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[From THE DAILY COLONIST, July 5.]

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Aibions Win at Cricket After a Close Game Against the Victoria Team.

A Whole Series of International Events—A Couple of New Bicycle Records.

Victory again rested with the Albions in their match with Victoria on the former's grounds at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon, by a score of 81 to 71. Victoria won the toss and went to the wickets first, C. E. Pooley and Irving facing the bowling of York and Anderson. These batsmen took the score to 30, when York gave way to Schwengers, and at 35 the first wicket fell, Irving being caught in the slips for a well played 26. Morley and Goward were also dismissed by Schwengers without further score. Wallis joined Pooley, and at 40 the latter was bowled by Schwengers for 6. Patterson came in next, and was run out for 4 when the score had reached 49. Drake was the next man, and was dismissed for 5, six wickets being down for 57. Only one run was made when B. Goward was bowled for 0. Wallis had the misfortune to be bowled by Schwengers' first ball in the next over for a pretty hit 14. The remaining wickets fell at 71, of which Gamble contributed a useful 10 not out.

The Albions started badly, two wickets being down for two runs. Schwengers and Green by steady batting brought the score to 21, when the former played a ball on his wicket from B. Goward. Swinerton joined Green and was sent back by a magnificent catch by A. T. Goward, 4 wickets for 28. J. E. Martin came in next, and Green, who was batting in good style, was unfortunately run out for 28 when the total was at 40. H. J. Martin joined his brother and a useful stand was made, the former being the first to succumb to a fast one from A. T. Goward. The score was now 70, of which he had made 14, and the Albions had 4 wickets to fall with 2 runs to get to win. J. E. Martin in the next over made the winning hit amidst applause, and shortly after was dismissed for a well hit 21. The rest of the wickets fell rapidly, the innings eventually closing for 81. The feature of the game was Schwengers' trundling, his analysis reading 7 wickets for 13 runs. Wallis and A. T. Goward also bowled well for Victoria, and Tye's fielding was excellent. The score:

VICTORIA C. C.

Hon. C. E. Pooley, b Schwengers	6
P. E. Irving, c Anderson, b Schwengers	26
S. F. Morley, b Schwengers	0
A. T. Goward, b Schwengers	0
W. Wallis, b Schwengers	14
T. H. Paterson, run out	4
B. H. T. Drake, b Schwengers	5
B. G. Goward, b Anderson	0
A. T. Scroggs, b Anderson	3
C. Gamble, not out	10
T. B. Tye, b Schwengers	0
Extras	3
Total	71

ALBION C. C.

A. C. Anderson, c Paterson, b Wallis	0
H. A. Goward, c Tye, b A. T. Goward	2
C. Schwengers, b B. Goward	2
A. A. Green, run out	28
R. H. Swinerton, c and b A. T. Goward	1
J. E. Martin, b A. T. Goward	21
H. J. Martin, b A. T. Goward	14
W. York, b Wallis	0
L. York, run out	1
W. H. Porter, not out	4
F. G. Fowkes, b Wallis	1
Extras	7
Total	81

PARKDALE BEATS BUFFALO.

TORONTO, July 4.—The Buffalo cricket team played a one inning match with the crack Parkdale club this afternoon and were defeated by a score of 86 to 60. E. Coulter was the only one of the visiting team to get into double figures, he making 22 by faultless cricket. The bowling of Wraight and Hill was very good. The Parkdales will play a return match on the Buffalo grounds on August 12.

A WIN FOR OXFORD.

LONDON, July 4.—Oxford beat Cambridge by four wickets in the annual cricket match between the two universities just concluded. There was intense excitement and the Oxford men were wildly cheered, for the alleged unsportsmanlike conduct of the Cambridge team made the victory of the dark blues very popular.

THE VISITORS PLAY WELL.

RUGBY, Eng., July 4.—In the cricket match here to-day between the Haverford, Pa., eleven and an eleven from Rugby, the Americans closed their first inning at 4 o'clock with 261 runs for five wickets. Lester made 135 and Scattergood 44, both not out. At the close of play Rugby had scored 177 runs for eight wickets. The match was declared a draw.

THE WHEEL.

