lands Inspector Margach Visits Manitou Lake.

The Country, He Says, is Full of Prospectors—Fifteen Gold Bricks Were the Product of the Last Mill Run of the Foley Mine—The Boom in North Hastings—Properties Being Opened Up—Ontario Mining News.

To give the public an idea of the extent to which the mineral resources of Northwestern Ontario are to be developed this season, the operations undertaken by one corporation alone, with headquarters in Toronto, and no stock to sell, may be noted. The syndicate referred to is the Toronto and Western Mines Development Company (Limited). At a meeting of the directors of this corporation, which is a very strong one, held on Thursday afternoon, it was decided to begin at once to open up a number of the company's properties. Work was started last week on 395 X, near Saw Bill Lake, on which a central camp has been established. This property lies immediately across the Seine River from the Hammond dyke. A branch camp will also open up 412 X, known as the Maple Leaf property. Both properties are in line with the Hammond dyke and carry similar quartz. Another camp will open up work on 504 X, northeast of the Saw Bill mine. In the Shoal Lake field the company own locations covering about 500 acres, abutting against the Mikado mine location. One of these locations, D 411, will be opened up. A camp will also be established on M H 61, Shoal Lake, and operations will be started on M H 76 and M H 77, small islands upon which promising veins occur. Preliminary operations on D 394, Shoal Lake, will also be undertaken.

The company has been in readiness for some time to commence work, having secured valuable holdings of mining property, and the necessary capital through the sale of its entire original capital stock, but awaited the breaking up of the ice in the northern lakes before making a start. Active work will now be undertaken. Mr. Frederick Wyld is the president of the company and many prominent financial men throughout the province are stockholders. The company proposes to open up properties and organize mining companies when, on extended development, it is found that any given properties give sufficient promise of making successful mines.

ON THE MANITOU.

District is Full of Prospectors—Dam to Raise Lake Waters.

Mr. William Margach, Crown Lands Inspector at Rat Portage, has just returned from a trip to Manitou Lake, where he put on fire rangers for the season. Fires are already becoming dangerous in that locality on account of the large extent of dry timber. While there he went out with 20 men to put a dam at the foot of the Manitou, so as to raise the water of that lake in order to render the Manitou Narrows navigable for steamers.

To a Miner reporter Mr. Margach said the Manitou country was full of prospectors from Rainy Lake to the C. P. R., and there was considerable travel from Wabigoon. Four steamers are now running on Wabigoon Lake from the C. P. R. to Grassy Portage. They make daily trips, leaving Wabigoon at 7 o'clock and Grassy Portage at 12 noon.

The portage from Wabigoon Lake south is being cut out and graded so as to be made available for the transportation of heavy freight. The boiler and machinery for the new steamer being built for Manitou Lake traffic are lying at Wabigoon, to be taken across this portage. The steamer is expected to be completed very soon, and connections will be made with a stage on the portage, connecting with the Wabigoon steamers.

There are complaints about the carelessness of prospectors in not completely extinguishing their fires, from which bush fires result. In case of criminal neglect, severe measures may have to be taken.

Fifteen Bricks From the Foley.

Wyatt & Co., Canada Life Building, have received word by wire from the Foley Mines Company that 15 gold bricks, being the product of the last mill run, have just been forwarded from Rat Portage direct to Toronto, where they are expected to arrive early next week, and will be on exhibition at their offices for a day before being re-shipped to the mint in New York.

DOWN IN HASTINGS.

New Discoveries of Mineral Deposits Reported From Eastern Ontario.

Last week Mr. John Eagleson of Madoc gave an option on the mineral rights of his property, lot 23, in the 10th concession of Madoc, to D. E. K. Stewart for $5000, of which sum $300 was paid down in cash. The vein in this property is free milling. This deal is vouched for by The North Hastings Review.

A fine specimen of sulphurate quartz has been gotten from lot 25 in the third concession of Madoc, owned by the Hungerford Company.

Mr. W. McMechan, e 1-2 lot 6, 9th concession of Madoc, a few days ago found a very promising-looking mineral on his place. The surface samples show a grade of ore very much like the rich specimens taken near Eagleson place. Mr. McMechan will "open" his mine in a short time and see what there is in it.

Alex. Glover has a promising-looking free-gold quartz vein on lot 10 in the 10th concession of Madoc.

Some good samples have been taken from lot 29, 7th concession, by Sam G. Fraser.

