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Notes

A rich strike has been made at Alberni, Vancouver Island, of which more anon.

News from Dawson says the miners near there rock out \$750 to \$1,000 per day.

Calumet and Hecla stock, we hear, is selling at Boston at \$800 per share, the par value being \$25.

The Dominion Government will proceed with the construction of the telegraph line to Dawson, we hear, without delay.

The irrepressible "Dr." Lyman has introduced another little wild-cat from his prolific menagerie. The "Arizona Copper Syndicate" is as worthless as all the rest of his promotions, and will be equally shunned by wise investors.

We fully endorse the remarks of the "Province" anent the San Francisco "Chronicle's" rabid utterances re the Alaskan boundary question. The "Province" is right. The American miner is not a fool, even though the San Francisco "Chronicle" may be. The American miner generally knows where the pure stuff is to be found, and most always gets it and suits himself to the situation.

Texada Island is now experiencing the activity which will undoubtedly lead to success. The building of the smelter at Van Anda has inspired a confidence which will result in the twin embryo towns of Van Anda and Marble Bay making great strides ere the year is out.

William Joel, a mining engineer from London, formerly of Johannesburg, while prospecting, discovered a rich bed of bituminous coal nine miles from Dawson, in the Northwest Territories. He has secured a preliminary grant to 240 acres of the land, and also grants for five miles of dredging and three miles of hydraulic sluicing.

The Greenwood "Miner" says: "There is no town in British Columbia that has received such a hearty impetus in business property during 1899 as Greenwood, and its permanency is assured by the immense deposits of rich ore being daily opened up in close proximity to the city." We are glad to record this fact. The Greenwood "Miner" is the right material.

The twelfth annual general meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade was held on Tuesday, March 14th. The past year has proved the most successful since the formation of the organization.

The retiring President, Mr. W. Godfrey, who had occupied this onerous office for the last two years, was proposed for a third term, but gracefully declined renomination. Quite an ovation was paid him on his retiring. Mr. C. E. Tisdall was elected President, and Mr. F. Buscombe Vice-President for the ensuing year. This institution should be indispensable to the city; its power for good infinite.

C. P. R. PROFITS.

Montreal, March 28.—In February, 1899, the gross earnings of the C. P. R. were \$1,753,383, working expenses \$1,153,682; net profits, \$599,702. In February, 1898, the net profits were \$423,667. For the two months ending February 28th, 1899, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, \$3,617,953, working expenses, \$2,400,718; net profits, \$1,217,235. For two months ended February 28th, 1898, there was net profit of \$939,295.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE.

Col. Steele is another of the new officials whose conduct is particularly well pleasing to the miners; he has made a notable hit in arranging for a creek collection of mail, all outgoing and the Government making itself responsible for mail so received. The mail leaving Dawson on the 15th of February was the first batch bearing the 2-cent stamps, the miners herein receiving fresh evidence of the benevolence of the Government.

At the latest reports, the press, pulpit and public of Dawson were energetically agitating for two things—a public school for the children of the city, and a reliable fire alarm system.

The ground on Moosehide Creek, the nearest of the gold streams to Dawson, appears to be about the deepest in all the district. Tom Graves, Dick Gardner and Tom Kinney are reported by the Nugget to have sunk recently, 100 feet, and still no signs of bedrock. They determined not to give up, and at the end of the frost was found. The first dash of the pick into the soft ground brought a flood of water, however, and the miners were obliged to retreat in haste up the rope. The hole had not filled up yet at last reports, and it was expected that mining might yet be done.

MOVING A TOWN.

Some time ago the town of Eveleth, Minn., was found to be located on rich iron deposits, and now it is proposed to move the whole town of 2,500 inhabitants to a new site. It will be a big job to move stores, hotels, churches, houses, etc., but it will be accomplished in good time, and the ever progressive citizens are willing.

A WASHINGTON JUSTICE ON "BUSINESS."

According to the Yakima (Wash.) "Herald," that thriving town has a Justice of the peace who will be renowned as a marrying Justice, and his services be sought from afar. He is a thorough believer in newspaper advertising, and his advertisement reads:

If a man's in love,
That's HIS business.

If a girl's in love,
That's HER business.

If they contemplate matrimony,
That's MY business.

THOMAS TALL,
Justice of the Peace.

P. S.—I always reserve the right to kiss the bride. Terms liberal. Time given if desired. Wood taken in part payment.