

"COURTESY" MEN PASSED

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From All Parts of the World—English Investors on the Ground Everywhere—Mining on the Seine River—The Rainy Lake District is Ontario's Trail Creek Machinery for Rosland—General Mining News.

Investments in mines are now being made on a better basis than during the early days of the gold boom. In Toronto "courtesy" men are now being passed over by the public, who are learning to rightly prefer doing business through the legitimate brokers and dealers.

The latest reports from Rat Portage go to show that the development of the mineral resources of the region continues to attract people from all parts of the world.

The Rat Portage District is now being developed by mining men from England, Australia, South Africa and different sections of Canada and the United States, among whom Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg men figure largely.

Parties of mine hunters are daily being made up in the town, and leaving for various mineral endowments by steamer and other means of transportation.

Messrs. Ross, Sutherland and Talbot of Winnipeg are at present in Rat Portage, representing a wealthy syndicate. They will take up mines in the Rat Portage and Rainy River districts.

Englishmen Everywhere. The Witch mine, which was sold the other day for \$150,000, is being operated by a company under a capitalization of \$250,000. Some English gentlemen are now on their way out from Rosland and are said to be interested in the property.

Capt. Bell of the Alaska gold fields, who is at present in Rat Portage, is reported by The Globe to be saying that the gold belt near the Ontario town is the best he ever saw.

Crown Timber Agent Margach of Winnipeg, in an interview the other day, said:

"I have just returned from the Seine, and left the Foley people hard at it setting up the machinery. The foundation is laid, the frame up and they are now placing their machinery. They are running by the middle of November. Everything is looking remarkably encouragingly. The mine is steadily widening as depth is reached. There are now eighty men on the roll at the Foley mine, and also at the Ferguson mine, where fifty men are hard at it, increasing the mineral wealth of old Ontario. Mr. Ferguson—who is now on the spot—has put in a big plant for steam, air compressor and steam drills. He has spent from \$500 to \$700 in building a road to the Foley mine. In many places it was swampy and required quite an outlay to prepare for the heavy weights which were to pass over it. Now, as to lumbering, it continues to flourish in the district this winter, and from fifteen to twenty million feet of lumber will be cut on the Canadian side. This means employment for 800 men at least. In the States, the lumber trade is not so high as it was last year, when 800 men were engaged in that branch of the lumber trade in my district. Add to this also the fact that there is a big call for woodwork from Manitoba, and you can imagine what the outlook is for a busy lumbering season."

ONTARIO'S TRAIL CREEK.

What the Rainy River Region Will be Before 1900.

Here is what The Rainy Lake Journal has to say on the outlook for the country it represents:

If those of our readers who are interested in the gold-bearing lands here take their map and look at it, starting from Jackfish Bay on the north shore of Lake Superior, and following the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Rat Portage on the Lake of the Woods, a distance of nearly 500 miles, and from there down the triangle to Rainy Lake and up to the starting point, they will get some idea of the great extent of the Rainy Lake gold fields, comprising one of the largest and most wonderful gold-bearing regions in the world.

All over this great region there is heard the splash of the explorer's paddle, the sound of the prospector's pickaxe, the boom of the dynamite, the rattle of the stamp mill, where four years ago naught was there but break the primordial stillness save the rustle of the wind and the chirp of the loon.

Yet, active as is the work of prospecting and mining all over the gold fields, it is but a drop in the bucket, as it were, to what will take place here within the next decade, or even to the year 1900, and experienced mining men confidently assert that in a short time the history of Cripple Creek and Trail Creek will be repeated here—only on a much greater scale.

Mr. Brock refused to show Mr. Bryan's letter to the representative of the weekly newspaper on the ground that it would be a breach of good faith. The manager is quoted as saying that Mr. Bryan's application was not favorably considered, because the theatre was not at that time in need of a press agent.

IT WAS A FORGEY.

Sir William Harcourt Denies That He Wrote Retreating Rosebery's Resignation.

London, Oct. 19.—In his issue yesterday the Sunday Times asserted that Sir William Harcourt, whose name has been foremost among those mentioned as likely to succeed Lord Rosebery as the leader of the Liberal party, had written the resignation of the general regret at Lord Rosebery's retirement.

In concluding his letter, the Sunday Times asserted, Sir William Harcourt said that the communication would be "new to the world, but not new to me, as I have been a partisan and a distinguished statesman and had known Lord Rosebery for many years."

Had a Very Rough Voyage.

Queenstown, Oct. 19.—The British steamer Derwent, Capt. Holme, from Montreal, Oct. 1, for Liverpool, had a very rough passage, and was washed overboard and lost. The Derwent was en route for Liverpool, and was wrecked on the coast of Ireland.

A Big Deal.

A deal is being made involving the sale of the interest of the late Mr. J. J. Payne group of mines in the Slocan, including all of the Malt of Erin, Two Rocks Mountain, No. 1 and one-half of the Payne. The intending purchaser is A. W. McCann, of Salt Lake City, and the sum to be paid is larger than has ever been paid for any individual property in the Slocan. While the preliminary and terms of

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