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Rossland's twelve regular shipping mines are making a good showing. The ore shipments from the camp for the week ending Saturday, April 17, were: Le Roi, 900 tons; War Eagle, 200; Iron Mask, 75; O.K., 32; total, 1207. The O. K. mill last week treated 113 tons. These shipments bring the amount for the year to 17,103 tons, of which the Le Roi has contributed 12,012 tons, the War Eagle 3191 tons, Columbia and Kootenay, 458 tons; Iron Mask, 938; Jumbo, 91; Josie, 126; Cliff, 61; Red Mountain, 56; OK., concentrates, 118; Evening Star, 21; Giant, 21; I.X.L., 12.

Is the Nor'h Star Sold?

It is reported that the North Star mine near Fort Steele in the East Kootenay district has been sold to an English syndicate. The North Star is said to consist of a regular dyke or mass of mineral rather than of a mere vein or lode. This mine produced and shipped during 1894 nearly 4500 tons of ore, which had a valuation of $225,000. At the present time the company have 3000 tons of rich carbonates and galena at their landing on the Kootenay river and 3000 tons more on the dump—6000 tons that, it is said, will average $60.00 per ton, or a gross valuation of $360,000. The North Star mine, working a sufficient force, can take out and ship 100 tons daily, and there is no doubt that with reduction works in close proximity the mine would become the largest producer in the province.

B. C.'S CECIL RHODES.

Ernest Grant Govan and British Columbia's Future in Minerals.

The Colonies and India of London, Eng., in a recent issue contained the following: What Cecil Rhodes has done for South Africa, what Whitaker Wright and others have done for Western Australia, Ernest Grant Govan intends to do for British Columbia. The founder of a gigantic company, which has thus met with such a large measure of success in London's market, is a man of indomitable perseverance, audacious in the colossal proportions of his creations, and a man whose footsteps have up to the present always trodden the paths of success. Of a race of financiers, Mr. Grant Govan has, while in his "thirties" achieved success which many older men may envy. * * * After several months' sojourn in British Columbia, he expresses unbounded confidence in that country, and predicts that it will not only rival but will excel all other goldfields which have yet been discovered.

Placer Gold Near Trail.

The city of Trail had a small placer excitement the other day. The sensation was occasioned by the revival of interest in McGinnis bar, opposite the mouth of Stony Creek, a mile and a half north of the town. The history of McGinnis bar is well known in Trail. About 20 years ago James McGinnis and a party of miners discovered in a prospect hole a reef of bed rock which proved to be very rich. They worked this reef out, and took out about $20 a day per man when it was abandoned. In 1886 the Chinamen worked all summer working over about 20 acres.

Mr. Glover Denies It.

Rev. T. W. Glover writes The World from Moosejaw, N.W.T., denying the published statement that he has made $10,000 out of a gold-mining deal. He adds that he has not even invested any money in the Kootenay.

B. C. Mines in London.

During March eight British Columbia companies were registered in London, with an aggregate capital of $3,525,000. The London & Globe Finance, with a capital of $10,000,000, is not included in this list, although it is turning its attention to British Columbia.

The British Columbia Review is the name of a mining journal that has just appeared in London, Eng.

A Smith's Falls Man.

According to The Record, M. Healy of Smith's Falls, Ont., is in Rossland and says he has purchased the Waters Meet and Golden Plate mining claims, situated on Champion Creek, 18 miles above Trail, and that the ledge is 30 feet wide, assaying $8.20 in gold.

It is the purpose of Mr. Healy to commence active development work on his property as soon as the snow goes off sufficiently so tools and provisions can be gotten to the mine.

MARVELOUS WEALTH.

Tremendously Rich Lands Reported to Have Been Found Near Vernon.

Vernon is in a state of suppressed excitement almost too deep for expression. Gold is the cause, and gold in such quantities that the wonderment and excitement is very pardonable. So says a Vernon correspondent.

