Mines of the Lower Yukon

Victorian Who Has Done Well in Nome and Nearby Camps.

Will Purchase Two Steamers to Run to the New Diggings.

Alex. J. Lindsay of this city, who was one of the passengers to the Klondike when the steamer Islander made her noted trip during the rush of 1897, has returned home after four years in Klondike and the Cape Nome and Kotzebue districts, where he has made some rich finds. He was one of those "mushers" who, taking up a large outfit purchased in this city, walked over the "dead horse trail," as the White Pass was known in those pre-railway days, and building a flat bottomed boat—as did hundreds of others—at Bennett, he worked his way to Dawson, and then to the famous Eldorado creek, where he secured a claim on which he worked for two years with success, and, in the fall of 1899 he heard of the riches of Cape Nome district, and with dog team, he hit the trail again and joined the stampede of that fall from the Klondike to Cape Nome. The story of how little recking his own safety, he rescued a miner who was in danger of death some distance from the trail below Tanana, has been told in the Colonist by a Victorian who wrote from the North to call attention to the praiseworthy act. It was a hard trip from Cape Nome over the ice-covered Yukon, with the freezing blasts of winter so constantly blowing, but with perseverance, Mr. Lindsay at length drove his dog team along Water street into Nome.

He did not get in on Anvil creek, to which district he first rushed, but when the stampeders hurried over the divide to Glacier creek, he was in with the rush, and staked a claim from which he has taken much gold, and on which he has four men working this winter. Soon afterwards he again mushed over the divide to a new discovery, for gold was discovered in the Bluestone district, further to the north, and Mr. Lindsay, who is one of the few Victorians who have secured properties at Nome, staked on Gold Run, which is about a hundred miles across country from his Glacier creek claim. In the spring he expects to have between 20 and 25 men at work on his properties in the Arctic district.

Litigation has been tying up the work, but now that Judge Wickersham has replaced Judge Noyes the miners hope to be able to open up their claims. There are thousands of claims in the northern district waiting to be opened up, which have been jumped and tied up by litigation since discovery. Heretofore there was no relief in the courts, but with the change in the judiciary, the miners are hoping for better things.

The most recent finds in the Arctic district are those on Candle creek, a tributary of the Keewalik river, which flows into Kotzebue sound, and about 60 miles up the Keewalik river. Mr. Lindsay, who returned from the north on the steam schooner Arctic, the last steam vessel to leave Nome, and came from Seattle on Friday, left Candle creek on October 1, and says that 500 people had planned to winter on that creek and its tributaries. Across country 75 miles, 250 miners will winter in the camp on the Emicuelck river, where the largest camp is located at Dearing City. The miners working on the Emicuelck river have found splendid prospects—for dirt ranging in value from five to 25 cents to the pan has been found on the river and its tributaries. The Emicuelck river is a tributary of Kotzebue sound, and Candle creek is also in the Kotzebue country, the two camps constituting what is known as the Arctic district. The Buckland River, which also enters Kotzebue sound from another direction has also been found to be a gold producer and big finds are expected there next year.

On Candle creek the miners have been taking out from 10 cents to 50 cents to the pan. About 100 claims have been taken up there, and in all Alaska in Mr. Lindsay's judgment, there is not a more promising camp than that on Candle creek. It is unquestionably rich in gold, and good finds are being made on its tributaries. One of the marked advantages of this creek is that pay is found at from six to eight inches below the surface, and bedrock is reached at two, three and four feet on many of the claims. Others are somewhat deeper diggings.

Despite the fact that tenderfeet who have returned from the Kotzebue district for several years past have told tales of the absence of gold after merely looking over the surface, Mr. Lindsay says it is being proven that there is plenty of gold there. The fact that 500 men are wintering on Candle creek goes to show that they know that there is gold there. The town of Candle creek has four stores, four saloons, and log cabins by the dozen, for there is timber in that district, a marked improvement over the Nome district, where the only log cabins are those built of the drift wood found on the beaches. This place is of the frontier town-type, like Nome, which is totally different to Dawson, and the camps controlled by the N. W. M. P. on the Canadian side. Men swagger around with revolvers, some of them like young cannons, and others carry big knives. This carrying of revolvers promiscuously is not good, for accidents are caused by reckless shooting by those unfamiliar with the use of weapons.

