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If the plans now under consideration are anticipated, the widening and deepening of the Thames will be long...

THE TRANSVAAL

Cecil Rhodes Dwells Upon the Transvaal

Chamberlain and Kruger in a some Mood—Exciting News From the South.

London, March 8.—When the day of the parliamentary committee Transvaal had resumed its...

Further evidence shows Cecil Rhodes personally paid the members of the reform...

Two African members of the Cape Colony testified administration of Rhodes...

According to the Guardian, Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British army...

News from the Sudan shows great excitement prevails in the despatches are now making...

The Khafsa is relying on Osman to repel the advance of the Egyptian forces upon the Nile...

Osman Digna has been compelled to a force of 5,000 men to the country calling upon the...

It is reported that the British navy is superior to both the French and the German...

British Columbia

VANCOUVER

Vancouver, March 4.—Mr. George H. Maxwell, M.P., sat in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday and heard suggestions from merchants and prominent business men regarding changes in the tariff...

A local syndicate closed a deal yesterday by cable with a London syndicate for the sale of six claims in the big bend of the Columbia river in Ground Hog beach near the Orphan Boy mine...

NEW WESTMINSTER

New Westminster, March 5.—Mayor Shiles, the president, occupied the chair at the general meeting of the Westminster Liberal Association last evening...

A party of prospectors, who intend putting in about a month's time in the neighborhood of Pitt lake, left this city yesterday afternoon...

The Western Fisheries Company have bought the warehouse and wharf on Front street owned by Capt. McLennan and which adjoins the Western Fisheries Company's wharf...

At the quarterly meeting of the Westminster Presbyterian Rev. J. S. Gordon was appointed moderator of Presbytery for the ensuing six months...

The Crow's Nest Pass railway should be built by the government and it should be built at once...

The sale of the Elsie was consummated yesterday afternoon. A controlling interest in this property was purchased by E. L. Clark...

For a week it has been known that there was an expert at the Le Roi mine examining it, but who he was or by whom he was employed was not known...

The directors of the Morning Glory Mining Co. have decided to run a drift from their shaft at the 50-foot level to the west side of Okanagan lake...

deadly weapon. His preliminary hearing was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended till tomorrow.

ROSSLAND

On Wednesday last Al. Taylor came in from Porcupine creek with several large samples of ore from the property of the Rio Grande Company, of Rossland...

A gang of seven men were yesterday sent out to build cabins and commence work on the Jumbo No. 3 and Brown general claims, situated across the gulch from the O. K. These claims have recently been acquired by the New York-Kootenay Mining Company...

Probably the most important strike which has occurred in the Centre Star mine is now to be chronicled. The main tunnel is 1,500 feet, which extends to the west end of the claim...

The Hard Bargain claim, on the southeast slope of Deer Park mountain, was sold yesterday to London people. The Evening Star shipped two carloads of ore to the smelter yesterday...

The people of Greenwood and Anconda are applying to the minister of education for the formation of an other school district on Boundary creek, to adjoin the present Midway school district...

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The power drill will be put to work in the I.X.L. to-morrow. A drift is being run on the big vein near the mouth of the crooked tunnel towards the Golden Drip end line...

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The Bon Diabolo Mining Co. have now a shaft and tunnel in over eighty feet. A general meeting of the shareholders will be held on Friday afternoon...

The Ruby Gold mineral claim continues to show up in a very satisfactory manner. Some splendid quartz was brought in last week, containing free gold in large quantities...

Glendon claim, the shaft of which is now down over forty feet. Mr. H. Hardy, who was up from the camp last week, speaks in the highest terms of the outlook...

ROSSLAND

The first general meeting of the shareholders of the S.W. Star Mining Co. was held on Monday afternoon. The following five directors were elected for the ensuing year: C. O. Keefe, A. G. Fuller, A. J. McMullen, W. E. Ellis, and Verley...

The skin of a mountain lion or panther may be seen at the taxidermist's on the corner of the street, who received it last week. It was a fine specimen and Evan Perry, of Armstrong, it was decided to let a contract to sink another twenty-five feet to Eton and Woodchap...

A second townsite is being laid out at Fairview, this second one being put up on the market by Mr. Thomas Ellis of Porton. The townsite is now about 50 feet from the mine, which was sunk to the same level from the upper tunnel...