William Wright is opening up a good prospect on his property on lot 29, in the 5th concession, near the old Richardson mine.

Hugh McIntosh is opening up a vein on his farm northwest of Madoc village.

John Conley has a vein of mispickel near Glen Lewis.

Jacob Pringle reports an enormous find lately on some Government lands in the northeast corner of Tudor. Application was at once made for the lots, and all those were secured on which the vein runs. The quantity is assured if the quality turns out all right.

A fine sample of galena was shown The North Hastings Review this week by Mr. O. R. Sprague. It comes from Frontenac, and assays 240oz. of silver and about $60 of lead to the ton, besides a little gold. Mr. Sprague will commence work on this property in a few days, taking men and material from Madoc for this purpose.

Expensive Living in the Rand.

No wonder that the conditions on the Rand are considered unfavorable to white labor. A frugal Natal working man settled there received £75 for the last quarter of 1896. His household consisted of himself, wife and child. The wife baked the bread they consumed, and washed the family linen. They had no servant, only occasional Kafir assistance, for which the remuneration averaged 5s a week. Out of the total amount £26 went to rent, £11 8s 6d in grocery, £4 13s for meat, £4 10s for fruit and vegetables, while milk, butter and eggs cost £7. About £6 to £7 was left for emergencies, doctor's bills, traveling expenses, and so on. This in the face of rigorous economy practised by a Natal family, who presumably know how to make both ends meet far better than raw Britishers. The prospect is not an alluring one.

METHODIST EXAMINATIONS.

List of the Probationers Who Were Successful in Passing the Recent Conference Examinations.

The Toronto Methodist Conference examinations for the past year have resulted as follows:

Five years' course completed—T G McAteer, 75 per cent. average of five years; W J Tribble, 70 per cent.; J G Rogers, 73 per cent.; A R Sanderson, 73 per cent.; J J Sparling, 60 per cent.; W E Baker, 66 per cent.; J B Freeburg, 53 per cent.

Third year (nine subjects)—T W Neal and P A Macdonald, in all; R A Spencer, in seven and in two of second year; C Lawrence, in seven and in two of second year; T G Barlow, in five and in two of second year; J W Fox, in six, and in one of first year.

Second year (nine subjects)—T R White, C A Belfry, W G Evans, A F McKenzie, E Crockett, A McNeil and E Baker, in eight; R H Brett, in all; W H Webster, in six and in two of first year; R J McGhee, in three and in one of third year; J W Buley, in seven.

First year (nine subjects)—John A Petch, V R Hart, C.B., in all; E J Baker, in seven; J Waugh, in four; Frank B Stafford, in seven; P M Peacock, in five.

Preliminary—W A Sinclair, matriculant, in all; F T Grafton, non-matriculant, in all but Greek.

Specialists—R S E Large, B.A., S D Dilnick, G Waugh, S A Lear, G H Peacock, A J G Carscadden, J R Wilkinson, J G Rogers, J B Freeburg, A R Sanderson, E W McBrien and T G McAteer have passed in all subjects taken.

J G Rogers takes first prize in Yale lectures, and A J G Carscadden the second—prizes of $25 and $15 donated by Rev. W Herridge of Brampton.

PLEASURE TRIPS.

All the Steamboats Now Ready for the Crowds of Holiday Makers.

Already 300 bicycle permits have been issued for the holiday excursionists, which means that a goodly amount of duty has been avoided.

Commodore Williams of the ferry fleet was much disappointed at the unfavorable weather of Thursday. The boats made a good start for the season yesterday.

The steamer Queen City is now in most excellent shape for her season's work. The enterprising proprietor has, during the layup season, completely renovated her, and she will now be one of the prettiest and most commodious boats on the lakes. She is completely repainted and refurnished, the internal accommodation and decorations being all that could possibly be desired by the most fastidious taste. She will make her initial season's trip to Hamilton on Monday, leaving Milloy's wharf at 9 a.m., Capt. Murchison in command. Everything points to a large share of the excursion patronage this summer for the Queen City.

The Hamilton Steamboat Company, with their usual eye to business, have completed arrangements for their popular Queen's Birthday excursions. The Modjeska will leave here at 7.30 a.m. and at 2 p.m., and the Macassa at 11 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. on Monday.