There will be more winter work at Nome this year than before, says Mr. Lindsay, for a number of deeper diggings will be worked. The drawback has been the lack of fuel, the only fuel, now that the drift wood has been exhausted, being the coal which is shipped to Nome by steamers. The main occupation of the people of Nome during the winter is stampeding. They have little else to do, and mushing out to some new find forms the principal amusement. Some fellow comes into camp and whispers to somebody that a good strike has been made somewhere, and the next morning the trail is black with dog teams bound off over the divide, despite the cold, to the scene of the supposed find. Mr. Lindsay joined several stampedes, going 700 miles with dog team to Cape Lisburn away north towards the Arctic ocean, in pursuit of gold. He was very successful however, and now has secured valuable interests in the Kangarook, Bluestone and Arctic districts.

So impressed is he with the outlook in the Candle creek district and in other parts of Kotzebue sound that before leaving Cape Nome he purchased a 60-foot sternwheel river steamer, of very light draft, which he will operate on the Keewalik river, and now that he has arrived home in Victoria he has under way arrangements for the purchase or charter of two screw steamers of from three to four hundred tons for service on a route from Cape Nome to the Kotzebue sound district, running to the mouth of the Keewalik river, where connection will be made with the river steamer running up the Keewalik to Candle creek, which enters the river nine miles from its mouth. He will secure steamers somewhat similar to the steamers Willapa or Queen City of the C. P. N. company.

He is firmly impressed with the necessity of a steamer service between Nome and Kotzebue sound, for the development of the Candle creek and other districts tributary to that sound, and when he has secured two vessels they will give a regular service between Cape Nome and the Keewalik river, where it is expected that a settlement will be formed at the river's mouth, which will be the connecting point with the river steamer running up the river. The Keewalik is navigable to the mouth of Candle creek for boats drawing from 18 to 24 inches of water.

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THE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers—Gratifying Reports of Past Year.

The Vancouver Island Veterans' association held their annual meeting last night in Pioneer hall. There was a good attendance and the greatest enthusiasm and unanimity prevailed. Lt.-Col. Wolfenden, lieutenant-colonel commanding, presided. After the reading and adoption of the minutes of last annual meeting the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding presented the following report, which was received with applause and adopted, with a vote of thanks to Col. Wolfenden:

To the Members of the Veterans' Association of Vancouver Island:

Gentlemen: Another year has passed since the inauguration of our association, and I am glad to be able to lay before you a short resume of the transactions of the association since my last report.

In the first place, I am pleased to say that our membership has increased, and we now have on the roll the names of 231 veterans (including five life members), all of whom have served the sovereign in the various branches of the service, and are qualified for membership under the constitution of the association.

At our annual meeting on the 9th November, 1900, it was resolved that monthly meetings of the members should be held at some convenient place, at which papers pertaining to matters of interest to the association might be read, and arrangements for this purpose were left in the hands of the executive committee. This proved to be one of the most satisfactory methods of bringing old comrades together, and the papers touching on military subjects or the personal reminiscences of those whose regiments had been in active service were highly interesting and instructive, and the attendance of members at these meetings was most satisfactory. The following is a list of the papers read and the names of their authors:

On 23rd November, 1900—A paper entitled "A Short History of the Royal Engineers in British Columbia from 1858 to 1863," was read by Lt.-Col. Wolfenden. On the same evening a paper on "The Chinese War of 1859-60," was read by Dr. Geo. J. Potts.

On 21st December, 1900, a paper entitled, "Memoirs of the Crimean War," was read by Capt. Michel, and another entitled, "The Bombardment of Kagosiwa," by Mr. T. Harman, late R.N.

On the 18th January, 1901, a paper entitled, "The Long Bow in the British Army," was read by Rev. Canon Beanlands. On the same evening a paper was read by Mr. C. F. Moore on, "Barrack Life in China, or the Green Tabs."

On the 14th February, 1901, a very interesting lecture was given by Corp. Seymour Hastings O'Dell, on the part taken by the First Canadian Contingent in the South African war.

