

A QUESTION OF FRUIT INSPECTION

Matter is Discussed at Meeting Held at Vancouver on Tuesday.

INSPECTORS SAY THEY DID DUTY

Present System of Inspection is Declared Far Too Rigid.

Following are additional particulars respecting the conference on fruit inspection held at Vancouver on Tuesday. Fruit Inspectors Cunningham and Lyne were on hand to reply to charges of over-rigid inspection made against them by the dealers.

The meeting was an informal one, called really by the local fruit dealers and members of the trade and commerce committee of the board of trade, who took advantage of the presence of the ministers in town to lay the matter before them.

Mr. Stewart very vigorously presented the fruiters' side of the case. He said that the present system of inspection was far too rigid.

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country, which the officials were taking no steps to eradicate. You could find more than one bush of a tree than you could find in ten car loads of fruit.

Mr. Cunningham explained that the imported and domestic scale were quite different and that it was the duty of the inspectors to guard against fresh importations.

Mr. Lyne pointed out that fruit-growers throughout California endorsed their system of inspection, believing it was a good one for the country.

Mr. Brenchley said they did not complain of fair inspection, but when a California grower was likely to have a whole shipment returned to him, and he lost the freight, it was rather unfair that they should be charged with the cost of keeping the whole fruit of the country clean.

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MINING IN KOOTENAY.

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The ledge has been traced by a system of tunnels, and mining engineers who have examined the property say that nowhere in the Kootenays is such rich ore found. Being of the size of a gun, it is just the ore that smelters would like to get.

The steel group is located west of the lead Queen. The ledge is a continuation of the latter. A tunnel cuts the ledge at 50 feet, showing 30 inches of silver and lead, and considerable carbonates on the wall.

South of the lead Queen is the McLean group, and work is going on steadily. The ledge has been traced by a system of tunnels, and mining engineers who have examined the property say that nowhere in the Kootenays is such rich ore found.

When this is put to work on the lead Queen at once.

When W. C. Wells was chief commissioner of lands and works, Mr. Bott asked for assistance from the government for a wagon road, but this was refused. Mr. Bott has brought the matter up before Hon. R. F. Green, and it is believed that the desired appropriation will be given.

Mr. Brown and partners who have been working this property for over six years, have said nothing, until now, they are in a position to help, and it is hoped the desired assistance will be forthcoming at no distant date.

The pass from Bott's landing to the mine is a clay grade, and the road when constructed would be of great benefit to a ranching settlement, and would be a great benefit to the country.

Dr. Frazar's Pills cure Constipation.

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