The Empress of India will take a special excursion to Charlotte, "the port of Rochester," leaving here at 11 to-night and returning, leaving Rochester at 9 p.m. on Sunday. Fifteen hours can therefore be spent in the beautiful Flower City.

ONTARIO'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Proceedings at the Half-Yearly Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The half-yearly meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario held two sessions yesterday in the S.S. room of Knox Church, Mr. John A. Paterson presiding.

In the morning reports were received from the Central Executive Committee, the treasurer, the field secretary, Mr. Day, and from the corresponding secretary, Miss Jessie A. Munro.

The treasurer's statement showed receipts for the half year to be $2560. The debt which has been hanging over the association for the past two years has been steadily decreasing. At this time last year it was over $1300, but is now reduced to $500, with every prospect of it being wiped out before the October convention.

The afternoon was largely spent in the discussion of the reports of the morning and the suggestions contained therein. The program and work for the next provincial convention to be held in Hamilton, October 27, 28, 29, was talked over, and the final arrangements left in the hands of a special committee. The association is undenominational and about 25 delegates were present from various parts of the Province.

A Great Move.

After a remarkably successful career of over 80 years in their present block, the firm of James H. Rogers, hatter and furrier, corner of King and Church-streets, has decided to move on July 1 to 84 Yonge-street, the commodious premises at present occupied by Toronto Furniture and Supply Company (a few doors above King-street.) Rather than leave a large stock to move, James H. Rogers is offering the whole stock of hats, caps and manufactured furs at such prices that are bound to clear out his present large stock. Every line of goods is subject to a heavy discount, so that the public can rely on getting bargains the few weeks the business remains at the corner of King and Church-streets.

Peninsular Park Hotel.

This extremely popular summer resort is situated at Big Bay Point, in the County of Simcoe, near the town of Barrie. The hotel is beautifully located and is fitted up with all modern improvements, such as electric lights, hot and cold baths, etc., etc. There are extensive lawns for tennis and croquet, etc. The bathing is unsurpassed. The sanitary arrangements of the hotel are perfect and the water used is pumped direct from Lake Simcoe and is of the purest quality. A fine steamboat, the property of the hotel, meets all trains at Barrie and is run exclusively for the convenience of guests. Terms are reasonable, special rates being made for families intending to remain for any length of time. For particulars address M. McConnell, 40 Colborne-street, Toronto.

Holiday Excursions.

The Niagara Navigation Company, with its usual liberality, will grant special rates to Lewiston, Queenston, Falls and Buffalo over the Queen's Birthday. Tickets will be good going on the 2 o'clock boat to-day and the 7 o'clock Monday. Webster's ticket office at the northeast corner of King and Yonge-streets will be open this evening and early Monday morning for the convenience of the traveling public.

One of the greatest blessings to parents is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It effectually expels worms and gives health in a marvelous manner to the little one.

MONTREAL MAN'S NEW IDEA

To Create a Revolution in Mining Operations.

HIS NEW AIR COMPRESSOR,

It Seems, is Based on Some Very Ingenious Ideas in Engineering.

Will Lessen the Cost Greatly Per Horse Power—The Canadian Mine Sold for $14,000—The Changes in the B. C. Mining Country in Eight Years—Good News About the Two Friends Mine—General Mining News From British Columbia.

A Montreal man has invented an automatic hydraulic air compressor, with which he hopes to create a revolution in mining operations. It is said to work itself and to run along without attention. He has built a little model, which shows his plan of operations, which may be briefly described as follows: A shaft is sunk in the earth with a big chamber or drum at the bottom. Water is poured in the top of the shaft. As it enters it collects air in great bubbles or globules and carries them to the bottom. The force of the descending water prevents them arising in the column and escaping. Arriving at the bottom the bubbles collect in the upper portion of the drum, compressed, whence the air is drawn off in the usual manner by pipes. The water, having performed its service in pulling down the air, and compressing it by weight, passes out at the bottom of the drum and rises in another column to the surface, where it goes off in the tail race. There is a safety pipe in the drum at the bottom, so if the pressure ever becomes too great the water is forced down in the drum below the entrance to this safety pipe and the air escapes.