Assays of rock in every direction are being obtained that would make Croesus' teeth water. On the Sarah, one of the Morning Glory group, gold is visible to the naked eye right on the surface of the claim, and in such substantial quantities that the owners have found it necessary to put a notice in The Vernon News to prevent the stealing of the rock. Some of this rock assays over $200,000. On the Blue Jay and Falcon, two miles from town, assays have gone $13,000 and $23,000 in gold, and on the Zion, a property in the same vicinity, very satisfactory assays have been had. Of course none of these properties have as yet been proved as to the extent of the reefs, but the surface indications certainly are the best ever found in British Columbia.

In Camp McKinney.

Thirteen mineral claims were recently located in Camp McKinney in one day. If all the locators did not get a mine they at least got territory, and in the rush of excitement a fifty-acre location is not by any means to be spurned.—Midway Advance.

ANOTHER SMELTER.

Again Stated That Five Mile Point Is to Have a Plant.

Kootenay is to have another smelter, and that in the immediate future. The Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company has finally selected and purchased a site, and preliminary arrangements for the erection of a plant are now being made. The site selected consists of 320 acres of land at Five Mile Point, the terminus of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway on the outlet of Kootenay Lake, about five miles from Nelson. The plant is to have a capacity of 300 tons a day from the start. The company's engineers are now engaged in surveying the land, as a townsite will, it is said, be laid out in connection with the new smelter.

Crown Point All Right.

After all that has been said it appears as if Messrs. Gooderham & Blackstock made a good deal when they bought the Crown Point. On all the claims which lie between the R. E. Lee and Lookout Mountain, the Crown Point is the one which has had most money spent in its development, says The Mining Review. It was located in the end of April, 1895, and shortly after its discovery preliminary surface work discovered an enormous outcrop of good ore. On the strength of this it was bonded to Humphreys and Yawkey for $75,000. They sank a shaft on the main outcrop and at a depth of about sixty feet the ore was cut off, and in spite of sinking seventy feet further and drifting in all directions no more was discovered. The bond was thrown up and the property fell back into the hands of the Crown Point Gold Mining Company, of which the original owners were the chief shareholders. No development work at the bottom of the shaft was attempted. The ore which had been taken out was shipped. Then during the summer of 1896 the control passed into the hands of George Gooderham, and also the bond on the Tiger. A new shaft was started some way to the west, and the crosscut tunnel in which the ore has now been found was also begun. The Tiger tunnel, which ran into the hill at a different angle, was also continued. The ore played out in the new shaft. The crosscut tunnel discovered nothing, and work on the Tiger was most unsatisfactory. In fact, the Crown Point has been until very recently one of the sickest looking mining propositions ever seen. It is very questionable if any western mining capital could have been found willing to take the chances of finding ore at that depth. Now the ore has been found below the possibility of serious breaks, and the Crown Point bids fair to make a great mine. The strike will have a most inspiring and beneficial effect on mining development on the south belt generally. The Triby, Prince of Wales, Southern Cross group, Violet and Maggie, Detroit Fraction and Iron Queen, the St. Marys, Spotted Tail, Cambridge, Uncle Sam, Gem and Mammoth and many other claims all have their prospects of successful development distinctly improved by it.

THE DIVINING ROD.

Is it a Fake When Used in Detecting Mineral Veins?

While down in Hastings County the other day I ran across a "divining rod" man, who claimed to be able with his forked hazel twig, tipped with a mysterious-looking bottle of some substance, to detect a lead of gold wherever it lay beneath the surface of the earth. In my presence he experimented with his "instrument." When he held the two ends of the fork in his hands and walked through the field in the neighborhood of the Bannockburn mine it would from time to time seem to twist in his grasp and point toward the earth, whereupon he averred that at such points leads would be found if one dug down. James Simpson was the old man's name, and, whatever other people thought of his piece of hazel, he certainly believed in its efficacy.