A NEW RECORD.

LONDON, July 4.—At the bicycle meet at Woodgreen to-day Watson and Betts won the five-mile tandem race in 10:16 1-5, beating the world's record of 10:18 made by Anderson and Vanherrick at Louisville, Ky.

ANOTHER RECORD SMASHED.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Arthur E. Smith, the Western cyclist who left Chicago last Sunday night for this city in the endeavor to beat the bicycle record of 142 hours and 15 minutes between that city and this, arrived here at 3.21 o'clock this afternoon, smashing the record by 4 hours and 54 minutes.

THE OAR.

Y. M. C. A. REGATTA.

The Y.M.C.A. regatta to be held at the Gorge on Saturday next promises to be a success, all the events filling up well. The entries for the double sculls are closed but those for all other races will be received up to Tuesday, excepting in double pleasure boat and upset canoe races, which are open to all comers up to time of race. All races but the two last mentioned are open to club members only. The following is the list of races with entries received so far:

First heat, double-sculls—H. Scott and E. Robinson (light blue); A. Davey and F. Vigor (blue and grey.)

Single Peterboro canoe—W. Adams (dark blue); J. Hemsworth (blue and white.)

Second heat, double-sculls—H. Jackman and H. Mills (dark blue); W. Peden and H. Erskine (blue and white.)

Single sculls—E. Robinson (white and red); A. Davey (red); H. Scott (light blue); F. Vigor (blue and grey.)

Tandem. Peterboro canoe—W. Adams and F. J. Norris (dark blue); J. Hemsworth and W. Peden (blue and white); H. Grant and A. Davey, (white and red.)

Final heat, double-sculls.

Four-blade Peterboro canoe—W. Adams, H. Grant, A. Davey and F. J. Norris (white and red); J. Hemsworth, H. Scott, W. Peden and H. Erskine (blue and white); E. Robinson, T. Robinson, W. Lorimer and W. Reynolds (dark blue.)

Double pleasure boats, lady coxswains—All comers.

Upset canoe race, tandem—All comers.

All races are straight away, finishing at Gorge landing and start as follows: Double sculls, Deadman's island; four-blade Peterboro and single sculls, under wire near Snowden's boat house; Tandem canoe and pleasure boats, Fawcett's boat house; single canoe and upset canoe, Curtis Point. First race to start at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

THE HENLEY REGATTA.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, July 4.—In drawing for heats to-day Leander and Yale were allotted to pull in the first heat, with Yale on the Bucks shore. This is considered quite an advantage for the Americans, especially if a strong west wind, such as has been blowing every day this week, prevails on Tuesday. In this case Yale would be favored by a boat length and a half.

The Yale oarsmen generally are well pleased with having drawn to pull against the Leanders in the first heat. They say they are eager for the fray and would rather tackle the Leanders than the New College, as they think the latter will finish stronger, and if they beat the Leanders it will give Yale every confidence. Mr. J. B. Close, the coach of Trinity Hall, formerly of Lemars, Iowa, was asked what he thought of Yale's chances. He said: "I think they are good; their position is favorable and unless I am much mistaken they are sure winners."

Guy Nickells, talking over the withdrawal of E. A. Thompson, of Toronto, from the race for the diamond sculls, said: "I am sorry Thompson is not entered for the diamonds. He is a sportsman and a good fellow."

LAWN TENNIS.

A GAME TO-MORROW.

Messrs. G. A. Mahon and L. Escombe, representing the crack tennis players of Vancouver, came down on Friday evening and yesterday afternoon several good practice games were played at the Belcher street grounds with members of the home club. Champion J. F. Foulkes and Mr. Mahon will play a five set match here to-morrow, beginning at 4.15 p.m.

MAHONY WINS.

BRISTOL, July 4.—In the final singles of the lawn tennis tournament here today H. S. Mahony beat F. S. Larned, the American player, 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. In the double final Mahony and Larned met the Baddeley brothers, and the latter won with 6-1, 9-11, 6-4, 7-5.

ATHLETICS.

QUEBEC, July 2.—(Special)—Eight thousand people attended the first day's races of the C.W.A. here. The results were:

One mile review—1, W. Thibault; 2, H. G. Beeman; 3, F. S. Charles. Time, 2:25 3-5.