It is stated in favor of the new scheme that a square shaft 16 feet a side and 250 deep, with a cast-iron down pipe 11 feet in diameter within it, and a one-foot diameter pipe within that for compressed air, will be required in order to furnish enough air for 1000 horse-power at 100 pounds pressure above the atmosphere. The cost of this, including excavation, timbering, cast-iron pipes and staving, will come near $10,000. Dam, sluices, head and tail races may be expected to cost another $20,000, although this will vary so very much according to locality that no properly defined figure can be given. The total cost, therefore, on this system of a horse-power installation would be about $30 per horse-power. This compares most favorably with the cost of turbine plants now at work, which have cost all the way from $50 to $120 per horse-power for installation, according to circumstances.

Canadian Sold for $15,000.

Mr. J. Belway of Kaslo has sold the Canadian mine on Seven-mile Creek, a tributary of the Lardeau, to a Vancouver company for $15,000, part cash. The claim, which is an extension of the Black Eagle, is said to have a vein of ore assaying $100 to the ton in gold, silver and copper. This sale will help to establish the Lardeau and Trout Creek districts.

PAST AND PRESENT.

What the Slocan Was a Decade Ago and What it is Now.

In view of the recent remarkable development of the country around Kootenay Lake, it is interesting to recall the appearance it presented less than a decade ago. Eight years ago there was not a board in the country, unless it was the product of a whipsaw. The only "hotel" was John F. Ward's tent at Nelson, then called Salisbury, and before that Stanley.

Ainsworth was then named Hot Springs, and was the only place on Kootenay Lake designated as a town. Kaslo point, bay and river had not then been named.

The existence of mineral in the Slocan according to the writer of this retrospective article, in The Spokane Spokesman, was unknown, and yet now for two years two railway lines have been heavily taxed to transport the ore from this region to the outside world. The writer then proceeds to give a cursory description of the Slocan as it now appears.

If to properly visit the Slocan district, he says, the start must be made from Kaslo. On the Kaslo & Slocan Railway the trip up the Kaslo Valley is quite interesting, and from Bear Lake, on the summit, to Sandon or Cody it is thrilling. After passing Kemp's Springs, three miles west of Kaslo, the South Fork of Kaslo Creek, a mile farther on, is reached. From three to eight miles up the south fork eight different incorporated mining companies are working claims, and as many more are being developed by individuals.

In 1894 the existence of paying mineral on the south fork was ridiculed by the oldtimers who passed to and fro by the thousands during the Slocan excitement in the fall of 1891.

The eastern boundary of the Slocan mineral belt is reached about eight or ten miles from Kaslo. No developed mines are to be found until Sproule or the 15-Mile House is reached. In this vicinity are a number of claims in various stages of development, but mostly concentrating propositions, ready to produce when once the necessary machinery is on hand.

Two and a half miles further, at White Water, the Jackson basin and the White Water mines and the Ibex load their product into the cars.

At Bear Lake is the Lucky Jim, which is quite a producer and on which a concentrator will be built this year. To the north is located the London Hill group, which will send many tons of dry ore to the market this season.

McGuigan, two miles and a half from Bear Lake, is the railway point for 14 shipping mines and the product of the Washington concentrator.

Sandon is the real terminal point of the line, but passengers and freight for Cody are run back a mile, where a spur on the higher elevation is taken and the run made to Cody.

This place has grown to be quite a little city, and is where the Noble Five concentrator is located.

Sandon, however, is the typical mining camp, with its narrow streets winding about so as to conform to the base of the mountains, its sidewalks at different elevations and cottages perched on the steep mountain sides. All kinds of life can be had at Sandon. One can stop at a $4 per day hotel or "batch" in a cabin.

Sandon is surrounded with mines which are almost world-beaters.

Three Forks, four miles below Sandon, is taking a rest after the lively times the town experienced before the railways reached Sandon. Its remaining inhabitants base their hopes on the mines of the north fork of Carpenter Creek, where there are some fine bodies of dry ore, as well as galena.

New Denver is as beautiful and picturesque as ever and considerable building is going on.

Slocan City now enjoys the distinction of being the boomiest boom town of the entire Slocan.

The C. P. R. Company are putting in a wharf and dock. Private parties are building a bridge across Slocan River which will be 200 feet in length, having four piers.

Buildings of all kinds are going up on all sides, yet hundreds of people are camping in tents or living in shacks or cabins. The railway contractors were expected in any day to begin grading the C. P. R. roadbed to Slocan Crossing, over 31 miles distant.

Excellent prospects for gold, silver and lead mines exist all around Slocan City, and no doubt in time several free gold stamps will be erected. The machinery for one 20-stamp mill is already ordered.

