

ANNUAL MEETING
CARIBOO CONSOLIDATED

Gratifying Statement Presented
the Shareholders in
London.

COARSE GOLD IS FOUND IN GRAVEL

One Nugget Found Weighing
Six and one Half
Ounces.

The Critic (London), in its issue of May 5th had the following:
The general meeting of the Cariboo Consolidated, Ltd., was held on Wednesday at the Cannon-street hotel, E.C., Leat. General Sir James Edmondson, chairman of the company, presiding.

The secretary, (Mr. Geo. Sidebottom) having read the minutes of the meeting and the directors report.
The chairman said: Gentlemen—I presume I may take the accounts as read, as there is nothing calling for particular attention; but if any shareholder wishes for further information than is given I should be glad to answer any questions later on. I might, perhaps, mention that there were only 104,900 preference shares allotted at 1s. 6d. on December 31st, 1905, the capital having been allotted shortly afterwards, and I am pleased to say the issue was very largely over applied for. The next item is a balance sheet of £1,832 9s. 8d. Over a thousand of this has been paid, and the remainder is coming in gradually.

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The latest report from Mr. Bailey is in a cablegram which I will read to you. He called a short time before—on 24th of April—that he was about to commence breathing in the shaft. The men together, especially at this period of the year. Mr. Bailey cables that he has taken out 250 cubic yards of gravel for a yield of 4 1/2 ozs. of gold. This does not sound very large, but only about half the men were at work, and these are only opening up the gold in the early days. I think we may regard the result as satisfactory, giving, as it does, an average of over 106 per yard, which will pay us as well as any other mine of gold weighing 6 1/2 ozs. This is not very large, but it is important, as it shows that the coarse gold in the gravel. Mr. Bailey adds that he has recommenced No. 4 east crosscut, extending to the north across the channel. The length being 110 feet. Mr. Bailey says that when this is completed he will be able to work a large quantity of high grade gravel, and that the coarse gold in the gravel is of a very satisfactory nature, because I think there is no doubt now as to the future, when this gravel has been worked, and the small amount of labor at present employed, if not to make a profit. When this work is done, the channel will be opened up for a distance of 3,100 feet—a very considerable area—the greater part of which will be ready for breathing. Only 200 feet was partially breasted stage. The paying mine taken out 585 ozs. of gold from this work, and when in better gravel the average value should be very largely increased.

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Mr. L. P. Swinburne expressed his thanks to the directors for sending him maps with the report and accounts, and trustee that in future a map would always be given, which Mr. Goward had promised to do. The motion for the adoption of the report and accounts was then put and unanimously agreed to by the shareholders. Mr. Goward then moved that the auditors, Messrs. Ford, Rhodes & Ford, be re-elected at a fee of 25 guineas, which was seconded by Mr. Richard White and agreed to.

CALL TO FORT WAYNE

Rev. J. F. Vichert, Formerly of Victoria, Takes New Post.
The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette in a recent issue had the following, which will be read with interest by many of our readers: "The Rev. J. F. Vichert, formerly of Victoria, has been called to the First Baptist Church at a meeting last night extended a unanimous call to the Rev. J. F. Vichert of Chicago to be pastor of the church. The selection was recommended by a special committee, which is composed of Messrs. J. Pollock, J. H. Bicknell, and Miss Anna Philley. The call is so worded that Rev. Mr. Vichert, should he accept, will come here not later than September 1, or an earlier date that he may be able to come."

Rev. Mr. Vichert is a young man, little more than 30, but he has attained a high reputation as a pastor and pulpit orator. He was pastor for six years of the First Baptist Church in Chicago, and during the past year he has been taking an advanced course in theology at Chicago University. He has also held several pastorates in the local church since the departure of Rev. Mr. Field, and will probably continue to occupy that pulpit as supply until he becomes the regular pastor. He has created a favorable impression upon the people of the First Baptist Church, and regard themselves as fortunate in securing him. Mr. Vichert is married and has two children. He will bring his family here to reside.

