

name. Victoria people claim that their board, being the principal commercial body in the province, is justified in calling itself the British Columbia Board of Trade.

Notice is given in the official gazette of the registration of the Nicola Mining Co (Limited) under the Foreign Mining Companies Registration Act. The object is to acquire certain mining properties on Mineral Hill, above Stump lake, Nicola; and to acquire all powers and privileges of a general mining company. The capital stock is fixed at £50,000, in £1 shares, headquarters on the Island.

Last week the Monarch mine at Field shipped five cars of ore to the smelter at Vancouver, making ten cars in two weeks. The shipments will approximate 200 tons. The ore carries about \$26 a ton in silver and a large percentage of lead. Pig lead was selling in New York city on November 29th at 3¼ to 3½ cents a pound; therefore, it is safe to estimate the metal value of the ore at \$50 a ton, which would make the two weeks' shipments worth fully \$10,000.

Application will be made to Parliament to incorporate a railway company, said railway commencing at a point on the north side of that portion of the Kootenay river, which is the outlet for the waters of Kootenay lake in British Columbia, and contiguous to the Toad Mountain district, thence northerly along the west shore of Kootenay lake to its north end, then by the valley of the Ill-com-opallux river to the south end of Upper Arrow lake and thence by the valley of the Columbia River to the Boat Encampment, with power to build branch lines and steamers to navigate the waters contiguous thereto.

New and more stringent fishing regulations for B. C. have been adopted. Fishing for salmon by means of nets and other apparatus, without permission of the minister of marine, is prohibited. This does not apply to Indians when the fish is for their own use by means other than spearing. The meshes of nets shall be at least six inches. Any extension of the method of drifting with salmon nets shall be confined to tidal waters. Drifting nets shall not be used so as to obstruct more than one-third of an river. No fishing for salmon between six o'clock on Saturday morning and Monday is permitted. All boats are to be registered under penalty of forfeiture. The minister of fisheries shall determine the number of boats, and the seines or nets to be used in any waters of the province. Trout fishing is prohibited from the 15th October to the 15th March inclusive, but the Indians may catch them for their own use.

Lake Superior District.

S. J. McCutcheon, painter, Port Arthur, has assigned.

At Fort William trade is good and real estate is moving freely.

The first car load of Manitoba wheat was stored in the new elevator at Fort William on Dec. 1st.

Robt. Cuthbert, who kept a restaurant at Fort William West, has skipped leaving his debts unpaid.

The last large boat of the season to clear from Port Arthur for lower lake ports, left on the 23th November.

The chimney for the new elevator at Fort William was completed and the Union Jack planted on its summit. It is 186 feet high.

A cablegram from London to Ray, Street & Co., bankers, Port Arthur, announces the sale of the Wolverine silver mine in this district to English capitalists. A practical man will be sent out to begin actual development work on the property at once.

Their supply of logs having run out, says the Port Arthur *Sentinel*, Graham, Horne & Co.'s shingle mill has been closed down for the season. The total cut is slightly in excess of 3,000,000 shingles, and represents just that much money's worth of a staple article manufactured at home, instead of, as formerly, being imported from the Northwestern States.

The council of the Port Arthur board of trade had a regular meeting recently. The report of the grain examiners was submitted, detailing an account of their visit to Toronto to fix the grain standards and the result. A motion was passed instructing the secretary to communicate with the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, asking that the order in council (passed before the Port Arthur board of trade was incorporated) appointing grain examiners for the district be rescinded. The Secretary was instructed to write to the *Pioneer Press*, of St. Paul, asking it to carry out its arrangements with the subscribers here respecting the write up of the town.

The customs report for the month of November last shows that Port Arthur imported goods of the value of \$33,992, on which the duties collected amounted to \$6,865.47, as compared with imports for same month, 1887, \$74,649, on which there was collected \$6,894.82. There is a large decrease in the exports, however, the figures being: November, 1887, exports \$151,743, as against \$1,332 in November, 1888. This, however, is accounted for by the fact that ore shipments from the mines were made much earlier this season than last; but the main reason is that wheat receipts and shipments show a very marked decrease when compared with the corresponding month of last year.—*Sentinel*.

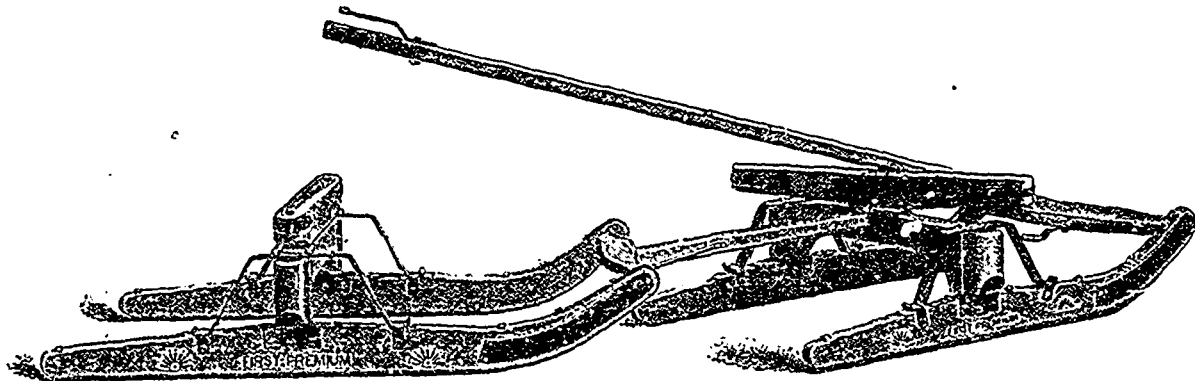
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