One mile championship, professional—1, Fred. Lougheed and A. McLeod, dead heat; 3, W. McIntosh. The championship was given to McLeod as Lougheed refused to start again. Time, 2:23 4-5.

Half mile championship, amateur—1, Blaney, Simcoe; 2, Hulse, Toronto; 3, Coussirat, Montreal. Time, 1:19.

One mile, 2:25 class, amateur; Paced by tandem; 1, Cameron, Montreal; 2, McEachern, Toronto; 3, Shillingham, Sarnia. Time, 2:25.

Two mile championship tandem; 1, McCall and Gratz, Gendron's team; 2, G. Young and J. Wells, McCready's team; 3, F. W. Young and C. Elliot, Gendron's team. Time, 5:34.

Half mile open professional; 1, Fred Lougheed, Sarnia; 2, Cecil Elliott, Toronto; 3, A. G. Young, Toronto. Time, 1:25 2-5.

Team race, three miles; W. G. and R. trophy; three men in each team; Montreal Wanderers, 38 points; Toronto, 35; Peterboro, 19; Ottawa, 16; Quebec, 13.

Five mile championship, first heat—1, Davidson, Toronto; 2, W. A. Coussirat, Montreal; 3, Cameron. Time, 2:25. Second heat—1, Blaney, Simcoe; 2, Frank Moore; 3, Thibault, Montreal. Time, 2:33 1-5. Third heat—1, R. E. Axton, Brantford; 2, R. Stackhouse, Ottawa; 3, A. McEachern, Toronto. Time, 2:34. Final heat—1, J. Davidson; 2, Blaney; 3, McEacheron. Time not given.

One mile, 2:40 class, professional—1, E. Cooper, Brantford; 2, John Wells, Toronto; 3, R. E. McCall, Toronto. Time, 2-35½.

The second day's races resulted as follows:

Mile handicap, 1, Parr, Ottawa; 2, Beemer, Toronto; 3, McEachern, Toronto. Time, 2:32 3-5.

Half-mile championship, professional, 1, Harley Davidson; 2, Lougheed, Sarnia; 3, McLeod. Time, 1:11.

Mile championship, 1, J. F. Davidson; 2, Coussirat, Montreal; 3, Acton, Brantford. Time, 2:31 4 5.

Five mile professional championship—1, Harley Davidson; 2, Lougheed; 3, McLeod. Time: 13 1-3 minutes.

Half mile open, amateur—1, Drury, Montreal; 2, Hulze, Toronto; 3, J. Davidson, Brantford.

Mile open, professional—1, H. Davidson; 2, McIntosh; 3, Lougheed. Time: 2.43 1-5.

Two-mile tandem championship—1, Coussirat and Robertson; 2, Hulze and Moore; 3, Phelps and Lyttle. Time: 2.51.

Mile handicap, professional—1, Lougheed; 2, F. W. Young; 3, Elliott. Time: 2.38 3-5.

Mile open, amateur—1, Acton; 2, Blaney; 3, J. F. Davidson. Time; 2.21 2-5.

HERE AND THERE.

BRIEF NOTES OF CURRENT HAPPENINGS.

A meeting of the Capital Intermediates will be held at the Caledonian grounds on Monday evening after practice.

The general club meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Rowing Club which was to have been held on Tuesday next has been postponed until Tuesday the 14th inst.

The Amities Base Ball Club at Port Townsend did not meet with as good fortune as the juniors of this city, the standing when last heard of yesterday being something like one to 14.

EVERY suitable spot in and around Victoria was taken possession of by picnickers on Dominion Day, either by private parties or Sunday schools. At Esquimalt the Calvary and Burnside Baptist Mission schools pitched their tents; at Macaulay Point the St. Paul's Presbyterian church children spent a pleasant day; at Oak Bay the Salvation Army's band could be heard periodically; and at Cordova Bay the different lodges of the I.O.G.T. assembled for their annual outing.

CHATHAM, July 3.—A. Tye, one of the pioneers of Thamesville, is dead.

THE CITY.