DON'T TRUST TO LUCK

Even if there is such a thing as luck you cannot afford to trust to it in case of disease. You know and we all know that Dr. Chase's Nerve Food actually forms new blood and tissue and re-establishes the nerve and by using it early you can be certain that your system is being built up and that weakness and disease are being overcome.

ALASKA BOUNDARY SURVEY.

Mr. White Fraser and Assistants Go North to Re-examine Work.
Mr. White Fraser, who had charge of the survey parties who were engaged marking the international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia for two years, is in the city, preparing to again take up the work. Mr. Fraser was seen yesterday by a Colonist reporter, and in conversation stated that during the greater part of last year he had been in the neighborhood of Portland Canal and left there in October, going direct to Ottawa, whence he has just returned. Although Mr. Fraser was formerly in charge of the Canadian party, he will this year be engaged in examining the work that has been done by the American and Canadian parties. He will be accompanied by Robert Smith, son of Ralph Smith, M. P. of Nanaimo. No assistants will be taken. They will commence near Skagway and go over the mountain to the neighborhood of Chilkoot and Chilkat passes.

Referring to the work that has been done on the boundary, Mr. Fraser stated that it had progressed very favorably and about one-third of the boundary had been completed. At present there are three Canadian parties in the field, under the direction of Messrs. Brabazon, J. D. Craig and J. R. J. J.

Mr. J. R. J. J. Smith will remain in the city for a short time in order to complete his arrangements and will then leave for Skagway, where he will join the American parties which are on the same work. During his stay in the city Mr. Fraser is residing at the Rocabella.

ARE TO EXTEND
DOUGLAS ST. LINE

Mr. Buntzen Announces Plans of
the B. C. Electric Railway
Company.

BOON TO SAANICH ROAD RESIDENTS

More Improvements at the Gorge
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PIONEER B. C. REGIMENT.
G. M. Sprot Furnishes Facts Respecting
First Volunteer Corps.

Gilbert Malcolm Sprot contributes a very interesting chapter to our reminiscences regarding the first military forces on Vancouver Island. He says "The Vancouver Island Rifle Regiment, with 237 men, the roster, was organized here in 1861—the pioneer British volunteer regiment west of the Rocky Mountains. I know about this, having visited, for recreation purposes, every house in Victoria, and within ten miles of it, on my gallant grey, with a blue cricketer cap side-way on my head, and the famous 'Red Book' in my pocket. 'Are you in the Red Book?' became a common question. I wonder where that book now is. The home government recognized the regiment and sent out rifles for 'Brunswick' muskets that had been shorted at Waterloo, and afterwards fitted for percussion caps.

The first commander was George Foster, a British army man who had been in the Austrian service. Captain Simpson (late of Elk Lake), an officer of the Victoria Light Infantry, and Sergeant Joy of the marines at Esquimalt, were our chief drill sergeants. We had a colored company of 200 men, and very good men they were. "A survivor not so long ago wrote to me a letter addressed to 'Col. the Hon. G. M. Sprot, Esq.,' etc., etc. That is the sort of man wanted in time of hazard, who is conceivably fit for the object in view of making a hit. Not play-soldiers at all, but men who were not only in this city but also on the mainland.

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Country Described by Provincial
Mineralogist Who Toured
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION GATHERED

Likelihood That Many Rich Mineral Discoveries Will Be Made.

The annual report of the Minister of Mines for 1905 contains the following, by W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, regarding his trip through the great northern interior plateau between the Fraser and Skeena rivers: "The general scheme of the topography of British Columbia consists of parallel mountain ranges running N.W. and S.E., with intervening valleys and waterways. Of these ranges, the Rocky mountains, on the eastern boundary of the province, are the most prominent, following the seaboard on the west, are the strongest and most persistent, but the altitude above sea level is not quite so high, and, as the general level of the intervening valleys and plateaus is higher in northern than in southern British Columbia, the height of the ranges over the surrounding country is still further diminished.

