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Sly Potato Operations.

Quietly and for months Americans have been buying up potatoes at Kamloops, Ashcroft and other British Columbia points," says a Tacoma, Wash. dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle.

The potatoes have been shipped overland via Sioux cities via Suiava, but eventually found their way to the markets of San Francisco. The potatoes brought at the lowest market prices. They were shipped via Sioux so that dealers in Vancouver would not get winded. This was happening when there was no apparent cause noticeable.

Suddenly it dawned on Vancouver dealers that there was money to be made in buying potatoes and storing them for shipment by boat to San Francisco. They entered the field in large numbers, many hundreds of tons of the best potatoes have been secured in advance by Americans. It is claimed by some dealers that these purchases have dangerously impoverished the British Columbia market and to make matters worse were sold at low prices.

Farmers in Yakima Valley hold some ten millions of potatoes which they refuse to sell at less than \$25. The prevailing price is \$25. On account of the scarcity a sharp advance in prices is expected soon.

Glove Trade.

The season is practically over for gloves. Manufacturers express their views as fairly well satisfied with the results, although there is considerable grumbling as to prices and terms. The perfection to which the Canadian market has been brought is not only surprising to the foreign producer, but is creating a demand that has been never before known. During the past two or three years glove manufacturers have devoted more attention to foreign trade, and it is somewhat surprising to note the number of new accounts that have been opened up in this line. This is particularly true in regard to the number of men who have opened up a glove section in connection with their shoe establishments. The country trade is now regarded as quite a profitable branch of the trade, rather than simply a side issue of no importance, as it was considered a few years ago.—Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

A cargo of Mediterranean fruit was destroyed to be sold at Montreal was lost.

The United States court for the northern district court for the western district of Oregon has probably succeeded in stigmatizing the alleged fish trust. The case, in which Messrs. A. Booth & Co., of Chicago, is the defendant, and the fish trust of sixty-four different firms is the plaintiff, has been dismissed, and then reduced the damages to five cents from 20 to 40 cents, and increased selling prices from 20 to 60 per cent.

MINING

British Columbia.

The Sunnet mine distributed \$6,000 to its shareholders last week as a dividend.

The Arlington and Enterprise mines, Shewan district, shipped 90 tons of ore to smelter last week.

During the week ended Friday the 18th inst., the Bonny Creek mines shipped 12,000 tons of ore.

During the week ended the 18th inst., the Granby smelter at Grand Forks treated 9,980 tons of ore.

There is a deal on for the consolidation of the Dominion Copper Company and the Snowshoe Copper Company and Mines, Ltd., whose properties are situated in the Phoenix camp. It is understood that the negotiations are now in an advanced stage. If an amalgamation of the two companies is effected, a smelter for the treatment of the ore of both mines will be erected at some point in the Kettle River valley.

A report from Vancouver on April 20 said: After many years of vain trials a gold dredge has been built that is successfully saving the gold of the Fraser river. This dredge has been operating at Lytton on the Fraser river and in a test run there it has shown a saving of 90 per cent. the strength of these satisfactory results a fleet of three more dredges is being ordered by the operating company, the Fraser River Gold Dredging Company.

ore to that sent out from this claim in the early days of this camp.

Simon Jacob, who has been for man in charge of the underground work on the Winnipeg mine ever since Nick Cooper left the mine last year, has gone to Seattle, after having put in several months hard and successful work on the Winnipeg.

The Montreal & Boston Copper Co. is getting in shape for starting up its smelter at Boundary Falls and at the Sunnet mine for regularly maintaining a sufficient output of ore to keep the furnace running on a steady basis. It is hardly probable that the furnace will be started this month.

The local contractors to send ore to the Granby Co.'s smelter are bringing down from the mine to the railway about 20 tons a day. The new road to Ehoit is now under way, heavy teams to haul over, so the ore is brought down the old road and loaded on the railway cars at the Jewel siding about four miles from Greenwood.

The lead on the Providence, within a mile of Greenwood, has been found as stratified up and now shows an average of about 12 inches of solid ore in a vein that runs from two to three feet in width. The ore is galena, zinc and lead, carrying high values in gold and silver, occasional bunches being very rich. It is claimed that the ore runs as high as one ton of gold and 200 tons silver, values as high as these having been obtained from ore shipped some years ago to the smelters at Tacoma, Everett and Puget Sound.

The big Farrell-Bacon crusher, manufactured for the B. C. Copper

work have been done in underground development of the No. 7, which is now the only mine at that part of the Boundary. Near by is the Norfolk group owned by the London & H. C. Golding company. This group is likely to be encouraged to resume work and push it to a considerable extent if developments here justify it, as there is good reason to believe that it will do, to increase the ascertained value of the mine. The City of Paris has a claim in this area. The mine south of No. 7, have been idle for some ten years, but before they were shut down about 200 tons of ore were taken out of them and shipped to the Granby Co.'s smelter at Grand Forks. Just across the International boundary line from the City of Paris group are the Lone Star and Washington claims upon which a deal of work has been done with the result that a big body of copper-gold ore, stated to be of good grade, has been opened up. It would therefore appear that this part of the Boundary, from the Norfolk group to the Lone Star and Washington, is deserving of more active attention than it is just now receiving.

