

The Shingle Industry

Robert McNair Tells How British Columbia Law Benefits Province

It Will Be of Advantage to Both the Mills and the Loggers

Some of the Plants That Have Increased Their Output

From Our Own Correspondent

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—Robert McNair might almost be called the shingle king of Canada.

He is now chiefly interested in the erection of the biggest shingle mill in the world.

It is being built on the Pigeon Sound. When Mr. McNair talks shingles he talks as a true prophet.

He has the whole shingle situation of British Columbia at his finger ends.

Mr. McNair was asked by the Colonist correspondent this morning if the rumors regarding the enormous demand for British Columbia shingles in the United States were correct.

He said it certainly was correct. As he was interested across the line, he would prefer not to speak from a continental standpoint.

But from a purely business standpoint, he would, therefore, state that it was due to the act of the legislature in prohibiting the export of logs to the States that the shingle industry has flourished.

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Has Not Seen Order-in-Council and Reserves His Opinion

Says If Miners Could Get Water It Would Be Great Boon

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TRANSVAAL CHIEF JUSTICE

Attorney-General Rose-Innes of Cape Colony Dies Appointment

Capetown, Feb. 19.—R. Rose-Innes has resigned the attorney-generalship to become chief justice of the Transvaal Colony.

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATION

Whitson, Miss., Feb. 19.—Tom Brown, Williams, son of a Baptist minister, was the result of a quarrel.

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TREADWELL CONCESSION

Rights Which Are Granted the Syndicate by Dominion Government

Intercolonial Railway and Patronage Discussed by the Liberal Caucus

J. E. Leonard of Laval Is Appointed a Conservative Whip

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Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The Treadwell concession in the Yukon gives the company the right to locate hydraulic claims on any ungranted portion of the Klondike and its tributaries.

The sole right to pump water and distribute it to the miners. It is claimed the concession, which runs for 20 years, does not interfere with existing mining or water privileges.

The company is bound to supply at least 1,000 inches of water by July 1, 1905, half of which quantity must be available for other miners, with a maximum of \$1 per inch. It is maintained, however, that this clause has been altered to make the maximum charge 25 cents. By next December the company must spend \$250,000.

The Liberal caucus this morning was presided over by Mr. Edwards, M.P. for Russell. As anticipated, the Intercolonial railway administration was the principal topic of discussion.

Some of the Eastern Quebec members and from the Maritime provinces were particularly wroth over the way in which the concession was granted by Mr. Blair and assurances were given that the minister would do better.

The House only sat a few minutes, the government having no business ready. The Senate is still discussing the address. J. E. Leonard, the new member for Laval, is appointed Conservative whip from Quebec.

ON LAIRD RIVER

A Number of Settlers Will Go There This Spring

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Cruisers for land are heading for the valley of Howser creek and the Laird River. The C. P. R. has built a line of railway from the Howser to the Laird. This promises to be a very profitable one.

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