MESSRS. J. H. TODD & SONS yesterday received word from their new Anacortes cannery that 125 cases of salmon had been packed that day and everything was working well.

DURING the stay of the U.S.S. Monterey in these waters some time ago, one of the lieutenants witnessed the physical drill of the bluejackets of H.M.S. Royal Arthur at Esquimalt, and was so taken with it that, according to a recent San Francisco Examiner, he has been teaching his own men the exercise, and recently at Santa Barbara gave the volunteer naval brigade of that place their first lesson in the movements.

ON Tuesday the annual Methodist camp meeting opens at Sidney and will be in progress for six or seven days. Arrangements for meals on the grounds have been made and in anticipation of large numbers going out, rates over the V. & S. railway have been secured. Among those who will address the meeting will be Rev. J. F. Betts, the minister in charge; Mrs. Barrett, an evangelist from Port Townsend; Rev. T. W. Hall, of Nanaimo; Rev. Solomon Cleaver, Rev. J. H. Hicks and Rev. W. D. Misener.

ONE of the most useful institutions in this city is the Maternity Home. Its doors are open to respectable women of all classes and creeds. The poor are treated without charge, while pay patients are cared for at reasonable rates. The home has heretofore been sustained by the voluntary subscriptions of the charitably disposed, but of late the revenue has fallen off to so low a condition that a fear is expressed by the managers that the establishment must be closed unless more generous contributions are made. The merchants and citizens of Victoria have acted in a liberal spirit towards the home; but their aid has proved insufficient. A slight effort is all that is necessary to make the establishment self-sustaining, and concerted action on the part of those who wish it well would insure its permanency. It is hoped and believed that an effort will be made and the closing of the home averted.

THE annual general meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade will be held on Friday next for the purpose of receiving the usual yearly report, and the election of officers, council and board of arbitration for the ensuing twelve months. The position of the board was never stronger than it is at present, and this strength will be augmented by additional members provided the entrance fee is reduced as proposed. Several applications for membership are now in the secretary's hands and more are expected before Friday next. To-morrow is the last day for nominating for officers and council. Any member may nominate three persons, but such nominations must be in the secretary's hands not later than to-morrow. Everything points to a very successful meeting on Friday next, as the business men are attaching more importance to and taking greater interest in the business of the board.

A BASKET PICNIC.

A large crowd from Duncan and the surrounding country as also from Victoria, attended the basket picnic held at Shawnigan lake yesterday. For the day an interesting programme had been prepared, consisting of boat races, swimming races, running and jumping contests, putting shot, greasy pole, dancing etc. There were in all some fifteen events, and these passed off with such promptness and satisfaction as to elicit warm expressions of appreciation of the services of the managing committee, which consisted of Messrs. A. McKinnon, P. J. Hall and F. D. Pelkey. After the sports of the day, dancing was indulged in from early evening until midnight. The races upon the programme resulted as follows:

Running long jump, 3 entries—A. Bell, 1; F. D. Pelkey, 2.

Putting shot, 17 lbs., 3 entries—D. Cameron, 1; R. Findlay, 2.

Running hop, step and jump, 6 entries—D. Barry, 1; W. Manley, 2.

Vaulting with pole, 3 entries—R. Maclay, 1; A. Bell, 2.

Running high jump, 3 entries—E. L. Harrison, 1; D. Barry, 2.

Three-legged race, 3 entries—Joseph and Jones, 1; Cameron and Clay, 2.

Sack race, 3 entries—R. Maclay, 1; A. Porter, 2.

Girls' race, 7 entries.

100-yard dash, 3 entries—Williams, 1; Harrison, 2.

Ladies' race, 4 entries—Miss Cameron, 1; Mrs. McKeon, 2.

Single scull, 1 mile, 4 entries—Warnock, 1; Jones, 2.

Double scull, three entries—W. Warnock and Mahony, 1; Findlay Bros., 2.

Swimming race, 100 yards, 3 entries—Welsh, 1; Joseph, 2.

Tub race, 50 yards, 2 entries—Welsh, 1; A. Porter, 2.

Greasy pole, 3 entries—Joseph, 1.

"HACKLOADS OF HEELERS."

