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# PLACER MINING BILL.

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Britishers the Pioneers of Mining in This Province-" Canada for Canadians."

B. C. Merchants Told of the Cos of Excluding the Alien Miner.

### To the Editor of the Colonist

## AMERICANS IN B. C. MINES.

Sir: A great deal has been said garding what Americans have done for British Columbia, and a great cry has gone up that Americans have developed gone up that Americans have developed Kootenay mines. Now, let me ask the people who are always using this argument to defend themselves when con-fronted by those who know better than this, and are in a position to know, who have founded the mining camps of both East and West Kootenay? In the first place, let me say that Americans never founded a camp in British Columbia, neither quartz nor placer. What is the neither quartz nor placer. What is the proof of my argument? Are not the names of those creeks and camps proof? se creeks and camps proof? names of those creeks and camps proof? Who found the first quartz claim in British Columbia at Field, on Mount Stephen, in 1884? In the same year Jubilee mountain was found, but not by Americans. In 1885 Illecillewaet, by Canadians, while in 1888 Fish creek was found by John Boyd and Thomas Bain, Canadians; in 1890 Lardeau was found by myself excent the Silver Cun which by myself, except the Silver Cup, which was found in 1885 by Thomas Ardell ticipate that this deficit of miners will be made up by an influx of British minwas found in 1885 by Thomas Ardell and others. In 1885 the quartz in Big Bend was found by James Guns, Keel-ing, A. McKay and five other Canadians. In 1892 Slocan was found by John Sandon, Henry Cody and Eli Carpenter. Those creeks are named after the gentle-men who found them. Then came the hordes from neighboring states, who men who found them. Then came the serious detriment, as it is wen known hordes from neighboring states, who staked everything in sight and out of sight, and if anyone will take the trouble ince, but on their return homeward to look over the mining laws, they will find that it was after Slocan was found that the words "inineral in place" were first inserted in our mining laws, as the that the words "mineral in place" were first inserted in our mining laws, as the Americans were staking on from 10 to 20 feet of snow in Slocan and holding the ground for one year, in hopes that some one might find some mineral there-the americans, in most instances speculat-been made on the world's supply of gold from all sources; and while it is not ing to be of immense immerse incorrance. some one might find some inneral there. Deen made on the world's supply of gold this province which have and are prov-one man had no less than 26 claims, from all sources; and while it is not definitely known what placer gold costs to recover, it is probable that a dollar in who have been factors in making British

Americans spent much money and time in developing these mines. Now, is time.

there any one so foolish as to make this there any one so roots as to make this statement, as nearly every one of those mines paid from the grass roots to the tune of from \$50 to \$100 profit per ton; tune of from \$50 to \$100 pront per ton; there must be a great risk in an enter-prise of this nature. Poor Americans! The members of our legislature should fight for these people. When one thinks of all the losses that they have sus-tained in opening up these mines. Look at the condition of Spokane, Seattle and of all the losses that they have sust cent. Would be spent in Canada. Each itself. One may well ask, Is it wise is at the condition of Spokane, Seattle and average not less than one year, and the general interests of the province? at the condition of spokane, seattle and other cities to day south of the line. It was a well-known fact in the early nine-ties that Spokane Falls was bankrupt, and it would be so to day if it had not working, and the other \$600 is perforce there for the mining of Kostaney, and

and it would be so to-day if it had not been for the mining of Kootenay; and we see their gratitude at the Spokane fair last fall, when the Americans re-fused good Canadian money in payment of hotel bils and gate fees. Furthermore Canadians are told every day that Am-erican money opened up the mines at Rossland, but forget that as soon as Eastern Canadians stopped buying Eastern Canadians stopped buying shares in Rossland mining companies city was on the down grade, and until Canadian and British money came to their relief they were doubtful whether the camp would stand or fall. Also let us ask any one who owned the Le Roi

Now let us assume that the Anti-Alien Bill has become law and that one-half (a very liberal estimate) of the miners that would otherwise have entered, went mine in the first place—was it not the same man that afterwards found the Canadian merchants and transport and more fair to have brought it into

North Star mine at Fort Steele? Also, I would like to know who found Four-Wile creek, Slocan lake, and who has leveloped the Lardeau country and Ille-thousand men staving a year at the dig.

# VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST THUR SDAY, JANUARY 19 1899

President of the Council, when speaking in support of this bill, drew a distinction between quartz and gravel mining, they both of them seemed to lose sight of the fact that when the latter takes the shape of an hydraulic mine just as large if not larger expenditure of capital upon devel-opment and machinery is necessary than in the case of quartz. The bill also af-fects English commanies. President of the Council, when speaking bia derive from, say ten or twenty in support of this bill, drew a distinction thousand people who leave Seattle or

answer can be given-the country

fects English companies. The law now sought to be introduced be so much poorer, and our rating by these very people will be poorer still; the more we allow them to buildoze us is notably narrow-minded and contrary to the spirit of imperial legislation, but will also paralyze and cripple the opening up of mines which would be of lasting benefit to the province long offer into everything, the less we are thought into everything, the less we are thought of by them. The people of Canada did not expect the millions of gold taken from the Klondike to come to our own country last year, but we did expect to derive some benefit in the way of trade, and would have done so, had it not been for the mean and small legislation directed against our merchants by the very people benefit to the province long after the placer mines of Klondike and Atlin are HYDRAULIC MINER.

EXCLUSION OF ALIENS.

Sir:-You claim that the Daily Colon-ist has been instrumental in the bringing forward of the Anti-Alien Bill now in against our merchants by the very people who, now they see that we are the masters in the matter, are grovelling at our the hands of the committee of the house, and as the following considerations do the hands of the committee of the house, and as the following considerations do not appear to have received any atten-tion in the public press, perhaps you will kindly comment on them, and point out wherein, if any, the error lies. It appears to be accepted as near the It appears to be accepted as near the truth that 75 per cent. of the placer It appears to be accepted as near the truth that 75 per cent. of the placer derive no benefit. Let every true Can miners operating in the Northern dis-tricts are Americans, and it is proba-ble that of the remaining 25 per cent, not more than four-fifths are British adian hope that this may not be the only bill with this as its object. We require several more directed towards other in-dustries which are being exploited too much for the herefore the several more directed to much for the herefore the several more the several several more the several more th subjects, so that, assuming the same proportions obtain in the near future as in the immediate past, out of every hunmuch for the benefit of our neighbors to the south of us, and the sooner our peo-ple come to a realization of the fact that in the immediate past, out of every hun-dred placer miners who would under nor-mal conditions enter the Atlin gold fields this coming spring, eighty will be kept out if the bill under consideration be-comes law. Do the supporters of the said bill an-tionate that this definit of minore mill we can exist and manage our own affairs without their assistance the better off we will all be.

CANADIAN. Victoria, January 13, 1899.

AN OLD-TIMER PROTESTS.

Sir: As an old British Columbian and one who has been in every mining camp in the province of any importance, and on account of being connected in most of their commercial affairs, as well as with mines, it has been my lot to fairly understand the conditions as they existed between Britich subjects existed between British subjects and aliens, and must say that our relations

Furthermore, we are told that those as an average of a large number of Americans) are still here, and have asas an average of a large humber of sisted in the uphill fight, will, by the sime, "Placer amendment act" now before

It has been estimated that the Atlin under normal conditions action act in now before the legislature, be debarred from getting This is un-Brit-

spent abroad, the balance, fourteen mil-lion, four hundred thousand dollars, be-ing spent in the country. Now let us assume that the Anti-Alien

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, London Spectator.

The air is full of talk of alliances

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Sir:—No doubt you will agree that steps should be taken to avoid anything like friction or a deadlock between the municipalities of Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, New Westminster and the school trustees. It is therefore in order to secure harmony and smooth working that the school act should be amended in its extraordinary and unbusinesslike clauses. that, however different may be their in-terests and aspirations, and however much separated their spheres of action, brothers-in-blood never desert each other in the hour of supreme need. We want

clauses. Clause 24 of the School act gives ex-cessive powers, and should be amended to conform with clause 38. that if either country gets its back to the wall, the other will come to its help, Clause 36 defines the extensive duties and authority of the trustees, and for an unlimited expenditure. Clause 37 directs the trustees to pre-uarrel, or who is in the right; I only

and authority of the trustees, and for Clause 37 directs the trustees to pre-gare an estimate for the annual expen-diture, and furnish the municipal coun-cils with a copy of the same. This es-timate cannot be reduced or amended by the municipalities, but they must pay the sum demanded by the trustees.

