

Iron Mines Bonded

East Sooke Property Reported to Have Passed Into Hands of Pennsylvania Syndicate.

Temporary Buildings to Be Erected at Once and Machinery Installed.

Negotiations, which have been pending for some time for the purchase of the East Sooke iron mines, are reported to have been consummated to-day, the property passing into the hands of a Pennsylvania firm.

The buyers are already interested on the island, being the same syndicate who own and operate a mine on Barclay Sound.

The property purchased is well known to Victorians, it having many years ago been prospected; and it has also been long on the market.

Buildings for temporary use are to be at once erected on the property, and the mineralized seams exploited without delay.

The iron resources of the mine are said to be practically inexhaustible for the next century.

The negotiations have been in progress for some time, Capt. Kelly, of this city, being instrumental in interesting the parties who now hold the option.

As soon as this is done work will actively commence on the property, as it is understood that those securing the option are bound to expend a good many thousands of dollars upon the claim in question before the expiration of their option.

The property involved consists of about five hundred acres, and although Messrs. H. Young and W. Ralph own a considerable part of it, a considerable number of other property holders are interested in the deal.

The full significance of the transaction is scarcely conveyed in the bare statement that the iron property has been bonded.

Fortunately they have not far to seek for the necessary black diamonds. Right across the bay from the properties which have passed under bond there is a fine seam of coal on the Muir property.

The nature of the obstruction was certainly very substantial, and the evident design of the wrecker or wreckers was to precipitate the car down an incline skirted by the track.

The scene of the attempt was fairly favorable to the design. As it occurred on a curve, the head-light of the car would not command the barricade until too late, and the miscreant responsible for the attempted outrage probably trusted to the probability of the motorer's failure to observe the obstruction in time to stop it.

The object of the would-be wrecker is difficult to fathom. Robbery is hardly a probable explanation, as the neighborhood is too well traversed.

Big Crowd of Newspaper Men Will Visit Victoria in July.

Victoria is likely to be invaded by a bigger throng of tourists this year than ever before. The fame of the coast cities and of their scenic beauties is yearly drawing larger crowds of sightseers to the West, and few of these return without visiting Victoria.

DEATH OF B. A. ST. GEORGE.

Another of Victoria's Volunteers Succumbs to Enteric Fever at Doodfontein—Was Member of Strathcona's Horse.

Dispatches from the front chronicle the death of still another of the little contingent sent out from this city to serve with the forces charged with the conduct of the war in South Africa.

St. George and his brother-in-law, Fall, whose promotion to a commission was told of in a letter from Trooper Frances, printed in these columns a few days ago, were among the first to offer for service here when volunteers were called for for the Horse. Deceased was slight in build, and evidently not very strong.

The deceased's death to the Times, for which he acted as special correspondent, was accompanied by a private note saying that he had been laid up in hospital for some time, and had been unable to write, but that he was then feeling better and hoped to keep the readers of the Times better posted upon the occurrences of the campaign so far than they relate to the forces of which he was a member.

It was remembered that his last letter to this paper was a distinct piece of journalistic enterprise, telling, as it did, that the British volunteers had been lured by the Boers. It was the only detailed account received of that affair, and was reprinted widely in the Eastern press.

The deceased trooper was an Englishman by birth, although he had spent a number of years in this country. He came to Dunsmuir six or seven years ago, where two brothers-in-law, Messrs. Fall and Mayo, had a ranch. He returned to Oak Lake, Man., where he again came to the coast and went north to Adair, with transportation company.

He was living when he enlisted with Strathcona's Horse. Mrs. St. George left for England a few weeks ago expecting to meet her husband there on his return from the front.

He was killed at Doodfontein on Wednesday last, the Mermaid put in an appearance at Port Wilson, the steamer at once put out to her. She took her in tow and unceremoniously towed her to Esquimaut, the quicker the better, and it was the whole thing done by the shipping men on the American side did not know otherwise but that the bark was in distress and was being sent over here for repair and to have its cargo free from any danger of seizure.

