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STRAWS.

London houses have bought much St. Paul on the report of a 6 p.c. basis next dividend meeting.

Word is current that the New England cotton interests are about to be consolidated, unless too much centralization is insisted on.

To prevent price cutting in Sugar, the Wholesale Grocers' Association are maturing a plant. The trade awaits the details with interest.

Cut Tobacco directors did not take any action about dividend on preferred stock.

Egyptian crops are in danger, the Nile continuing too low for irrigation purposes.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit it is said will purchase for \$1,000,000 N. Y. and Queen's, also the N. Y. & North Shore trolley systems, after which this company will control all the trolley systems in Queen's Borough, except Long Island Electric.

Pacific stocks are active because of a London pool in N. P.: a local pool in Mop., and because of excellent reports brought back to Wall Street, by those who have had trips on the Pacifics.

Operations in Tobacco stock are on a great scale.

HORSEFLY.

The Horsefly country has long been known as one of the rich sections of British Columbia and gold was found and ground worked by the early miners, H. Ingram, James Moore, Archie Rutherford and others having discovered the then celebrated Blue Lead in the summer of '59 on Horsefly river and the ground then staked is known says:

"There have been quite a number of changes since I first saw this part of the world. In fact this is the first time I have seen a railroad in 45 years, having come out to the Pacific coast in '51. In my time in California there were no railroads. This is my first trip down from Cariboo in 17 years. In the spring of 1860 I was with the first pack train that crossed the Thompson at its mouth. The pack train we were with belonged to Kirkpatrick, still a resident of this vicinity. We were then on our way to Horsefly, Hen Ingram, James Moore, and Archie Rutherford, having then discovered the celebrated Blue Lead in the summer of '59 on Horsefly, now known as the Harper lease. The first prospect obtained was \$1.62 to the pan. That afternoon we made a rocker and washed 50 buckets of gravel, and got \$91. When we struck Horsefly there were 13 in the company. Some went up the river to prospect

and some went down. When they returned we showed them our prospects and next day we all started to work with Hen Ingram as our foreman. Quite a number of this company were well known to old timers. Dennis Crane was drowned on the steamer Pacific; Mike Keenan, familiarly known as "Old Dad Keenan," who died a few years ago, I think he was stopping at the time with his old friend, Johnny Wilson; Hen Ingram died at Grand Prairie; John McClelland, afterward discoverer of McClelland Gulch, Montana, was thrown from a horse and killed; I think Archie Rutherford died in Kictoria; Col. Dixon died three years ago in Alaska; John McLean is at the mouth of Quesnelle; Joseph Patterson, known as Indiana Jo, is now a resident of Waldon, Olo Lloyd, of Texas, and Jim of the State of Illinois; T. S. Hill, Jim Something, I now forget what, I have lost track of those last four, and James Moore, a resident of Quesnelle Forks."

The above then briefly describes the first discoveries made in the Horsefly camp. It is sufficient to add that early timers worked the rich surface gravel, and gradually Chinese acquired holdings and it is told as authentic that they alone took out over \$500,000 working in their primitive way only a few acres of surface and to a depth of but a few feet as a rule. Combined with the amounts taken off by early time white miners, and the fact that no year has passed since '59 but that more or less gold has been taken out, it seems only fair to conclude that more than \$1,000,000, and perhaps twice that amount, has been taken out on the Horsefly. A letter written to the Journal some three years ago in reply to a request for the letter writer's views of the Horsefly section, reads as follows:

"I am very strongly of the opinion that Dr. Dawson expresses, viz.: 'That there exists many ancient auriferous gravel channels that will in the near future make Cariboo one of the largest gold producers on the continent. These channels are something wonderful for extent and richness; comparatively little is known of them as yet. Beaver Lake valley, I am quite sure, was at one time the outlet for the Horsefly basin, and that the waters of the Clearwater, North Thompson, the Fraser, and possibly the Columbia, ran through here at one time, nothing short of that could make such large channels.'"

The opinions of such eminent authorities as Drs. Dawson and Selwyn, backed up by the experience of such practical men as Hobson, Campbell, Brigham and others, can not help but convince anyone that there is a wonderful future for the Horsefly country, as well as other parts of Cariboo. Large capital judiciously expended cannot help but be productive of magnificent results in British Columbia.

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August 25, 1899.

Capital.	Par Value.	Bid.	Asked
1,500,000	\$1.00 Acacia.....	.16 1/2	.16 1/2
2,500,000	1.00 Battle Mt'n.....	.37 1/2	.38 1/2
2,000,000	1.00 Columb-Victor....	.18 1/2	.18 1/2
1,250,000	1.00 Dante.....	.17 1/2	.17 1/2
2,000,000	1.00 Damon.....	.17 1/2
1,250,000	1.00 Elkton.....
1,250,000	1.00 Findley.....	.19 1/2
1,000,000	1.00 Gold Coin.....
3,000,000	1.00 Gold Sovereign....	.17 1/2	.17 1/2
1,000,000	1.00 Gould.....	.23	.23 1/2
1,225,000	1.00 Indepen. T. & M....	.50	.50 1/2
2,250,000	1.00 Isabella.....	.84 1/2	.85 1/2
1,250,000	1.00 Jack Pot.....	.55	.56 1/2
1,000,000	1.00 Matos.....	.33 1/2	.36
600,000	1.00 Moen Anchor.....	1.10
3,000,000	1.00 Portland.....	2.00	2.01
2,000,000	1.00 Pinnacle.....	.28 1/2	.29 1/2
1,500,000	1.00 Work.....	.23	.23 1/2

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