On the 15th March, 1901, a paper entitled, "A History of the Northwest Mounted Police," was read by Mr. Wm. Davis, covering the period of his service in the force.

On the 12th April, 1901, a paper entitled, "The 90th Rifles on Active Service," was read by Mr. W. H. Cullin.

In addition to these papers, which have been preserved, and which will be a valuable addition to the archives of the association, numerous drills were held at the drill hall, which were well attended.

A supply of 15 Martini-Metford rifles has been received from the Dominion government for the use of the members of the association, and arrangements have been made with Sergt.-Major Mulcahy for the safe-keeping of these rifles. As a result of this, I might mention that a team of five of our members took part in the rifle matches held at Clover Point on the 24th May last, and in the team match second place was reached, a very satisfactory result.

Ten of these rifles were issued to members of the association, but it is hoped that when the shooting season again opens a larger number will take up rifle practice. I have been advised by the Victoria Garrison Artillery Rifle association that any of our members who desire to join that association may do so at a membership fee of $1.50 per annum.

The question of a badge or ribbon to be worn on parade having been frequently brought up, communication was had with the Army and Navy Veterans' association of New Brompton, Kent, England, of which Field Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge is patron-in-chief, and a sample of the ribbon authorized to be worn has been received, which I think should be adopted by our association for parade purposes.

The members of the association who took part in the ceremonies at the parliament buildings on the occasion of the reception of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, were, I am satisfied, amply repaid by the special favor of a personal inspection paid them by His Royal Highness, who was pleased to personally question some of our members on their share of active service represented by the medals worn.

The favorable position occupied by the Veterans on this occasion was due to the kindness of the district officer commanding, Lt.-Col. Holmes, who takes a great interest in the association, and who has expressed himself as always ready to further its objects. The number of members on parade on this occasion was 62 rank and file, a very satisfactory muster, and I have pleasure in saying that His Royal Highness personally expressed to me his pleasure at the parade.

I regret to say that our ranks have been reduced during the past year by the death of several of our members. Their names are:

D. Cartmel, formerly fleet engineer, Royal Navy.

Dr. John Duncan, former surgeon-major, C. Battery, Royal Regiment of Artillery; medal Northwest rebellion.

Thos. Mitten, formerly of the Royal Horse Artillery; served in India, 1857; in China in 1860.

Joseph W. MacKay, formerly on the staff of the Victoria, B. C. Voltigeurs—1860.

John H. Rolfe, formerly color-sergeant, 36th Middlesex Rifles, Paddington, London, England.

It is hoped the association, which has commenced its existence so auspiciously, will continue to increase and to extend its influence in the direction of bringing together men who have served their King and country.

A statement of the receipts and expenditures of the association up to this date will be laid before you tonight, which I hope you will find satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted.

R. WOLFENDEN,
Lt.-Col. Commanding,
V. I. V. A.

The adjutant, Capt. Fletcher, who is also secretary, and treasurer, submitted a statement of the finances which was very satisfactory, showing a handsome cash surplus and no liabilities.

The report was received and filed, and a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded Capt. Fletcher for his untiring zeal, in the interests of the association, and his unvarying courtesy in the exercise of his duties.

The meeting then proceeded to elect officers with the following result:

Patron and Hon. Colonel—Lord Minto.

Lt.-Col. Commanding—Lt.-Col. Wolfenden, by acclamation.

Major—Capt. M. Richardson, acclamation.

Adjutant—Capt. E. H. Fletcher, acclamation.

Senior Captain—Capt. J. B. Michel, acclamation.

Junior Captain—Dr. Potts.

Lieutenants—Messrs. Boggs, Seymour, Bagshawe and Dallain.

Executive Committee—Mr. W. H. Cullin, Major John Wilson and Mr. Redding.

On the initiative of Mr. Seymour it was decided to change the date of the annual meeting to the second Tuesday in January of each year.

It was agreed that the King's Birthday should be observed by the association by a banquet or other suitable entertainment.

A committee composed of Messrs. Bagshawe, Seymour and Boggs was appointed to arrange for a banquet to be held on Thanksgiving Day, the 28th instant.

