

YORK COUNTY'S OPHIR.

Mr. Harris Refuses Twelve Thousand Dollars

For His Claims in the Cross Creek Mines.

People Have a Carload of Rich Gold Bearing Quartz.

STANLEY, March 24.—The excitement over the discovery of rich gold-bearing quartz at Cross Creek continues unabated. The reports reaching us of the rush at the Crown Land office in Fredericton, for prospectors' licenses would lead us to believe that others besides the people here have faith in the genuineness of the find and the future of Stanley as a gold-producing district.

Notwithstanding the fact that the gold is very deep and other circumstances make this an unfavorable time for prospecting, yet many have already located what they consider good positions and will, no doubt, lose no time in taking out the license necessary to secure them.

It has been stated, the specimens exhibited were brought from British Columbia, a carload must have been imported, as nearly everyone in the place has specimens of all sizes varying in richness, some containing small specks barely visible to naked eye and others nearly half composed of the precious metal. It is absurd to suppose that such is the case as men of the highest standing here have themselves broken out good specimens from the ledge after a charge of dynamite has shattered it.

Mr. Harris was in the village yesterday and stated that he had received an offer for his claim of \$12,000 from a New York gentleman, and had refused it as he considered it low.

Although large areas have been taken up on the Cross Creek there is no reason to doubt that the prospects are equally good if not better on the Nashwaak, and some claims have already been located on that stream.

That the government is satisfied that the discovery is genuine and of much value is seen from the following proclamation which appears in the last issue of the Royal Gazette:

Whereas upon the report of the surveyor general of the said province, it has been made to appear to the satisfaction of the lieutenant-governor in council, that gold has been discovered on Cross Creek in the parish of Stanley, in the county of York;

And whereas it has been reported by the said surveyor general, that numerous applications have been made for mining areas in that locality, under the "General Mining Act" of 1891, and that in his opinion, in order to prevent complications arising, and to satisfactorily regulate, control and equitably deal with such applications, it is desirable that the heretofore bounded and described locality be, by proclamation, declared to be a gold district under the provisions of section 8 of the said "General Mining Act" of 1891.

I do therefore, by virtue of the provisions of the said "General Mining Act" of 1891, and amendments thereto, proclaim the district in the county of York, limited and bounded as follows, that is to say:

Beginning at the Mouth of Cross Creek, where the northern line of the parish of St. Marys, in the county of York, intersects same, thence north along the said creek west 60 miles to the Douglas parish line, thence north along said line 10 miles, thence east 10 miles, south 10 miles to St. Marys parish line aforesaid and thence west 3/4 miles to place of beginning; to be a gold district under the provisions of said act and amendments thereto.

During the past few days many additional mining areas have been taken up at Cross Creek by the following named gentlemen:

- John A. Humble and D. McCathern, 10 areas.
Francis Dickmore, 10 areas.
Wesley Vanwart and others, 200 areas.
Robert Briggs and others, 200 areas.
J. Carter and J. Kelly, 10 areas.
O. Staples and J. Christie, 10 areas.
W. E. Smith and others, 40 areas.
Jas. Wetmore, 100 areas.
D. E. Kelly, 20 areas.
M. Doohan, 10 areas.
Walker Lister and Jas. Bird, 10 areas.

YACHTING.

LARGE LIST OF RACES OUTLINED.

The executive committee of the Royal Kennebec Yacht Club met last Friday and the following new members were elected:

- Charles B. Beaul, Boston.
Alex. Thompson.
Dr. D. Walker, M. D.
W. R. Kennedy.
E. A. Preston, M. D.
J. H. White.
John E. McFarlane, Jr.
A. B. Melville.
Chas. W. Young, St. Stephen.
Walter H. Stephens.
Dr. A. H. Merrill.
A. H. Kirkpatrick.
Frank A. Baird.

Mr. Wm. Ganong, of St. Stephen, wrote stating that if a race were arranged for class D several entries might be expected from St. Stephen, and the committee decided to comply with his request.

The committee on boats was authorized to purchase two rowboats for the use of new yacht owners.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

WHAT THE OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW FOR THE YEAR—THE GROSS EARNINGS AND EXPENDITURES.

OTTAWA, March 24.—Official figures showing the result of the operation of the government railway system during the past year are available.

The gross earnings of the government roads amounted to \$3,313,247, and compared with those of the preceding year show an increase of \$353,772. The gross working expenses amounted to \$3,577,245, an increase of \$399,979. The net loss on the operations of the year was \$263,997. There were 1,000,000 tons of freight paid for the extension of the Intercolonial into Montreal. There was an addition of \$252,750 to capital account of the Intercolonial, making total expenditure chargeable "capital" on the whole road for the year \$3,577,245.

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CIVIC PARLIAMENT.

Aldermen Meet to Consider Proposed Legislation.

Maxwell Objects to Erection of an Elevator.

An Important Meeting of Council.

A special session of the common council was held Friday.

The board of trade resolution on civil assessment was sent to the bills and by-laws committee.

The board of works were instructed to report on a petition from residents of Drury Cove asking to be cut off from the city, and the same board was given authority to grant or refuse Mr. G. M. Hayes the temporary use of Donn's wharf to assist in sinking crib work for the new government wharf.

The mayor was authorized to open a subscription list for the benefit of Digby fire sufferers.

It was decided to grant to Mr. Joseph Bullock a 21 year renewal of his lease of the land on which the oil works are now situated, limiting the improvements to \$10,000.

The bills and by-laws committee reported drafts of a number of bills which are to be sent to the legislature.

One proposition for the sale of property for arrears of taxes was read and approved, as was one providing for the vesting of the title in the city of streets disconnected under the existing statute; one to prevent the users of water from Spruce Lake from obtaining any proprietary rights in connection with the water; and the agreement made by the C. P. R. and authorized the city to make certain extensions in the city.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

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TAKE NOTICE, there will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Court House (so called) in the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, on MONDAY, the 27th day of MARCH, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, under and by virtue of a writ of execution bearing date the 18th day of September, A. D. 1897, and made by the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, in the second part of a duly recorded in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for the City and County of Saint John in Libro 30 of said Records folio 287, 288 and 289 on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1888.

A LL and singular those certain leasehold lands and premises mentioned set out and described in a certain Indenture of Lease bearing date the 18th day of September, A. D. 1887, and made by the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, in the second part of a duly recorded in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for the City and County of Saint John in Libro 30 of said Records folio 287, 288 and 289 on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1888.

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