Clause 38 is framed on business prin-ciples, but conflicts with, if it does not there, which we want to see foreign coverside the preceding clause. It sets powers take cognizance of officially. forth: "That the amount of money or-dered to be assessed and levied for school we regard as the most valuable thing in purposes in any city shall be placed to the world. Look at its results when a separate account by the city treasurer and shall be paid to the trustees. It shall not be lawful for the board of school trustees to incur any liability be-yond the sum shown by such account to be at their dismonly. Look at its results when Europe wanted, before the war began, to seize America's arms and pinion them to her side, and when later the powers longed, as in the case of Japan and the Liao-Tung peninsula, to dictate the

be at their disposal." Liao-Tung peninsula, to dictate the It will be seen that clauses 34 and 33 give unlimited powers of expenditure to the trustees, whereas clause 37 very pro-perly restricts the expenditure to the special rate assessed and levied for school purposes.

chool purposes. Clause 34 should be amended so as to they will help each other in all circumconform to the definite authority for ex-penditure contained in clause 38. Clause 37 should be eliminated from to a great extent ceased to operate. the act as it conflicts with clause 38 i

the matter of expenditure, excepting that THE NEW YEAR. portion which directs the preparation of

an annual estimate. If the special rate of two mills now Chicago Record. Mr. Philip G. Moses of Forty-fifth street send in some mathematical facts in rela-tion to the figures contained in 1899. It seems that the new year contains the num-ber 9 in a great many combination, several of which are pointed out, by Mr. Moses as follows: levied by the municipalities for school purposes is not sufficient, let the extra sum necessary be borne in equal shares by the province, and the municipalities. Let the \$3 revenue tax be collected without favor and let the additional amount

required to make up the share of the cities be levied fairly on real estate and

These ideas, however crude, may form nucleus on which suitable amendments the School act can be framed, which would be placed without delay before the legislative assembly

W. J. MACDONALD.

GIVE THEM ALL A CHANCE. Sir :- Allow me to ask through your

on all licenses

columns why the Roman Catholic dergy is the second sput-9 minus 1 equates are deprived of the opportunity of reading the prayers in the local legislature of this duty incumbent upon all the last two figures and the remainder record from the first two figures and the remainder record from the first two figures and the remainder record from the first two figures and the remainder record from the first two figures and the remainder record from the first two figures and the remainder record from the first two figures and the remainder record from the first two figures reversed-80 the same privilege, in this respect at the same privilege, in this respect at the first two figures by the same two figures and the same sequents the first two figures and the same sequents the first two figures and the remainder represents the first two figures and the remainder result represents the first two figures and the remainder result represents the first two figures and the remainder result represents the first two figures reversed-80 the same privilege, in this respect at the same privilege, in this respect at the first two figures by the same figures the first two figures and the same sequents the first two figures and the same sequents the first two figures by the same two figures by the same trave figures and the same sequents the first two figures by the same trave figures and the same sequents the first two figures by the first two figures by the same trave figures and the same sequents the first two figures by the same trave figures and the same sequents the first two figures by the same trave figures and the same sequents the first two figures by the same trave figures and the same sequents the first two figures by the first two figures and the same sequents the first two figures by the same trave figures and the same sequents the fi olumns why the Roman Catholic clergy are deprived of the opportunity of read-ing the prayers in the local legislature? Is not this duty incumbent upon all the

GREAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA. tion has taken up the work in the way scientists believe it should.

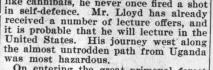
scientists believe it should. Quite recently, however, a joint commit-tee of the Royal Society made an appeal for private contributions to explore this new wonderland. This is made necessary, it is explained, because Her Majesty's govern-ment is unable to supply the funds or lend the officers for the expedition. The gov-ermment fully recognizes the importance of the project, however, and the admirativy will lend the proper instruments for all ""England was made by its adcontones". "England was made by its adcontones". acteristic speech referred to men who were practising at the bar when he came to Victoria twenty-two years ago. His to Victoria twenty-two years ago. His vere practising at the bar when he came to Victoria twenty-two years ago. His vere practising at the bar when he came to Victoria twenty-two years ago. His vere practising at the bar when he came to Victoria twenty-two years ago. His vere practising at the bar when he came the project, however, and the admirative "England was made by its adcontones".