Mr. A. Leamy, of Greenwood City, formerly of New Westminster, is purchasing mining properties in this district for parties on the coast, and the past week has seen the acquisition of the Contact, Tidal Wave, Ocean Wave, and Vernon claims...

The young man, E. McKay, of Grand Forks, charged with the theft of a bicycle from Dr. Smith, of the same place, was again brought before W. H. Norris, J.P., on Saturday last. The magistrate held that there was not sufficient evidence to begin a prosecution...

The special committee, consisting of members of the board of directors, has been appointed to consider the merits of the proposition to have recommended to the city council the acceptance of the proposition of the English syndicate presented by Mr. Carrill and Mr. Giffin of this city...

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load of ore shipped about 180 ounces in silver, 25 per cent lead, and 90 per cent zinc.

KASLO

Kaslo, March 4.—The first annual general meeting of the Dardanelles Mining and Milling Company was held in this city on Tuesday last. The shareholders voted to increase the board of directors by the addition of two and then elected the following gentlemen for the ensuing year: Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Hon. Sir Charles Campbell, Hon. Sir Peter, J. B. McArthur, A. F. McClaine, J. L. Pierce, W. H. Adams, A. L. McClaine and W. J. Trethewey...

A recent report from Manager Shea at the Rambler and Cariboo property is very enthusiastic concerning the property. He says the ore is of a high grade and the stopes are just grand. He is sending down about 125 sacks of high grade ore per day, which will in a short time be increased to a carload every day.

The collections at the custom house in this city for the month of February amounted to \$6,738.50. For the previous month of January they were \$4,623.23. The ore shipped during the month of September last amounted to 3,966,500 pounds valued at \$292,925. For the month of January the shipments reached 4,314,845 pounds, valued at \$207,650. The shipments for the month of February have not yet been aggregated, but will exceed those for any previous month.

P. O. Gamble, resident engineer for the department of public works of the Dominion, has instructed R. S. Gallop, of this city, to begin work at once upon the improvement and clearing of the Lardo-Duncan river. For the present attention will be confined to that portion of the river lying between Kootenay and Hauser lakes. Since will be removed, and sweeping trees out, so that the river may be navigated without danger. The present appropriation will suffice for this work, but a further sum will be needed to improve the navigation above Hauser lake. Twelve men will be employed upon the work.

Mr. George Stevens, of Victoria, has arrived to commence work on his contract for the erection of the reservoir dam across Hamilton creek for the water works company. The rumor that the colliery company will proceed shortly to build bunkers at Union shaft is well founded. This will do away with the necessity for the miners to lay off now and then because the cars are full and expected ships have not arrived. The company is also expected to proceed this season with the building of their offices, shops, station, and the strip of land cleared for the purpose west of the Big Meadow. The sum of \$100,450 has been collected in Union and sent to the Montreal Star for the Indian famine fund.

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ing metallic tin has been discovered in a claim on the north fork of the Salmon river, but it remains to be seen whether the rumor will be confirmed and whether the discovery has any economic value.

KANLOOPS

The Island Sentinel. J. Hepburn is negotiating the purchase of several claims adjoining the Gold Cup. The contract for sinking on the Canada has been completed. The King brothers are now engaged in mining a 10 foot cross cut into the hill from the bottom of the shaft.

Jack Hepburn, manager of the Gold Cup mine in Victoria, is understood the object of his visit is to arrange for the discharge of Chinese and engagement of white miners. There is no room for Chinese in this camp. North River miners must wake up. It does not pay to sleep during these times of mining excitement. Two outfits camped on the old Alex. Bain claim last Sunday night, expecting to relocate it on the Monday at break of dawn. Kanloops men, however, slipped up there and had their stakes in place shortly after midnight Sunday. It is the early bird, etc.

The Sentinel is informed that there is a good deal of native work going on just now on Coal Hill. The gold companies should investigate. One or two arrests for meddling with stakes would have a healthy effect. As a result of recent claim jumping incidents on Coal Hill, the free miners of this district have determined to form a miners' protective association. Last Monday night a preliminary meeting was held at the old court house to discuss ways and means.