Yukon Clean-Up.

Dawson telegrams of this week state that the clean-up of gold commenced last week with a force of two months. During the winter the greatest damage to the camp history has been the heavy snows which have been thrown upon the gold claims, insuring a aggregate catch-up estimated at \$1,000,000. The Ottawa government last week ordered the Klondike authorities to throw open for entry four good claims, lapsed and abandoned claims which are within the gold commission's office range. The gold commission's office has dealt with men regarding abandoned claims which they have tracked.

Presentation to Thos. Lock.

Mr. Thos. H. Lock, who has been connected with Campbell, Bro. & Wilson, wholesale grocers, for many years as a manager, was the recipient of a handsome gift of a diamond ring at his home recently by the kind employees of the well known firm, with whom Mr. Lock has served for many years in connection, in order to take an active interest in the wholesale firm, and to produce business for the firm of Lock, Bros. & Co. The following address accompanied the gift:—

Winnipeg, April 23, 1902.

Thos. H. Lock, Esq.,
Dear Sir—We, the employees of Campbell, Bros. & Wilson, wholesale grocers, who for many years have been associated with yourself as manager, cannot allow this, the present time when you are leaving your connection with the said firm, after many years' faithful attention to your numerous duties to pass by without conveying to you in a small way a token of high esteem and sincere respect, in which you have been, and are held by us, after years of hard work together, which enables us to recognize in you a man of successful, discerning tact and ability. We wish to express to you our store of regret that we will miss you when we state yet at the same time, in your new sphere of employment, we wish to express our bright and prosperous future for you, and for who is so widely known and popular, possessing all the qualities of a noble character in all circumstances, and that the others might with an advantage to improve their position. We ask you to accept from us, as a testimony of our good will and affection for you, a few dollars, and sincerely hope that that both yourself and Mrs. Lock will be blessed with health to enjoy and that the good wishes of our friends and associations may ever remain unfulfilled.

Witnessed by W. J. Campbell, D. M. Horne, John Horne, A. D. Campbell, H. Rankin, H. McLaughlin, B. Harvey, E. C. Johnson, C. W. Duff, E. Scott, R. Duck, C. Coates, T. Willson, G. Duncanson, C. Campbell, J. Nesbitt, Geo. Dunlop, W. D. White, Miss Johnston, Miss Lane, Miss Jamieson, Miss Sheppard.

In the course of the debate on the grain and stock bill of the House of Commons, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beech, announced that Cornhill Bank had offered to feed young piglets instead of five pence.

Manitoba Farm Homes—Residence of E. W. Hanna, Griswold, Man.

With the output of ore for the week ending Saturday night last, the tonnage for the year to date from the Rossland camp was brought substantially over the hundred thousand ton mark, despite the fact that two of the largest producers have only contributed to the output on a small scale as yet. During the week, the Le Roi sent out 5,800 tons; the Le Star, 270 tons; the Centre 200 tons; the Rossland, Great Western, 250 tons, and the Splitzee, 20 tons, totalling 8,080 tons for the week.

The management of the Snowshoe Gold and Copper Mines, Ltd., has been making experiments this winter with the oil process of concentration, a quantity of ore having been sent to London for this purpose. It is understood that the preliminary tests of the ore by oil process have been successful, the periodical visits of the oil method of extraction is that by it the values of copper and gold saved amount to more than by any other proposed methods. The oil process is new to British Columbia. Its chief advantages is the low cost of treatment of work which is a great saving on low grade camps.—Phoenix Pioneer.

Boundary District, B. C.

Geo. B. McAulay, managing director of the Cariboo-McKinney M. & C. Co. Ltd., is in the district on one of his periodical visits of inspection to the Cariboo mine at Camp McKinney.

W. T. Smith and Longley are doing work in a diamond district far out side the Greenwood City limits, in which they expect to find similar rich

Co. by the Jencks Machine Company. is now in running order at the Mother Lode mine, having this week been given a trial. After a long delay the Jeffrey elevator, required for the purpose of raising the crushed rock from the crusher, out the mine along the railroad track, has been received from Columbus, Ohio, and this, too, is now in readiness for work. More faces are being opened in the Mother Lode ore quarries, so that shortly the mill making use of the newly to keep pace with the enlarged output of ore that this part of the camp is making. The mill of the second furnace at the B. C. Copper Co.'s smelter is being deferred until this increased output from the quarries is well assured.

No. 7 Mining Co., Ltd.—The ledge was at the 300-ft. level of the No. 7 mine, in Central camp, a few days ago. It is intended to now drift on the vein at this depth, so that interesting developments may be looked for in a month or two hence, the vein on the 60 and 120-ft. levels having shown considerable improvement, both in size and grade of ore in places along its course. Notwithstanding that for nearly half a century the spring and early winter months when the roads are too soft for heavy hauling has been the time when it is not practicable, the No. 7 has, since its power plant was put in last year, sent out nearly 1,000 tons of ore to the B. C. Copper Company's smelter. The ore is quartz, mineralized with gold, silver, lead and zinc. It varies in width from 18 inches to several feet. Altogether some 6,000 lineal feet of