A discussion arose as to the official standing of the association and finally the adjutant was requested to write to the G. O. C., Ottawa, for information on the subject.

A motion was adopted instructing the secretary to procure two enlarged copies of the group picture taken on the occasion of the Royal visit, one for presentation to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and the other to be preserved among the archives of the association.

The adjutant announced that Lt.-Col. Gregory had kindly offered the services of the Fifth Regiment bugle band for parades or march outs of the association.

The question of the contribution of papers by members during the winter, a feature of the association's proceedings which proved so successful during the past year, was then brought up and the following promised papers: Mr. Beaumont Boggs, "The Siege of Louisbourg"; Major Wilson, "The Black Watch"; Capt. Michel, Dr. Potts, Mr. Seymour and Mr. Moore, subjects to be announced.

This wound up the business of a very successful meeting, and after singing the National Anthem the veterans dispersed.

CARIBOO NEW FINDS.

The following news regarding the new gold finds in the Horsefly country came yesterday from Mr. William Boyd, 70-Mile House, Cariboo road, one of Cariboo's best known men, and an old-timer:

"We will have a gold excitement here in the spring in the Horsefly country. There will be quite a lot of gold taken out, but no Klondike is anticipated. It will be good poor man's diggings."

CAPT. DOCKRILL'S FUNERAL.

Impressive Ceremony and Large Attendance of Friends.

New Westminster, Nov. 15.—(Special)—The funeral of the late Capt. Dockrill took place this afternoon, the deceased commander of B company, Sixth Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, being accorded full military honors. There was a fine parade of the local companies, bugle band, city band, United Workmen, Woodmen of the World and other organizations to which deceased belonged, and hundreds of citizens. The pallbearers were fellow-officers of deceased, Captains Tite, Johnson, Henderson, Stuart, Lieutenants Tate and MacGowan; the chief mourners being Col. Worsnop, Major Boultbee and others of the headquarters staff. Holy Trinity cathedral, where the service was conducted by the rector, Rev. A. Shildrick, was crowded, and despite the rain, large numbers followed to Sapperton cemetery, where the three volleys over the grave completed the solemn ceremonies.

THE YUKON WIRE.

Its Entrance to Western Life Marked by Many Ups and owns.

Vancouver, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The Yukon wire was up from early in the afternoon to 9:30 at night yesterday, when it went down.

The $4,000 bail in the Rogers marooning case has been arranged after considerable difficulty $2,500 in Vancouver, and $1,500 in Westminster. Rogers will probably be liberated tomorrow.

COAL FIRE.

C. P. R. Fuel and Chute Burned at Maple Creek.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A fire occurred yesterday at Maple creek in which the C. P. R. lost about 100 tons of coal, and the coal chute at that point. Trains were delayed for several hours.

CHURCH CONSECRATED.

Ceremony at Alberni on Sunday Last—Building Operations.

Alberni, Nov. 13.—(Special)—On Sunday last the Bishop of Columbia, at the morning service, consecrated the Church of England of this place and gave it the name of "All Saints." His sermon at this service was well rendered and gave great praise to the small band of followers who have erected so beautiful a church with all necessary requirements, and, as he said, with not one cent of debt against it.

At the evening service the Bishop inducted the Rev. J. W. Flinton as pastor and the people of Alberni gave him a good reception, by turning out en masse to witness the ceremony.

Mr. Brennen, who left here some eight years ago, came in on the stage last Saturday, and is paying his compliments to old acquaintances.

Mr. H. S. Law, who for five years carried on a general merchandise business in the Huff building, is leaving here on Monday, to seek fields anew. The many friends of Mr. Law are sorry at his leaving here, as he was a good citizen and a worthy neighbor.

The merchants of Alberni are having a time with their freight these rainy days, and as the C. P. N. company refuses to bring their steamer to the upper wharf, the merchants are negotiating with a steamer to carry their freight. For 10 years the C. P. N. company steamers came to the upper wharf.

The bridge across Roger creek is progressing rapidly under the supervision of E. Grandy.

George Forrest, the contractor for the new government office at this place, is pushing the work.