Some of the alleged "jumping" cannot be rightly so designated. If a claim is not properly staked it is no claim at all and anyone has a right to locate it. There will probably be litigation over "jumping" of the Three Friends and Phoenix claims, as the original locators contend that they fulfilled all the requirements of the law. Things are further complicated owing to the fact of the Phoenix having been bonded to Vancouver parties, through P. A. Jenus. Judging from the statements made at Monday's public meeting there are quite a lot of claims on Coal Hill not properly bonded. If a large proportion of these are re-located in accordance with the law, the original locators will have no good cause for complaint.

The Inland Board of Trade at its late meeting passed resolutions asking for a reduction of freight rates on live stock on the C.P.R. and on the C.P.N. steamers, and one in favor of the imposition of a duty on live stock equal to any imposed by the United States government. The Dominion is also asked to erect a suitable building in Kamloops for public offices.

The statement of the Royal Inland hospital shows receipts amounting to \$4,503.34 and expenses to \$4,532.00, leaving a deficit of \$28.66. Last year's deficit was \$330.20.

A good strike was made in the Prescott near Silverton, last week. Deals are on for the Little Daisy and Mountain View, two Eight-Mile properties. The deal on the California is off, as Marks and Van Houten could not agree to sell their interests. The trail to the Arlington was broken last week and 15 men will go to work on this property next week.

H. C. Campbell-Johnson has transferred his \$31,100 option on the Exchange group to Sir James A. Grant, of Ottawa. The K. Green, of Spokane, has bonded the Laughing Waters, Far Away and Cross Roads claims, situated between the Washington and Best. Howland Stevenson, of Rossland, has got control of the No. 3, Animon, N. P. and Alma No. 3, Carpenter Creek properties, and will proceed to stock them. The Iowa, Olympia No. 2 and Marcy, situated six miles from the confluence of Slooan river and Lemmon creek have been sold to Wm. H. Maxwell and Andrew G. Larsen for \$10,200. T. Tobin and W. Callahan have bonded the Alma, St. Aubin and Forlorn Hope to James Giholee for \$30,000. These properties are west of the Lily B. group, between Springer and Tobin creeks. James McNeil is excavating the bank next to his hotel in Nakusp for the purpose of enlarging his premises. He has lately been sold a notion to purchase some of the sand that was being thrown out by the excavators. To his surprise he found two gold nuggets, and immediately a quiver of excitement ran through the ranks. During the night several placer claims were staked out, the first one bearing the name of McNeil, Burton and Maxwell, and it looks as though Nakusp real estate would again be valuable.

Quebec, March 8.—The loss by the Penitot fire will amount to about one hundred thousand dollars. The fire started in a building occupied by Messrs. Myrand & Pouliot, dry goods merchants. How the flames originated cannot be ascertained. Within ten minutes of the sound of the alarm the whole building was a mass of flames, which threatened the surrounding edifices. After a few hours' steady work the firemen obtained control of the fire. The surrounding buildings were more or less damaged, with their contents. Messrs. Myrand & Pouliot occupied a store near to the Syndicate de Quebec dry goods store. It belonged to Mrs. Jos. Picard, and was valued at about \$25,000. The stock was worth \$75,000, a total loss. It was insured for \$35,000. The insurance on the store owned by E. J. Angers, and occupied by Les Quatre Saisons, is in the Atlas for \$7,600, in the Lancashire for \$6,000 and in the Guardian for \$2,000. Kingston, March 8.—The estate of Mrs. Sarah Harper, who died here a few days ago, has willed to her nephew, C. P. Drinkwater, an official of the C. P. R., property valued at about \$12,000. Winnipeg, March 8.—Work has begun on one of Winnipeg's new opera houses. If all the plans are carried out the city will have three new theatres this year. Senator Reid, of British Columbia, has arrived from the west. The lists of commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly, which meets here in June, are beginning to come in to the secretary. A large attendance is looked for.

The French colony of New Caledonia is troubled with a plague of deer. There are no wild beasts indigenous to this island, but we learn from a British consular report that the Australian deer imported within the last twenty years have so multiplied that inland farms are harassed by them every night, and even the balconies of the farmers' huts are occasionally invaded in search of stored grain or vegetables. They are frequently found within a mile of the town and are very numerous. The climate is so favorable that the deer are regarded like the rabbit pest in Queensland. Why do not some wealthy sportsmen try a season in New Caledonia? New York Journal.

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