

British Columbia Mining Notes

J. H. Adams, of Rossland, has taken up his \$10,000 bond on the Raven property next to the Van Anda mine, Tuxada Island, and is now negotiating for a bond on the Blue Bobs, Philip's Arm, providing the English company engaged in partially developing the mine does not take its bond up.

The Golden Cache is not to clean up for a few days. It is stated, however, that the result of the run will be announced on Saturday, 11th inst. The Golden Cache suit, in which the trustee of the treasury shares, Dr. Carroll asked the court to define his trust, has been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. Dr. Carroll is to give up the shares as sold at the call of the board.

Stocks have been very much more active last week, there being quite a strong demand from the East, Babasca, and Tin Horn being most in demand. The Fairview is at present causing the most attention. The Tin Horn mill was to have cleaned up on the 10th of December, but may run a week longer, as for the first week of the run little more than country rock was put through. Quite a little excitement was caused among those holding stock, owing to the announcement that the amalgam was showing up splendidly on the plates. Should the test run prove successful, and from \$10 to \$12 show on the plates, it will be a great source of satisfaction, as there is enough ore in sight now to stope out for six years, and a great body of ore from 10 to 40 feet wide, appears to be available. If the Tin Horn is a success, the Winchester is bound to be, as with the latter mine the indications at the same stage of development are far better.

Reports to-day from Philip's Arm state that the London syndicate developing the Blue Bobs have taken up their bond by making their first payment. They will spend during the winter \$10,000 on development, when they will pay \$12,000 more purchase money, take over the mine, and complete the sale by a large transfer of stock in the new company.

Hardware and Paint Trade

Signs of war between the two big glass trusts have been noticeable lately. The Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., controlling nearly all the plate glass manufacturing plants in the country, now proposes to dictate terms to the new window glass combination. The latter is known as the American Window Glass Co., and is a consolidation of the Western Window Glass Co. and the Pittsburg Glass Co.

The Montreal Gazette says The close of navigation has not as yet made any change in white lead quotations which were expected to advance, but existing prices are firmly held. Linseed oil is reported a fraction higher abroad, and an advance is looked for here. The same remarks may apply to turpentine which keeps very firm at points of production. The most important feature of the market during the week was a uniform advance of 5c to \$1.40 in the price of glass, agreed to by a recent meeting of the jobbing trade.

Alberta.

C. N. Tubman is opening a grocery store at South Edmonton.
Dr. Alyn, of Fort Saskatchewan, has bought out W. E. Thomson's drug business at that place. Mr. Thomson is moving to Manitoba.

The Calgary & Edmonton railway company will ask parliament for permission to extend their Mackled branch line southward to connect with the Crow's Nest road.

The South Edmonton Plaindealer newspaper says: A wealthy English firm is contemplating the establishment of an extensive wholesale business in South Edmonton.

Northwest Ontario.

Number 2 planing mill, belonging to the Rat Portage Lumber company, was burned to the ground on Dec. 15. Loss unknown; insured.

The loss to the Rat Portage Lumber company by the destruction of No. 2 planing mill, is placed at \$10,000. Partially insured. About 35,000 feet of lumber was also burned.

The firm of Rideout & Davison, furniture, Rat Portage, has been dissolved, Davison retiring. He is succeeded in the firm by J. L. Turner, formerly C. P. R. station agent at Beausejour. The new firm will be known as Rideout & Turner.

Western Business Items

B. Swaffield, clothing, Winnipeg, is in trouble with the sheriff.

J. F. Harwood, jeweler, has started business at Plumias, Man.

The Manroo Creamery Co., near Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

K. W. Reimer, merchant and cheese factory, Steinback, has assigned to W. C. Reaman.

McIntosh & Hosegood, general merchants, Dauphin, Man., have assigned to C. H. Newton.

The Bellevue hotel, Alexander, Man., has changed hands, being now under the management of Douglas & Hawes.

A meeting of the creditors of Turner, Mackeand & Co., Winnipeg, was held on Thursday last, and Mr. Mink, manager of the Bank of Ottawa here; Mr. Tees, of Tees & Perce, Winnipeg, and Mr. Georgeson, of Thompson, Codville & Co., were appointed inspectors. A financial statement has not been prepared yet, but the commercial liabilities, outside of the Bank of Ottawa, are estimated at about \$20,000. The discount at the bank is about \$100,000.

Movements of Business Men

A. S. Binns and Mr. Madill, of R. J. Whitt & Co., left last week on business trips.

C. H. Waterous, president and manager of the Waterous engine works of Brantford, Ont., was in Winnipeg last week on a visit to the local branch.

J. H. Bousefield, who operates a large creamery at Brandon, dropped into The Commercial office this week to renew his subscription. Mr. Bousefield operated his creamery into the winter and he believes that winter dairying is practical in Manitoba.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 18.

Business is steady and no changes reported in prices this week.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 43c, boiled 46c; turpentine, 48 to 49c; bar iron, \$1.35 to \$1.45; tin plates cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10

to \$2.15; torn plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.50; in bladders, \$1.65c; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 18.

The feature of the live stock market is the scarcity of choice cattle, and as there is a demand for this class for the Christmas market, prices advanced 1-4c.

Cattle—Choice 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c, fair to good 3 to 4c.

Sheep—3 to 3 3-4c per lb.

Hogs—4 1-4 to 4 3-4c.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

Clearings. Balances.

Week ending Dec. 10,	1897	\$2,158,412	\$432,293
Week ending Dec. 10,	1896	1,816,808	318,219
Week ending Dec. 10,	1895	1,453,703	296,538

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—12.0 p.m.—Wheat—Spot steady. Corn—Spot firm. American mixed 3s 2 3-4d. Receipts for the past three days: Wheat—207,000 cwt., including 198,000 American; American corn 151,100 cwt. Weather mild and open.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Dec. 17.—4 p.m. closing—Consols for money 112 3-4; consols for the account 112 15-16, Canadian Pacific 84 1-2. Bar silver flat at 25 15-16d. Money 2 to 2 1-2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills was 2 15-16 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills was 2 15-16 to 3 per cent.

The following cable has been received by Mr. N. Bawlf from Buenos Ayres. "The crop prospects so far are much more favorable than last season, but the young locusts have still to be reckoned with; and although it is now thought the grain will be too strong for them by the time they are ready to start work, the result must remain uncertain until they actually appear. That the crop will be altogether superior to that of last year even admitting that the young locusts do considerable damage, is beyond doubt, as enough of the crop in the earlier districts, to ensure this, is already so far advanced for them.

The herd of buffalo on Lord Strathcona's farm at Silver Heights near Winnipeg, have been presented to the Dominion government, and will be sent to the National Park at Banff. They number seventeen animals, thirteen pure bred and four crosses. This herd was first established in 1860 by the late Hon. James McKay, the famous hunter, trader and couler, who kept a trading post at Deer Lodge.

The Toronto city council has decided to petition the legislature for power to levy a turn-over tax on retail business, meaning thereby a tax graduated according to the business done. The schedule proposed ranges from 1-8 per cent on \$50,000 to under 2 1-2 per cent on \$1,000,000. Several aldermen protested that the tax would kill small stores.

Judge Burchidge will hear two important cases in the exchequer court. One is the application of Meclier Bros., of Schiedam, for registration of their trade mark in Canada for the sale of Holland's gin. The application is opposed by De Kuyper and Son, of Rotterdam, on the ground that the registration too closely resembles their own.