As a matter of fact the vessel is not in distress, and the case was ultimately particularly, although, according to Capt. White, she will likely be placed on the old copper on her bottom removed. She has not been chartered since a morning's paper, and so far as now known will remain where she is for an indefinite time.

The Mermaid is described as a vessel over twenty years old, and in earlier days considered a fast and fine vessel. During last summer she was engaged in the Nome trade, and it was while in this service that she fell into possession of her present owner.

They thought, I suppose, that they would get the whole ship, but when it was notified of all the circumstances I decided to give them a touch of high life.

The action of the authorities in quarantining Nanaimo has certainly caused many episodes of somewhat exciting, but by all means, of a character. These consist of the attempts that have been made by various individuals to escape the attention of the vaccinator.

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The Victorian was strongly desirous of leaving Nanaimo without undergoing the ordeal of vaccination. With this end in view he procured a horse and buggy, and in a vague and unobtrusive manner which would have reflected credit on a man like Dewet, he drove away in the direction of Extension, hoping to catch the train there, and thus elude the vigilance of the authorities.

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Colonel Lord William Leslie De La Bour Berosford died last night. He was born July 20th, 1847.

Touch of High Life

Owner of Mermaid Declares He Will Not Be Robbed of Craft.

In Order to Avoid Possible Contingencies Takes Vessel to Esquimaut.

There is a little story of a somewhat eccentric character connected with the arrival of the bark Mermaid, Capt. Pitt, in Esquimaut on Wednesday evening, that has not yet been told, and which proves Capt. F. White, her owner, to be a man of nerve and a man of daring, one in fact who does not believe in rendering up everything for nothing.

The bark first came in here it was, according to the general impression, for the purpose of undergoing repairs. She had just arrived from the North and was known to have experienced the roughest kind of weather, having been one of the fleet among which there were so many maimed ships coming up the Straits in the fore part of the week.

Mr. Bradburn pointed out that the interpretation clause of the by-law describing "persons" as including bodies corporate. The city was merely desiring to collect a tax, and it was admitted that landed liability companies could be fined. Mr. Bradburn pointed out that the company traded under different names in different parts of the Dominion, were not represented in the province, and he was thus handicapped in seeking to characterize the defendants.

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TRADING STAMP CASE

In Police Court This Morning—Argument as to Whether Magistrate Has Jurisdiction Over It.

The hearing of the charge against John Hanley for vagrancy, which was adjourned from yesterday, was continued in the city police court this morning to allow Hanley to call a number of witnesses for the defence.

On the Dominion Trading Stamp Co. case being called Mr. Bradburn, who appeared for the city, explained that the action was taken against the company for failing to take out a proper license. Mr. Duff, for the company, said the case had not reached a stage when it would be proper for him to enter a plea.

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Defective Sewerage

Physicians Attribute the Outbreak of Typhoid Fever to Local Causes.

The Milk and Water Supply of the City Is Perfectly Pure.

A considerable number of cases of typhoid fever have engaged the attention of the medical men of the city for the last two months, and have caused more or less alarm.

The reasons for the outbreak have been commonly ascribed to the milk supply, an agency which it is well known is very liable to contamination, and in which cleanliness is absolutely essential for the protection of health.

Some of the localities afflicted were on the high lands, some on the Bay and some in Victoria West. In the former, the sewers, owing to the dry weather which has prevailed, were not kept flushed, gas accumulated there not displaced by the flow of water, and found its way by means of the avenue which the sewer pipe provided into the homes of the citizens.

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manded by the magistrate in the stamping affair at Extension to-day from two Italians. The money was immediately put up.

George Carter, formerly secretary of the now defunct Young Men's Christian Association, will leave here on the steamer Esplanade, sailing on the 7th of next month, on a business tour of China, the Straits Settlement, Ceylon and India.

Inasmuch as his trip is calculated to promote a trade between these remote points and Victoria, the expedition is one of more than common interest.

Lord Roberts' arrival at the pier and landing. The general appearance of the army of British soldiers, whose arm was slung as a result of being sick on his horse, was a sight to see.

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