Mr. William Templeman and Senator McInnes, accompanied by eight or nine "hackloads of heelers"—as the Times would call them—drove down to the Charmer's wharf last night to greet Mr. Hewitt Bostock, their rival for the cabinet position that Hon. Mr. Laurier was expected to give to British Columbia. There was a band, too, which played about the streets for some time before the arrival of the steamer. When Mr. Bostock came ashore the hacks formed in procession and, escorted by a score of boys carrying brooms afire, gave a feeble representation of the advertised "torchlight procession" that was to have escorted the member-elect for Yale-Cariboo to the Times office. There speeches were indulged in after Mr. Templeman had introduced Mr. Bostock as "Hewitt Bostock, Esq., M.P. for Yale-Cariboo." Mr. Bostock told how until lately there were not many Liberals in Cariboo, but that since his advent "Liberals had seemed to spring up out of the ground," somewhat reminding one of the story of Jason and the dragon's teeth. Mr. Bostock's speech was rather tame, but wound up with red fire and a skyrocket or two sent up by one of the faithful. Mr. Bodwell spoke next, and two or three sky rockets soared even higher than his flights of eloquence; but when Mr. Scaife followed, the rocket made a zigzag erratic course close to the ground and buried itself in the dust of the street. The mechanical fireworks having given out about this time, and the brass and wind instruments of the band being in requisition at Oak Bay, Ald. Macmillan and Marchant were called upon and talked the assemblage away.

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MINING IN KOOTENAY.

Notes of an Interesting Tour—Immense Resources of the Rossland Section.

What Some Mines Have Realized—Advice to Investors in Mining Enterprise.

NORTHPORT, July 1.—(Special)—Commercially Northport has suddenly assumed first place in the relations between Canada and the United States. A corps of American and Canadian customs officers are located here to supervise the commerce of the two countries, and they are the hardest worked government officials I know of. Stages, steamboats and trains ply daily between here and important centres in British Columbia; and stages, steamboats and trains are crowded to overflowing. The trip up the Columbia river from here to Revelstoke on the Canadian Pacific I have written on in previous letters. I have tried to give an idea of its enchanting and indescribable beauty, for I would gladly bring here the lovers of the picturesque and sublime, that they may learn to worship the wonders of this glorious country. The lovers of natural scenery will come in time. But they have not come as yet. The prospector, the gold-seeker, the speculator, the capitalist, the home-seeker, the adventurer, and the motley crowd that minister to the wants and luxuries of a new community, are rushing into British Columbia now. These are the pioneers of the most fascinatingly beautiful region on God's green earth. I never visit this country but I become dazed as I contemplate nature's unveiled charms and its boundless hidden treasures.

I have just returned from a most interesting tour of the mining district. On Sunday I explored Red mountain on the back of a cayuse, and was utterly astonished at all I saw and heard. Two years ago Red mountain was a wilderness, where a few hopefuls were delving for riches that might never come. But the slopes of Red Mountain to-day are not only a busy hive of industrial activity, but scores of comfortable homes and neat cottages already nestle on the hill sides and shelter joyous and happy families. The sweet voices of children and their merry peals of laughter were glad music to the heart of the traveller. Moreover, as we passed by those neat cottages on the War Eagle ground the strains of instrumental music were wafted to our ears, mingled with the songs of some light hearted maidens, to whom life is still romantic. Thus childhood, innocence, youth and romance are already perched here on the slopes of this mountain, and here also are the sweet and simple pleasures which are the true salt and savor of life, and which are the heritage of the poor and the lowly as well as of the great and famous.

The truth is, the enterprise of the mining speculator is ever creating opportunities for the toiling masses of mankind, for to those with strong arms and stout hearts mining furnishes the most profitable field for labor. Wealth and fortune has come to many and will come to more from the overflowing riches of these mines; but far better is the large and profitable employment they will give to the multitude whose fate it is to earn their bread in the sweat of their brow. But to return to my subject. I have had long consultations with mining engineers of world-wide reputation, who are there representing London and Paris capital, and I can state with the utmost confidence and assurance that within a radius of a dozen miles of Rossland nature has deposited more golden store for the use and benefit of mankind than in any similar area on the globe. Let me not for one moment be understood to say that fortune waits on every man who hies him to Rossland. It is not by any means the Eldorado of the poor man. The gold is locked in the bowels of the earth in a rock harder than adamant, and it takes lots of money, of labor, and of machinery and time to extract the hidden wealth. That it is there in fabulous and inconceivable quantities is beyond dispute.