Regarding the divining rod, The London Mining Journal recently remarked: The commonest form of divining rod is a forked hazel twig, the ends of which are grasped by the hands not too firmly, and with the palms upward. When carried in this way by an adept the rod is said to dip over springs, mineral or treasure. In order to be successful with the rod there must be a sympathy between the holder, the rod and the metal. Moreover, authorities are agreed that it will not act over uncovered metal or over an open stream. In France, during the reign of Louis XIV., it was employed in detecting criminals. Thus, in 1692, a publican and his wife were murdered at Lyons, and the police, having no clue to the murderer, got a peasant to follow his divining rod on the supposed track of the fugitives. At the prison of Beaucoire the peasant pointed out a hunchback who had been arrested for larceny. The man confessed his guilt and was executed, but investigation subsequently showed that the incident was merely a clever piece of ordinary detective work.

In Cornwall there are many eminent mining engineers who hesitate to relegate the dowsing rod to the domain of superstition or roguery. No less an authority than Capt. Josiah Thomas adopts teh standpoint of the puzzled but unconvinced spectator, in whose own hands the rod had refused to turn, and Mr. W. James, in the delightful "Cornish Mining Interviews," just published by Mr. Herbert Thomas, tells how an old miner discovered a silver-lead mine at Silver Well by the aid of the rod. Again, Dr. Pryce, the early authority on Cornish mining, was a firm believer in the rod, and he devotes several pages of his "Mineralogia Cornubiensis," published in 1778, to instructions in its use.

Although the most common divining rod has always been a branch of hazel, other materials have been advocated at different times. Thus, the rod that plays an important part in Mr. S. Baring-Gould's latest romance, "Guavas the Tinner," a work of great antiquarian value, as an accurate picture of the tin mining industry of Dartmoor in the days of Queen Elizabeth, is described as being a forked ash stick. Tongs, scissors, snuffers, book, the forefinger, and so on, have also been employed for the purpose, and the records of the Patent Office show that numerous forms of divining instruments have been patented of late years. One of the latest devices patented consists of a flask filled with a composition of gold, silver, copper, quicksilver and acid, or alcohol. The flask is to be suspended from one hand by a cord and steadied by the other. If it passes near precious metals it will, according to the patent specification, vibrate.

B. C. Water Rights.

Col. Baker presented a return of the correspondence in regard to the granting of water records to Heinze on Beaver Creek and to the Noble Five and Reco Companies in the Provincial Legislature. The result was that Heinze was finally granted 1200 inches from Beaver Creek, the Reco Company 200 and the Noble Five 200 from Cody Creek, subject to the water clauses bill. On April 1 the Slocan Star granted 100 inches from Carpenter Creek, and on April 2 Bodwell, Irving and Duff protested, on behalf of Mr. Corbin, against the grant of the water in Beaver Creek to Heinze. The Government replied that they had no reason to think that undue rights would be conferred on Heinze.

The Germania O. K.

A good deal of attention is being paid nowadays to the stock of the Germania Gold Mining Co. The directors of this company, who are men of excellent business reputation, are confident that their property is going to turn out one of the richest in British Columbia. The company owns 101 acres of mineral land on Green Mountain, four miles from Rossland. the property is well developed and a "mine" is now guaranteed. The line of stock marked "special," on which two annual dividends of 10 per cent. are guaranteed, will not be offered after May 1. The following letter from the company's superintendent speaks for itself:

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We have as pretty quartz as I have ever seen, and it is a fine concentrating ore. Yours very truly,
Fred C. Johnston, Supt.

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ON THE SEABOARD.

First-Class Reports From the Mining Regions of the Pacific Coast.

Victoria, B.C., April 28.—(Special.)—A critical period has arrived in the history of British Columbia mining. It is the time when the tide may be taken at the flood and lead on to fame and fortune. The Railway bill is passing through its different stages in the Provincial Legislature to enable the Federal Government to pass judgment, and, it is hoped, supplement bonuses. The Legislature is also considering the advisability of requiring United States citizens to take out naturalization papers before they can operate in the British Columbia mining country. These two measures are all important to the interior, and may decide the fate of the numerous mining camps inland. In a nut shell, Canada gave Rossland to the United States in exchange for getting the whole vast mining area of the Province advertised to the world. The United States still has Rossland, but if the Americans are driven out British Columbia will stand still for another ten or fifteen years. American citizens risked their money and deserve their reward.

