

They asked me why, and I went on to point to the clause which provides that anyone who cuts down a stake is guilty of misdemeanor, and read them the penalty, telling them they had swept away all the posts on 43 claims, and if they came before me I would both fine and imprison them. I then explained their position in regard to the perjury they were guilty of according to their certificate of record, and since then miners' meetings are done.

We have in all a vast region comprising from 90,000 to 100,000 square miles of untold possibilities. We know now that there is sufficient gold to supply a population of a hundred thousand people, and I look forward to seeing that number of people in that country within the next ten years. It is a vast inheritance. Let us use it as becomes Canadians—intelligently, liberally, and in the way to advance our country. Let us use it as becomes the off-spring of the Mother of Nations.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Sir Charles Tupper rose from his seat in the audience, and moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, referring to his faithful and valuable service to the Government and people of Canada.

Lieut-Governor Dewdney seconded the vote of thanks, the whole audience rising. Mr. Ogilvie briefly expressed his thanks and the meeting adjourned.

#### ON THE NORTH COAST.

Crown grants are being sought for the Douglas Pine and the Dorothy Morton claims in the Shoal Bay mining district. Protests are stated to have been put in by somewhat irresponsible parties much to the annoyance of the British capitalists who are expending large sums on development. It is, however, expected that the grants will in due course be obtained without much difficulty. It is felt that there might with advantage be a recording office at Shoal Bay. The Blue Bell mine, which is about to be transferred by its present owners to a strong English syndicate looks well and the prospects of the Dorothy Morton are all reassuring. Mr. H. W. Sherlock, the local representative of the Gold Fields of British Columbia, Limited, has arrived in Vancouver from the Shoal Bay district. He reports big progress at Shoal Bay, where an hotel and store have, amongst other buildings, been erected. The place is consequently gradually assuming the aspect of a busy mine town in an early stage of development.

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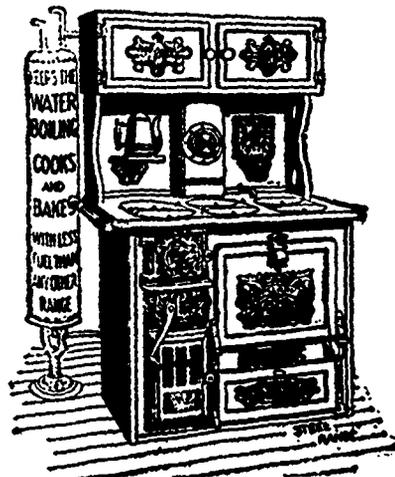
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