Tenders are out for the erection of the Clayoquot-Alberni telegraph. Mr. Hovelaque, of this place, had all the supplies and the men ready to commence the building of the line when, for some unforeseen reason, everything was overthrown. Quite a clash between political factions seems to cut a figure in this line.

The Cow Dead.—The president of the S. P. C. A., A. J. Dallain, and Secretary Kitto went to Oak Bay yesterday to investigate the report of the alleged cruelty to a heifer by placing a sack over its eyes and turning it loose, as told yesterday. It seems that the heifer had broken away from the back of a cart to which she had been tied, and was so wild that she could not be approached. The cow was more cruel to her owner than he was to her, for when Mr. R. H. Holmes, the owner, tried to approach it, the heifer pinned him to a tree, and had not his son come to the rescue promptly, he would have been seriously injured. As it was he was badly bruised. The cow was slaughtered.

MINES AND MINING

By H. MORTIMER LAMB

THE HALL MINES REPORT.

The report of the directors of the Hall Mining and Smelting Company, Limited, for the year ending 30th June last, presented at the meeting held in London on 31st ult., states that £24,728 has been spent upon mine development, of which £5,156 has been charged against revenue. The results of the smelting operations would have been more satisfactory but for the decline in the price of silver and lead, which commencing in the early part of the year, was continuous up to the end of the company's financial year, and has been severely felt by the mines producing the ores upon the supply of which the company was dependent; some mines closed down altogether, amongst them several whose product was particularly desirable for the company, and the want of it has materially affected the net returns. The results, however, show that the business is inherently sound, and under normal conditions should yield a good profit. The smelting manager reports that the company's connection as a customs smelter has increased and strengthened. At the beginning of July, there being then sufficient ore in sight, the board decided to convert the small furnaces (which had been previously smelting lead ores), to smelting "Silver King" (copper) ore) and the profits resulting therefrom to the mine up to September 30th are estimated at £12,500—while in addition the returns from the smelting department to the same date yield, approximately, a profit of £4,000—so that the debit balance shown in the annual accounts is already more than provided for. While the loss during the year on smelting operations aggregated the relatively large sum of £10,000, the developments at the mine have proved eminently satisfactory, and a profit of over £18,000 is estimated for the past four months.

THE ATHABASCA COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

The B. C. Review of this week reports that a special meeting of the shareholders of the Athabasca Gold Mining Company was held recently in London to discuss with the shareholders' committee, which was appointed at a general meeting of the company in August last, the best steps to be taken to conserve their interests. After the various points at issue had been clearly set forth by the chairman of the committee, and thoroughly discussed, it was decided that the Canadian shareholders should be invited to co-operate with their English confrères in agreeing to an assessment of 4s. per share, by which means sufficient capital would be raised not only to pay off all the present indebtedness of the company, but also to provide the requisite funds to continue the working of its properties. Failing such co-operation from Canada, it is probable that the English shareholders will assent to the assessment of 4s. per share, which would enable them to free the company from its present indebtedness and to retain the properties until the mining outlook improves.

THE QUEEN BESS AND ITS DIFFICULTIES.

At one time great things were expected of the Queen Bess mine. It was even for a space the second largest producer in the Slocan district. It paid also a dividend, which under the circumstances was not a justifiable proceeding. The directors now present an exceedingly disappointing report. They say in one breath that the mine carries a vein of exceedingly high grade ore, but the fall in the price of lead is responsible for the poor results of recent operations. Unfortunately this excuse is becoming rather too hackneyed and people wonder how it is that one mine like the Rambler, for instance, with no higher grade ore, can continue to work at a profit all through hard times and labor troubles, while these conditions prove such insuperable stumbling blocks to others. Apart from the fall in lead, the Queen Bess has been troubled by a fall of water, which was encountered after the main tunnel had been driven a distance of 1,700 feet. Hence the directors now state that further funds will be necessary to carry on operations and the British shareholder must again put his hand in his pocket.

THE FAIRVIEW CORPORATION.