On the seaboard, the most promising section of the mining world, though the least advertised, railroads are not required to the same extent as in the interior. Almost at the very doors of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster are numerous magnificent prospects, but there is very little cash for development. Mining engineers from abroad, whose charges for examination are all the way from 100 to 1000 pounds sterling, have looked well over most of these propositions, and in the majority of cases have given favorable opinions, but the drawback at the present is that many of these promising prospects cannot be worked because the development stock is crowded out of the eastern markets by Kootenay stock. The mines on the coast proper, however, will eventually come into prominence, and Fairview, Lillooet, Harrison Lake, Texada and Alberni will be on every tongue as Rossland and Slocan are now. The mines on the seaboard in the majority of cases can be worked very cheaply, and many of the properties are so free milling that just about every ounce of gold can be saved on the plates of a crusher.

In Lillooet the snow is fast disappearing, and as a consequence much prospecting work has been done. On the Alpha Bell, within a few feet of the Golden Cache mines, another big ledge 10 feet wide has been found. The foreman has reported that the rock is as good as any taken from the Golden Cache, and the decomposed quartz underneath the ledge, when crushed and panned, was exceedingly rich in fine gold.

In the Harrison Lake country, close to New Westminster, the strikes this week have been numerous and very important. The Fire Mountain claim is down 100 feet and two fisher veins disclosed, running parallel to one another, with stringers crossing them. Where the stringers cross the ore runs over $1000 in free gold. The veins are also constantly widening. The company have secured a mill site and are starting a town 14 miles from the mine, to be called Tipella, after the mountain. Next to this claim is another, owned principally by Mr. Leckie of Vancouver, the rock of which has assayed $400 in telluride of gold.

Sensational reports are coming in from Fairview Camp. Rock recently taken from the Smuggler and sent to Toronto for assay went nearly $18 in free gold and mineral, while the Tin Horn assays are running higher as the tunnel is driven in. The Tin Horn is now proved for 1400 feet, and each time the vein was tapped the ore retained its enormous value of $95 average to the ton in free gold. A large gang of men are at work.

From two claims, owned principally by Vancouver men and located in the interior, comes good news at this writing.

On the Iron Horse mine in Slocan the vein of the Enterprise has been struck, which means prosperity for the Iron Horse Company. The Enterprise mine is a big payer. They are now taking their ore from the claim adjoining the Slocan Queen, and the next adjoining claim is the Iron Horse. To strike this vein the Iron Horse Company went in 235 feet.

The Boundary Falls Mining Company, located here, are also jubilant over the great strike on their property at Boundary Falls. This mine was reluctantly purchased recently on a showing of $33 on the surface. A gang of men, however, was put to work, and at 20 feet the vein had widened from 3 to 4 feet and ore picked in every place off the face of the tunnel at that depth assayed from $100 to $120 in gold and silver, no assay being lower than $100. The vein is true fissure, and by concentrating fully 90 per cent. can be saved on the plates of the crusher. The mine is located four miles from Greenwood City.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints. ed

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REGISTRAR MASSIE SUED.

His Clerk Charges Him With Breaking His Engagement and Sues for Arrears of Salary.

Ex-Warden Massie is in trouble again, this time with his clerk, Mr. R. M. Persse, who is suing Mr. Massie to recover $33 for salary said to be due.

At the trial before Judge Morson Mr. Frank Yeigh, private secretary to Hon. J. M. Gibson, produced letters written between the parties about the first of last year, in which Mr. Massie agreed to pay Mr. Persse $15 a week for the first four years in his capacity of clerk in the registry office and $15.40 per week during the remainder of Mr. Massie's incumbency as registrar. Mr. Massie in his letter stated that Mr. Persse's appointment was at the earnest desire of the Provincial Secretary.