THE TWO FRIENDS.

Reasons for Abandoning the Mine—Great Western Will be Developed.

There are resident in Toronto and at other points in Ontario many shareholders of the Two Friends silver-lead mine in the Slocan who are at sea as to the reason for the slump in the price of the stock, and for the failure of the company to pay the dividend which it declared in March. The fact is that the promising leads of the property have "petered out," that the mine has been abandoned, and that the company will develop for their stockholders another prospect that gives good promise.

Following are some extracts from a report recently issued by the promoters of the Two Friends Company:

The Two Friends mineral claim has been a huge disappointment, not only to your directors, but to its promoters. At the time of the incorporation and flotation of the company there was every prospect that the claim would turn out to be a permanent and valuable mine.

We have now proven, however, that what everyone took to be a chute of very high-grade ore in the mine was only a number of connected bunches or pockets of mineral. The drifts also continually ran into these pockets, giving us the impression that new ore bodies were being discovered, but in every instance they proved to be without continuity. The ore being of this bunchy nature, we failed to win anything like the quantity there was apparently in sight, and even then a large proportion of it was of very much lower grade than had been anticipated. Finally, the east drift in the main level (the principal point of development work), after having run a considerable distance through ledge matter, left the mineral behind and eventually ran into a dyke of country rock and the ledge was entirely lost. Had there been any good reason for continuing the exploration work, we might possibly have found the ledge again, but our experience with that portion of it, which was supposed to be the best, was so extremely unsatisfactory and disappointing, and, in view of the fact that the company had a payment to make amounting to $37,500 on the property, due on May 12, 1897, and as no satisfactory arrangement of this payment could be made with the owners of the claim, your directors determined not to waste more money on the property.

It is, of course, possible that there may be other ore chutes on the Two Friends claim, and this may be found to be the case in the future, but your directors did not think the indications of finding any permanent chute sufficiently favorable to warrant them in paying the large sum of $37,500, or, in fact, any sum at all, in cash, for the privilege of exploring for them. Had your directors decided to make this payment and thus acquire absolutely the whole of the mineral claim Two Friends, the future of the company would have altogether depended upon this particular claim. Your directors beg to point out that the company now owns absolutely an undivided one-fourth interest in the claim, and should it ever develop new ore chutes of importance, this interest will become a most valuable asset.

Your directors, with a view to carrying on the business of the company to a successful issue, have decided to purchase other properties, and several well-known groups and claims were optioned for the purpose of examination. After considering thoroughly several proposals, they finally decided to purchase the Great Western mine, a Crown-granted property, extensively developed, as being the most desirable to be found in the Slocan district, or elsewhere.

The information which your directors and promoters have at hand in regard to the Great Western mine justifies them in stating as their firm belief that it has magnificent indications of becoming one of the big mines of the Kootenay. As mentioned in the report, it is situated in the midst of the largest mines of the Slocan, such as the Payne, Noble Five, Washington, etc., all of which have proven their ore to increase in quantity and richness with depth. The present showing on the Great Western is also better than was the case with any of the mines in the vicinity at the same stage of development work; it also has the great advantage of now being in shape to ship large quantities of ore, and your directors have no hesitation in stating that ore can and will be shipped within a few weeks after work has been commenced, or as soon as, in their opinion, it can be done with economy.

When this report was issued in the west the price of the stock there rallied, and shares cannot now be had for less than 25 cents.

White Bear.

Mr G. J. Kitchen, Rossland, writing to Robert Dixon, Toronto, says: "I think you have made a good purchase in White Bear; if you can hold on for a couple of months with present showings stock will easily be worth 25c." The Manager, Mr. J. Y. Cole, is buying up all he can. As a result of this news White Bear stock held by Robert Dixon is withdrawn from the market.

For the Holiday.

A trip on the water and a visit to a neighboring city combined make up part of the program mapped out by most people for the 24th. There is no nicer trip than the one to Hamilton by boat, and there are fewer places where a more enjoyable 24th could be spent than in the Ambitious City. The Hamilton Steamboat Company has decided to put this double enjoyment within the reach of everyone, and have issued a schedule of special rates for the holiday. Hamilton is laying itself out in its attractions for the 24th, and games and meets of various kinds will be in order, together with a baseball match at Dundurn Park. Last boat leaves Hamilton at 8.30 p.m.

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THE GRENADIERS' NEW COLORS.