A corespondent from Fairview informs me that the outlook before the new Fairview Corporation is exceedingly promising. Shareholders have responded in a very satisfactory manner to the calls made on them, and 85 per cent. of the new share issue has been subscribed for. The mill will be in operation on ore from the dump in the course of a few days, but some delay was occasioned by the non-arrival of vanner fittings from San Francisco. Before, however, the batteries can be supplied from the mine it will be necessary to install a large rock-crusher at the hoist and put in a skip-way. This work will not be completed for about a month yet.

LABOR TROUBLES AT NORTHPORT.

Although Mr. Frecheville has now been in Rossland for several weeks, affairs there and at Northport are still in a somewhat chaotic state. The chief trouble, however, as might be expected, occurring at Northport (in American territory), culminating during the week in the smelter foreman being shot and dangerously wounded. Once matters looked in a fair way to satisfactory settlement, Mr. LaBarthe, a most capable metallurgist on the staff of the Trail smelter having accepted the superintendence of the Northport works. But because he took with him certain employees from Trail who were supposed to be union men or union sympathisers, the presumably non-union workers at the Northport smelter raised a storm. Sooner than precipitate another strike at Northport Mr. La Barthe wisely resigned before actually entering upon his duties at that place. The position at present is in a hoplessly complex condition, and it is only to be hoped that Mr. Mackenzie King will be successful in his difficult role of peacemaker.

CENTRE STAR.

Recent advices from London are to the effect that negotiations have been reopened in London for the transfer of the Centre Star mine in Rossland to capitalists largely interested in the Le Roi group of mines. A rumor some weeks ago that the purchase of the property was contemplated resulted in considerably appreciating the price of Centre Star shares on the Canadian market. These first negotiations however, were broken off, the vendors being unable to obtain the price demanded. Since, it appears a tentative offer has been made by the prospective purchasers and a deal is likely to be arranged provided Mr. Frecheville reports favorably on the property.

A SOMEWHAT BELATED REPORT

The report of the directors of the Enterprise Mines Limited, for the eighteen months ended December 31st last, states that although the company obtained possession of the property immediately following its incorporation (May 15th, 1899), it was not until the end of February, 1900, that work could be started at the mine, prior to which the only work carried out was the shipment of the ore already mined and the erection of the necessary buildings for the men etc. Actual working soon revealed the fact that to sort the ore by hand was both expensive and wasteful, and consequently steps were taken for the erection of a suitable concentration mill, pending which shipments were restricted and work principally devoted to the further development of the mine. The accounts show a profit of £5,908, the whole of which has been employed in meeting the cost of further development, the erection of the concentrator and other capital expenditure. A complete compressor plant for machine drill work has been installed, which, together with the concentrator, is driven by water power, requiring no fuel and very little attendance. Early in August last the mine superintendent estimated the quantity of ore in sight as being sufficient to keep the concentrator supplied with 50 tons daily for 500 days. This quantity has been further increased by subsequent developments.

THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

The week has been fairly active, and although there has not been much change in prices, the market has been steadier and the number of sales reported considerably greater. Cariboo-McKinney, which is perhaps the most interesting stock at the moment, is showing signs of recovery, and it certainly appears that the material advance I predicted in last week's notes, will take place even sooner than I then anticipated. Early in the week several sales were made both at the Toronto and Rossland exchanges as low as 13 and 13¼, but on Friday the price advanced to 14, 14½, and 15½. I am informed that the large offering of shares by a Toronto bank, which probably was largely responsible for the slump, is now exhausted and the recent large buying from the West will also tend to restore Eastern confidence. North Star is still weak at 25 bid. One sale having been made during the week at this figure. Both North Star, at this price, and Payne at 14 to 15, should be good investments to hold. Centre Star is lower at 35½ to 36½, while War Eagle is quoted fairly firm at 13, although there have been no sales. Sullivan has been in some demand at 9¾ to 10½. Among Slocan stocks Rambler has made a slight advance selling in Rossland on Friday at 50¼, while a small block of American Boy was sold in Toronto at 10. Of the recently reconstructed companys, both Winnipeg and Fairview Corporation are most promising. The shares of the former are very cheap at 6, while Fairview at 4 is not at all a bad speculation, having regard to recent reports from the mine.