HOW THE TROUBLE AROSE.

It appeared that the present suit arose on account of Mr. Massie having first cut down his clerk's wages and then discharged him. The claim is for time put in after the registrar had discharged Mr. Persse, who says that Mr. Massie did not have the power to discharge him.

Mr. Persse's counsel, Mr. Biggar, Q. C., wished to extend the claim to include arrears of wages also, but Mr. Cassels, on behalf of Mr. Massie, objected, preferring to take his chances of a second suit.

PLAINTIFF'S TESTIMONY.

In his own behalf Mr. Persse testified that he had been 24 years in the Government service, having spent 10 years with Mr. Massie as his librarian and clerk when he was Warden of the Central Prison. The day after Mr. Massie had been appointed registrar Mr. Persse had been told he was to be transferred to the registry office, as Dr. Gilmour wanted his own secretary. There had never been any trouble between Mr. Massie and himself, so he went to work in the registry office before the letters spoken of were written, having made a verbal bargain. The salary named then was $500 a year, when Mr. Persse went to Hon. Mr. Gibson and registered a kick. Mr. Gibson told Mr. Persse that it was part of the arrangement with Mr. Massie that Mr. Persse was to go to the registry office. Accordingly Mr. Persse was paid $15 every week until Feb. 20 last.

TIMES WERE HARD.

At the latter date Mr. Massie told him that times were hard and he would have to reduce his salary. He told Mr. Massie that he would hold him to the agreement, which was filed with the Government. After this Mr. Persse was paid $9 per week and he accepted it on account. The last two Saturdays Mr. Persse received nothing, though he worked as usual. Mr. Massie told him that if he (Massie) got $2000 at the end of the year he would then pay the $15 per week. The clerk then placed the matter in his solicitor's hands.

THE SEQUEL.

On April 20 Mr. Persse was refused admission to his desk, but he took off his coat and hat and went to work, saying to Mr. Massie that "the parties who put you here put me here, and I intend to stay."

The judge enquired, "Why did you not sue him for damages for wrongful dismissal, instead of forcing yourself on him?"

"I never was discharged, because Mr. Massie had no right to do so. I am there under an agreement with the Provincial Secretary, who had a right to send me there."

MR. MASSIE'S PLEA.

In his own behalf, Mr. Massie put in the plea that Mr. Persse was incompetent and could not make an abstract. "We found him very incorrect," said Mr. Massie. He frequently brought wrong papers, necessitating extra work.

Mr. Massie then told how he had on one occasion informed Mr. Persse that he would give him $9 and Mr. Persse had received it with thanks and afterward said he only took it on account. After receiving the Division Court summons he told Mr. Persse that his engagement was over.

DEFENDANT'S ADMISSIONS.

Mr. Biggar then put Mr. Massie through a cross-examination as to his varied experience in Government offices. When asked whether he had some trouble at the Central Prison he declined to answer, but admitted that he had been asked to resign, and on his doing so was appointed registrar. Nothing was said of Mr. Persse then, but later Col. Gibson told him he would like him to take Mr. Persse. In reply to the judge, Mr. Massie admitted there was an understanding that Mr. Persse should go to the registry office.

Being asked whether he knew how to register a will, Mr. Massie said he did not. Neither did he know before whom an affidavit of registration should be made.

Mr. Massie admitted taht there are unsatisfied executions against him.

The case was adjourned until next Monday.

STROKE THROUGH EXCITEMENT.

Mr. Persse went to his office as usual yesterday morning at 9.30, when he found Mr. Massie occupying his desk. There were some words between them, when Mr. Massie went to his own office and Mr. Persse resumed his work. He was not long at his desk when he fell from his chair in an unconscious condition. Dr. E. E. King was called, who attended him and had him removed to his home. He received a stroke of apoplexy, but it is thought that the stroke is a slight one and that he will be around in a few days.

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