The Interesting Ceremony Which Will Take Place on the University Lawn on Queen's Birthday.

A very interesting ceremony on Monday (the Queen's Birthday) will be the presenting of the new colors to the Royal Grenadiers on Varsity lawn, at 11 o'clock.

The presentation will be made by Mrs. Grasett, and the address will be read by Sir Casimir Gzowski. The colors will be consecrated by the Bishop of Toronto, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, the regimental chaplain.

Most Appropriate Design.

The colors, which are now on exhibition in Murray's window, King-street, are very handsome, the design having been sanctioned by the Governor-General. On one corner is seen an Imperial crown, while on the lower corner is the maple leaf. In the lower centre is a buffalo, distinctive of the Northwest, where the regiment served with renown.

On arriving at the lawn on Monday, the ceremony of presenting the colors will be immediately proceeded with, and will be of a very interesting character.

Details of the Ceremony.

The battalion will be drawn up in line in open order, except the color party, band and drums. The place for the color party will be preserved by three non-commissioned officers. The old colors, with the three sergeants of the color party and double sentries, will be in front of the left of the line, at right angles to it, and the band and drums placed as for trooping. The lieutenants of the color party will be with the escort (the right company), which will be commanded by a captain. The new colors, cased, will be in rear of the centre, in charge of two senior color-sergeants.

Time-Honored Usage.

The old colors will be trooped. On reaching the right of line, the old colors will take post in front of the escort, which will then advance about 10 paces, form to the left, and in that order proceed to the left of the line; the band will follow, playing "Auld Lang Syne." The escort will return to its place by the rear; the old colors, cased, being left in rear of the battalion, in charge of two color sergeants.

In Open Square.

The battalion will then form three sides of a square. The drums will be piled in the centre; the new colors will be brought up from the rear by the color-sergeants in charge, and placed against the pile of drums, one on each side, the Queen's color on the right. The major and senior lieutenant will then take charge of the Queen's colors; the next senior officer and next senior lieutenant of the regimental color. These officers will uncase the colors and replace them against the drums.

The consecration will then proceed.

After the consecration, the major will hand the Queen's color to the person presenting the color, from whom the senior lieutenant will receive it, going down on the right knee; the regimental color will in like manner be handed by the next senior officer, and received back by the second senior lieutenants; both lieutenants will then rise.

Loyal Speeches.

Addresses will next follow.

Line will afterwards be formed and ranks opened, the colors unfurled and turned toward the centre of the line, and will be given a general salute. The color party will then march in time with "God Save the Queen" to its place in line.

The battalion will then march past, the new colors following in rear of the column.

In case the weather should prove unsuitable for the ceremony to take place as intended, the regiment will parade at 9.45, and the colors will be presented at 11 o'clock at the Armouries, after which dinner will be provided for the regiment.

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Caution to Householders.

On the night of Thursday last thieves cut a hole in the door of the shed facing the lane at 5 Rose-avenue and stole some tools. It is supposed they were going to make use of them to enter the house, but were disturbed and made off.

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A DISPUTED WILL

Relatives Do Not Like Its Provisions and From the Surrogate Appeal to the County Judge.

In the sessions yesterday, before Judge McDougall, suit was commenced for the purpose of upsetting the will of the late Daniel S. Briggs, lumber merchant, who died on Nov. 16, last, leaving an estate valued at $10,799. By his will dated April 13, 1894, he left all his property to his brother, John, and, after his death to John's daughter, Cecilia.

Dr. Allan B. Cook and Henry Briggs, a cousin, are the executors. They applied to the Surrogate Court for the probate of the will, where it was disputed by other relatives. Yesterday the executors appealed to Judge McDougall to have the will formally probated.

The probating of the will is contested by James R. Briggs, a brother, Mrs. Priscilla Wilkins, a sister; Arthur T. Briggs, a nephew, and Clara Lewis Marston, Maud Izzard and Alice M. Briggs, nieces.

Four-Fold Plea.

The defendants ask that the will be upset on these grounds:

1. The defendants are the brother and sister, respectively, and two of the next of kin of the deceased.

2. The deceased, at the time the said alleged will purports to have been executed, was not of sound mind, memory and understanding.

3. Execution of the said will and codicil was obtained by the undue influence of the plaintiffs and others acting with them.

4. The deceased at the time of the execution of the said will did not know and approve of the contents thereof.