"England was made by its adventurers," "England was made by its adventurers," some one has said, and no one can doubt that the proposed exploration of the Ant-arctic continent will lack for either men THE STORM AT SIDNEY. Brave Rescue of Two Men Capsized Mile and a Half From Land.

acteristic speech referred to men who

THE AFRICAN PIGMIES.

THE AFRICAN PIGMIES. Young English Traveller Converses With and Takes Pictures of Them. London, Jan. 14.—Probably there has been no such interest circling around American travellers and geographers since the time of Henry M. Stanley's expedition as has been caused by the arrival this week of a young and hither since the time of Henry M. Stanley's and rescued both men, at conside expedition as has been caused by the arrival this week of a young and hither-to unknown Englishman, Mr. Albert Bushnell Lloyd, from a Ceneral Africa inverse of the the the the the the sector of the the sector of the the sector of the the sector of the s which they had been towing, and she into the boat, being unable to help him merged trained. He had been him journey of three months. From the heart of Africa he travelled over Stanley's The journey was in constantly's route down the Congo to the west coast. The journey was in one respect more i remarkable than Stanley's, inasmuch as Mr. Lloyd travelled quite alone so far as Europeans were concerned, and was only accompanied by two native servants and a small number of carriers. More-over, although he marched three weeks in the pigmy forest, and then traversed the whole length of the Arnwing river seif in the least. He had been sub-merged twice before he succeeded in get-ting hold of the boat, to which he clung for 25 minutes before being rescued. Mr. Deighton was more fortunate, he having climbed on the large flat-bottomed boat in which the two men had been, and which was also uncert. and which was also upset. This makes the eighth rescue effected by Capt. Johnthe whole length of the Aruwimi river, the banks of which are peopled with war-like cannibals, he never once fired a shot son, at considerable risk to himself, and the residents in this district think would be well to call the attention the Humane Society to it.



Why Suffer entering the great primeval forest Mr. Lloyd went west for five days with-out the sight of a pigmy. Suddenly he When Your Agony and Torbecame aware of their presence by mysture Cau Be Permanent.

which he first attributed to the mon-keys. Finally he came to a clearing and stopped at an Arab village, at which ly Banished by he met a great number of pigmies. "They told me," said Mr. Lloyd, "that they had Paine's Celery been watching me for five days, peering through the growth of the forest. They

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After expressing his oming the new alderme the council's labors duri result in benefit to the delivered the followin •dress: Gentlemen,-At this th the council for 1899, whi to be an eventful one history of Victoria, not of the expectation of but also because of the taken by the citizens in ment, which has resulted of a committee of fifty, zens representing the dif our city, having for its o ing of certain reforms in nent and administration, assist the council in its e the same. I propose to consideration the following some of the most import will require your attentio

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amount out of the rever a condition which makes improvement in our streets the desired amendment ca the paving on Broad, Yat streets can be commenced property owners desire it. ernment street can be pa necessary to have a larg laid, and I would urge the an appropriation for that the principal street in or nade permanent as soon as regard to general street make the same recomme ade' last year, viz., that the for streets be divided into for the amount necessary sprinkling and ordinary re and sidewalks, which might tenance account—the other po called construction account—a money is expended on that engineer and street superints report to the council what most in need of improvem cost of each: the council of sider the reports, and, if the not admit of the whole being could decide which portion, and would instruct the eng ceed with the work till the should be exhausted, reservi mount for unforseen contin might arise. By adopting the system, and thereby enablin to plan out his work for th arrange for carrying it out advantage, I am satisfied th more economical results can than by dealing with each pi ork separately. Harbor Improvements and improvement of the harbor is sity for the welfare and pros Annual Sales over 6,000,0 BEECHAN FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DI such as Wind and Pain in the Giddiness, Fulness after meal ache, Dizziness, Drowsiness, H of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Co Blotches on the Skin, Cold Ch Nervous and Trembling Se THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVI IN TWENTY MINUTES. Ever will acknowledge them to be A WONDERFUL MEDI BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken ed, will quickly restore Females plete health. They promptly obstructions or irregularities of tem and cure sick Beadach Weak Stomach Impaired Digest Disordered IN MEN, WOMEN OR CHI Beecham's Pills Without a R LARCEST SA of any F Medicine in ( at all Droy Stor 1601 0.1