NEW BRUNSWICK OIL.

Promise of a Large Supply Becoming Available—Recent Developments.

Mr. John F. Hawke, publisher of the Moncton, (N. B.) Transcript, asked by a Toronto Globe representative in reference to the recent development in the oil district of New Brunswick, disclaimed any right to speak with authority from personal knowledge upon the subject of oil wells, but expressed a willingness to give any information he had obtained by those who claimed to be authorities upon the subject that for half a century past oil has been known to exist in New Brunswick, notwithstanding that an eminent Dominion geologist declared not many years ago that not one gallon was to be found in the province. The position today is that four wells have been sunk within the past few months, are yielding a steady flow of oil, and others are being sunk in another district.

The oil wells already existing are in the County of Westmoreland, near Memramcook, about 30 miles from Moncton. The oil is found at a depth of 300 to 400 feet, and the wells are within pumping distance of each other. The quantity of the oil is declared to be equal to that of the Black Sands of Pennsylvania. Prof. Shaler, of Hartford, has declared in a written report that the city of Moncton is the centre of a large unexplored oil district, and that the richest yield of oil will be nearer that city and at a much greater depth than any of the wells hitherto sunk. About 25 years ago oil wells were sunk and yielded in paying quantities; natural gas was also found, and one local industry in Memramcook used this natural gas for manufacturing purposes. For reasons altogether apart from the question of supply further explorations were abandoned, and it has only been during the past 18 months that the matter of exploration has been taken up in a practical manner.

A provincial company has been formed, having a provincial charter, giving it certain privileges in return for an annual outlay in exploration, and it is under this charter that the present explorations have been made. The Hon. H. R. Emmerson, M.P., ex-premier of New Brunswick, is interesting himself largely in the matter of promoting development, and he says that in a very short time a refinery will be established, and the oil pumped to a central place, probably at or near the city of Moncton. The oil area is said to extend through the counties of Westmoreland and Albert, and also in many of the north shore counties, so called, of the province. In the county of Albert there are large deposits of oil shales, which also are being developed by another company. According to the promoters, there will be an almost immediate large increase of outlay in promoting this development of the oil properties, and it cannot take place without a very considerable effect in the province of New Brunswick generally. The royalty from the oil which will go to the province is based upon the output at the well's mouth.

The Yreka Bonded.—It is reported that the Yreka mine Mount Richards, near Osborne bay, has been bonded to a Tacoma company for $25,000, and that $10,000 is to be expended on development this winter.

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Sealed, separate or whole tenders, properly superscribed, as the case may be, "Tender for Substructure, Fraser River Bridge," "Tender for Superstructure, Fraser River Bridge," "Tender for Fraser River Bridge," will be received by the undersigned up to and including 8th day of January, 1902, for the manufacture, erection and completion of the bridge in accordance with the drawings and specifications to be seen on application at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., at the Government Office, New Westminster, B. C., and at the office of Messrs Waddell and Hedrick, Consulting Engineers, New Nelson Building, Kansas City, Mo., on and after the 5th day of December, 1901.

Intending tenderers upon application at any of the above named offices may obtain, upon payment of ten ($10) dollars, copies of drawings and specifications for either substructure or superstructure, or twenty ($20) dollars for both.

Each tender must be made out on the form supplied, and must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada or National Bank of the United States, made payable to the undersigned, or by gold, in the sum of five thousand ($5,000) dollars, which will be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so.

The cheques or cash deposit, as the case may be, of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned when contract is awarded.

The agreement on the form of tender to furnish a bond for $50,000, or equivalent satisfactory security, for the due fulfilment of the work, must be signed by the tenderer and his sureties.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Land and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 2nd November, 1901.

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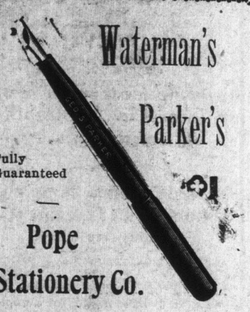

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Dated this fourteenth day of October, 1901.