I saw $300,000 of ore lying on the dump of the Le Roi awaiting shipment, and the superintendent of that wonderful property assures me that as soon as his mining and shipping facilities are complete he will take $3,000,000 a year in gold out of the Le Roi mine. The War Eagle, which was bought with three other properties two years ago for $15,000, has just been sold to a London company for over a million. The Iron Mask was one of the properties then thrown in as a bait to induce some mining speculators to buy the War Eagle for $15,000. Now the Iron Mask fetches $500,000 from British capitalists, for they know that they can make millions out of it. A little over a year ago Colonel John M. Burke bought the Great Western and Golden Chariot for $12,000. It was thought then a wild and extravagant speculation, but a few weeks ago $250,000 was refused for that property. It is now managed and controlled by Mr. Barr, of Colorado, and he says that on account of new discoveries he will not sell under million figures. I spent Sunday on the slopes of Red Mountain, noting, massing facts, and trying to draw deductions from all I saw and learned, but I am still utterly at sea.

From the Nickel Plate on the bottom of Red mountain to the View on the crest of it are a series of cuts and shafts and tunnels exposing rich ore all over the mountain. The Nickel Plate people at a depth of 140 feet are taking out $242 rock, and the vein has widened out from a few inches on the surface to three feet at the bottom of the shaft. The View, a mile and a half above on the mountain side, is mining $30 in the face of their tunnel. Lying between the View and the Nickel Plate are the St. Elmo, the Cliff, the Red Mountain, the Pilgrim, the War Eagle, the Le Roi and Centre Star. It is absolutely impossible to place a value on any one of these properties, in the light of the extraordinary developments hourly taking place. Take the Red Mountain as a type of the undeveloped properties. I traced a ledge of ore through this claim for 1,500 feet. At places some of the ore in this ledge has come to the surface, and it assays 10 per cent. copper and $8 in gold. They are driving a tunnel in on this ledge to catch the ore body at a depth of 200 feet, and when they strike that ore body they will have another Le Roi. Moreover, on this claim, 1,500 feet square, they have four parallel ledges. To the east is the City of Spokane and the C. & C. Recently in the latter claim, at a depth of fifteen feet, the workmen uncovered seven feet of solid sulphide ore that assays $68 to the ton. I have no doubt but this is the same vein as that of the Red Mountain, and if it be along that ledge are properties that will cast the Le Roi, War Eagle and Iron Mask in the shade.

The day before I examined what I must call the Central group of the camp, beginning at the Sunset and Nest Egg and ending with the Palo Alto, San Joaquin, and Commander and Vulcan. Many whose judgment is worth respect prophesied that this central belt would prove valueless, but the developments all go to show that this central belt is equally rich with the wonderful northern belt. On the San Joaquin, a few feet from the Palo Alto, they are sinking on a narrow vein, but the ore in this vein ran as high as $250 to the ton in gold. Some of the ledge matter goes $78 in gold, and this fact proves that the ledge known as the Palo Alto ought to develop into one of the very richest of the camp. This ledge is clearly traced for fully a mile to the west, where it is exposed by a railroad cut on the Fire Fly ground.

In company with Captain John Irving and Mr. Monroe, of Victoria, I visited the Lily May, the Zilor and the Deer Park, which are all on the south belt. The Lily May and Zilor are two very promising properties, but the Deer Park is probably the great mine of the Trail country. There are immense ledges of copper and iron sulphide cutting through the mountain. These ledges are from 60 to 100 feet wide, and the ore immediately below the surface assays from a trace to $40 in gold. All the experience of this camp has been poor gold assays near the surface, especially with big ledges, where the gold has been leached through the percolating of water. And if this be true of the Deer Park and gold value increases with depth this mine will become probably the greatest mine on earth. Four hundred feet from the main ledge the south ledge is being developed on the Deer Park claim. On this vein a cross cut is run through ten feet of ore that assays $12 in gold and $3 copper, and this ledge alone would be enough to make a great mine. The developments of the Deer Park are being watched with the greatest interest, for they will settle once and for all whether these immense fissures that cut the Trail country from the Columbia river to the head waters of Trail creek contain rich gold deposits, no matter on which side of the creek they are located. There are probably twelve such fissures, and they are being carefully worked and prospected.