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from the higher land, and this soil, while light, is remarkably free from boulders or stones, and very fertile, being formed from what were originally volcanic rocks, very easily disintegrated by atmospheric action. The amount of humus of leaf-mould and peat, which, probably due to the evidently dry climate and to forest fires, which have repeatedly swept over the district and burned up all surface carbonaceous soil. As far as the quality of the soil can be judged by chemical analyses, the bench-land and terrace soils appear to be unusually good, and are so classed by Dr. Frank Shutt, chief chemist of the Dominion experimental farms, whose letter on the subject, together with the analyses of the soils, is included in an addenda to this report.

The quality of the soil may be judged by the growth which it did, or does, support. This, of course, is not, of course, to be influenced adversely by the climate in an unfavorable year, and consequently, to use the plant-life as an indicator of the soil, is not, of course, climatically, must be taken. In such years we find the growth of almost anything planted to be unusually prolific. All the grains and vegetables found in the most favored provinces of the Dominion grow well, as do such of the small fruits that have as yet been tried. As before, the seed is dropped, will not come up again. This fact, taken in conjunction with the climatic conditions, warrants the assertion that the district is not a cattle-raising district, that it is splendid for summer grazing, but that feed for winter feeding of stock must be put up, and that such winter feeding will have to be kept up for from three to four months.

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ON A LONG JAUNT.

Superintendent of Forestry Leaves on
Route to the Arctic Circle.
Ottawa, May 17.—(Special).—Mr. Stewart, superintendent of forestry leaves tomorrow on a trip of inspection to the Arctic Circle. From Edmonton he will proceed to Athabasca lake, thence down the Mackenzie river to Fort MacPherson. From the latter point he will cross over by the headwaters of the Athabasca to the Yukon and Dawson will reach Vancouver in time to attend the meeting of the Canadian Forestry association there in September.

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First Canadian Ban
Its Head Office
Great West

The Northern bank will open on the 1st of June. W. Booth, who was formerly of the Bank of British Columbia, is the manager. The bank will have a capital of \$1,000,000. The bank will have a capital of \$1,000,000. The bank will have a capital of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Buntzen was only able to devote one day to this city, but in that time he made an announcement that will be received with great satisfaction by the residents of Douglas street beyond the fountain. He stated that on the recommendation of A. T. Goward, local manager of the company, the company had decided to extend their Douglas street track further out to the Saanich road about three-quarters of a mile. This will entail the expenditure of about \$10,000. The exact point of the terminus has not yet been decided on and before doing so the company will have to do considerable surveying. Although it is not expected that the road will be paying proposition from the start the company hope to be able to work up a good business with a subscription of \$50 by the same service between the Outer Wharf and the New Terminal as at present.

Mr. Fred Williams seconded the motion. Mr. F. W. P. Swinburne asked whether in future the company would need refer to the directors' report, and Mr. Bailey, whose report is published, gives a very full statement, illustrated by plans which I hope are all stated as they have been carefully drawn up. Mr. Bailey's report gives the fullest information to the date of the meeting, and the fact that the tunnel for the past four months—the main east tunnel has been pushed a further 300 feet and connected with the old shaft by a drive of 400 feet and a drive of 340 feet. The main roadway from No. 3 east crosscut has been extended since I took the mine, making a total of 2000 feet, and, in addition, various crosscuts have been made north and south into the channel. Every shaft, making a connection with the old shaft, met with some difficulty as to the water, but this was not a serious matter, the powerful pumping being up to the mark, being easily able to deal with it.

WANT TO TAKE WRECK
VICTIMS TO SEATTLE

Sound City to Raise Funds for
Popular Subscription for
Removal of Bodies.
Money for the bringing of the bodies of the unidentified victims of the Valencia wreck to this city for burial will be raised by public subscription says the local press. The bodies were buried at various places along the coast, and it is now proposed to bring them to Seattle for burial. The cost of the trip is estimated at \$500. The bodies are buried at various places along the coast, and it is now proposed to bring them to Seattle for burial. The cost of the trip is estimated at \$500.

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