(Signed) M. McPHATTER.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands, situated on the east side of the Kishpiax river in Skeena Mining Division, in Cassiar District that is to say: Commencing at a post marked C. H. DeWitt, southwest corner adjoining W. Queen's southeast corner, thence eighty chains east, thence eighty chains north, thence eighty chains west, thence eighty chains south to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty acres of land, more or less.

Dated this fourteenth day of October, 1901.

(Signed) C. H. DeWITT.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands, situated on the east side of the Kishpiax river, in Skeena Mining Division, in Cassiar District that is to say: Commencing at a post marked E. McCoskrie northwest corner adjoining W. J. Smith's northeast corner, thence eighty chains east, thence eighty chains south, thence eighty chains west, thence eighty chains north to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty acres of land, more or less.

Dated this fourteenth day of October, 1901.

(Signed) E. McCOSKRIE.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands, situated on the west side of the Kishpiax River, in Skeena Mining Division, in Cassiar District, that is to say: Commencing at a post marked Belle H. Wilson, northeast corner, adjoining Thomas A. Wilson's northwest corner; thence 80 chains west, crossing the Kishpiax River; thence 80 chains south; thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north to place of commencement, containing 640 acres of land, more or less.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1901.

(Signed) BELLE H. WILSON.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands, situated on the east side of the Kishpiax River, in Skeena Mining Division, in Cassiar District, that is to say: Commencing at a post marked Thomas A. Wilson, northwest corner, adjoining Belle H. Wilson's northeast corner, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty acres of land, more or less.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1901.

(Signed) THOMAS A. WILSON.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands, situated on the west side of the Kishpiax river, in Skeena Mining Division, in Cassiar District, that is to say: Commencing at a post marked W. J. Smith, northeast corner adjoining E. McCoskrie's northwest corner, thence eighty chains west, crossing the Kishpiax river, thence eighty chains south, thence eighty chains east, thence eighty chains north to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty acres of land, more or less.

Dated this fourteenth day of October, 1901.

(Signed) W. J. SMITH.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands, situated on the west side of the Kishpiax river in Skeena Mining Division in Cassiar District, that is to say: Commencing at a post mark W. Queen southeast corner adjoining C. H. DeWitt's southwest corner, thence eighty chains west, crossing the Kishpiax river, thence eighty chains north, thence eighty chains east, thence eighty chains south to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty acres of land, more or less.

Dated this fourteenth day of October, 1901.

(Signed) W. QUEEN.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands situated on the west side of the Kishpiax river, in Skeena Mining Division in Cassiar District, that is to say: Commencing at a post marked A. D. McDonald, southeast corner adjoining M. McPhatter's southwest corner thence eighty chains west, crossing the Kishpiax river, thence eighty chains north, thence eighty chains east, thence eighty chains south to place of commencement, containing six hundred and forty acres of land, more or less.

Dated this fourteenth day of October, 1901.

(Signed) A. D. McDONALD.

Land Registry Act.

Take notice that an application has been made to register a Tax Sale Deed from D. L. Kirkland to Matt Higgins, bearing date the 16th day of November, A. D. 1898, for all and singular those certain parcels and tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Hastings, in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as the north half of lot eighty-two (82), Town of Hastings (suburban lands), and lots one hundred and fifty-nine (159), one hundred and sixty (160), one hundred and sixty-one (161), and one hundred and seventy (170), Town of Hastings, group one (1), New Westminster District, (inter alia.)

You and each of you are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within six weeks from the date of the service of this notice upon you, and in default of a caveat or certificate of lis pendens being filed within said time, you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land.

Dated at Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, this first day of November, A.D. 1901.

T. O. TOWNLEY,
District Registrar.

To James M. Holland, W. R. Clarke or his heirs-at-law or legal representatives, and Angus McRae.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in the matter of Antonio Alemanzia, deceased, intestate, and in the matter of the official administrators' act.

Notice is hereby given that under an ordinance dated the 11th day of November, 1901, made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, I, the undersigned, was appointed Administrator, of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of above-named deceased. Parties having claims against the said estate are requested to forward particulars of same to me on or before the 11th day of December, 1901, and parties indebted, to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

WM. MONTEITH,
Official Administrator.

Dated 11th day of Nov., 1901.