It is certain that places will be found along these fissures which will prove barren and worthless. Volcanic disturbance or the pinching of the fissure will either have prevented the secretion of gold in paying quantities or have destroyed the possibility of extracting it with profit. But sufficient evidence is now present to demonstrate the fact that more gold will be dug out of those fissures within this generation than the golden land of Australia has yielded up to date. Investors in these Trail properties should be careful to see that their money be not sunk in the barren or broken places I refer to. There never was a mining country that afforded such opportunities for reaping a golden harvest out of the profits of legitimate mining, but there is and will be a good deal of dastardly speculation. I have already seen several blocks of worthless mineral land palmed off on the unsuspecting public as mines. It is useless to rail at and denounce such wildcat business, for the public seem to have an infinite capacity of gullibility in mining matters. They like things cheap, and that is the bait of the wildcat performer. English and French capitalists have their agents on the spot to buy up good claims, and the public should know that they have no chance now of getting a good thing for little money.

Those who want to speculate in mines had best entrust their money to mining men of long experience and well known probity. If they do, they are safe and liable to obtain big profits. I have incidentally mentioned the properties in Trail that are certain of great results, and I could safely add to this list such properties as the Crown Point, the Florence, the Jumbo, the Josie, the Mayflower, the Monte Christo, the Evening, the Columbia and Kootenay, the Eureka Consolidated, the West Le Roi and Josie and the Georgia. The Homestake and the Lee and Maid of Erin are also certain to make mines, but they have been woefully mismanaged, and until they are reorganized I should advise that they be left severely alone. The Eureka Consolidated has an ugly law suit on its hands, and so has the Pilgrim. In both instances it is a solid case of blackmail. It is an attempt on the part of fraudulent and dishonest men to get possession of mining property of great value, not by discovery or purchase but by some legal technicality or error on the part of the rightful owners of the property. Claim jumping and fraud of this kind should be made a penal offense, as it is in Australia.

From Rossland I rode with United States Deputy Collector Moloney to the top of Grouse Mountain. I had heard a great deal of the discoveries made there since the Reservation was opened. It is just on the borders of the two countries. The mountain is cut by ledges similar in character to those of the Trail country. One of these ledges I traced for fully 2,000 feet along the mountain side. It is of immense width, and it shows copper and iron sulphide ore mixed with ledge matter. I should like to see a couple of hundred feet of development work done on this ledge. Till that is done I can give no statement about the future of Grouse Mountain. I shall reserve comment on other properties in the Reservation till I have carefully gone over the ground. I am inundated with fabulous reports of rich strikes made there, but I shall tell of them when I see them first. I am going from here across the reservation and up to Boundary, and I will give your readers a synopsis of what I see and find during my trip.

Now, as to the town of Rossland, let me say that the hotel accommodation is all that could be desired. From Spokane to Rossland by rail and by steamboat takes about ten hours, and it is a trip that will be instructive and profitable. Spokane, of course, can be reached from the east and west by the Northern Pacific and from the south by the O. R. & N. Travellers, however, must not expect the palatial railroad service of the Northern Pacific on the Columbia & Western from Trail to Rossland. That is a narrow gauge railroad, bent on coining money for Mr. Heinze, of Butte. It is doing that; but I would strongly recommend Mr. Heinze to improve his car service before Mr. D. C. Corbin makes connection with Rossland from here. Mr. Corbin, of the Spokane Falls and Northern, is pushing his road up Sheep Creek and into Rossland as fast as men and money can do it. He will also bridge the Columbia right here, so that Rossland will then be but seven hours' trip from Spokane. When that is done Rossland will fast become the biggest, most prosperous and richest city in the Province of British Columbia.

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