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OUR LONDON LETTER

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THE FINANCIAL PAPERS

They Are Issuing Special Articles Concerning Canada—Plenty of Canadian Visitors—A Great Boom For This Section Is Predicted.

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LONDON, March 22.—[Special.]—In a recent article in which you commented on an opinion I ventured to express regarding the immediate future of British Columbia mines, I read a paragraph of yours which seem to indicate that you did not consider your correspondent by any means optimistic. Now, this came as a decided surprise to me personally, for I have endeavored ever since I first commenced to give you information regarding British Columbia doings in London, to assume as hopeful and enthusiastic an attitude as was consistent with facts. Having my finger, as it were, on the pulse of the British Columbia market in London, I think that I may fairly claim to have been as hopeful as the circumstances warranted. Of course provincial opinions and London opinions must differ very considerably, and it would have been excessively foolish and inopportune on my part if I had exaggerated the position on this side. What I have endeavored to do is to act more the part of historian than that of the inflated prophet. Fully recognizing as I do that British Columbia will justify all that her friends have predicted for her, yet I have been my duty to confess at times that those who pose as her friends on this side have not always acted in that spirit which would have justified their expressions of single minded purpose. I am afraid that quite a number of companies have been formed on this side during the past twelve months, and will be formed during the present year, whose sole object was not so much mining as the lining of their own pockets by the plunder obtained in many cases from premature promotion. Of course there are a number of really good men whose sole object is to convert the European investor to their own opinions, which are highly flattering to the province.

A Growing Interest in B. C.

Unfortunately these are in a minority all the same. There are indispensible signs that the growing interest in Europe in the future of British Columbia mines is daily quickening and evidence has been forthcoming in abundance from the last letter to justify all that I have recently written regarding the expansion of interest in your doings. As an instance I might cite the fact that the London Standard, a leading newspaper is preparing a special British Columbian supplement for the information of its readers. Another is the publication by one of the oldest financial newspapers in the world, to wit, the "Financial News," of a map showing the Klondike, Cassiar, Omineca and Cariboo gold fields, and giving the various routes and the approximate distances to the Klondike. Of course you in British Columbia may regard the interest which has been awakened in the North-west Territories by the exaggerated stories sent to this country—chiefly from New York—as not altogether matter for congratulation in British Columbia, but I do not share this feeling, inasmuch as I consider that the ordinary course of events, react to the benefit of the more southern mining area. Not so very long ago British Columbia was a terra incognita.

As Well Known as the Rand.

Today it is as well known in the city as the Rand or West Australia, and we who are in a position to form sound opinions regarding its future, believe that at no distant date it is destined to contain even those celebrated gold fields. Of course, as I have before said the excitement caused by the rush to the Klondike region is very largely responsible for the present diffusion of information regarding the province, but quite apart from the Klondike, we have undeniable evidence of the goodwill shown by the city towards British Columbia. Here many people seem to think that Klondike will prove very disappointing to those who have set up their money to furnish the needful for expeditions which are on the point of starting for the land of glittering gold, and it is these people (many of them leading financiers in this city) who believe that it is to British Columbia rather than to the Klondike that capital should be dispatched. On every hand there is evidence that we are going to have a very busy spring, and in the Stock Exchange, the British Columbia market has received quite a number of adherents since the latest section of the Stock Exchange was unceremoniously inaugurated some seven or eight months since. Every promoter you meet has British Columbia or Klondike scheme before him, and although the troubles of Cuba and West Africa have lately caused a rather pronounced setback in prices, it is believed by those whose opinions are worth studying that directly an improvement in the markets is reached, and the public show signs of returning confidence, there will be issued quite a number of prospectuses of companies registered with the object of exploiting Canadian mining regions, many of which as I know for certain, are already in type.

Plenty Canadian Visitors.

Lots of Canadian visitors keep arriving and many of them seem to have come with the object of inaugurating London offices for the firms they represent or the companies they control. Messrs. Ernest Kennedy and J. L. Parker have settled themselves in very

ALL FOR KOOTENAY

G. F. R. Official Tell What Their Company Will Do.

A MUCH BETTER SERVICE

Time to Be Materially Shortened Between Roseland and the Main Line—New Fast Steamers on the Columbia—More Rolling Stock.

A party of C. P. R. officials visited Roseland Monday, consisting of Wm. Whyte, manager of lines west of Fort William; R. Marpole, superintendent of Pacific division; H. J. Cambie, chief engineer Pacific division; F. W. Peters, district freight agent, and W. Cross of Winnipeg. The party arrived in the afternoon and left on the 6 o'clock train in the evening for Nelson.

Mr. Whyte is on his annual tour of inspection, and this is the reason for the visit. He left Winnipeg on this trip some time ago and proceeded directly to the Pacific coast, where he examined into the condition of the Klondike trade and made arrangements for better communication to western points, especially to Glenora and along the Sticksen route to the Yukon. Mr. Whyte is much pleased with the result of the trip so far. He finds the lines that come under his direction in good condition, but his visit will be the means of causing many improvements to be made in the line in the near future. By the middle of next month the magnificent steamer City of Roseland will be running on the Columbia river between Robson and Arrowhead. It is expected that this boat will easily reduce the time of travel between those points by 2 1/2 hours, making the journey one of 7 1/2 hours instead of 10 hours.

With a little delay as possible rolling stock from the main line will be brought to Robson and forthwith used on the Columbia and Western railway between Robson and Trail. Additional passenger coaches are to be put in service on the narrow gauge road between Roseland and Trail and other improvements will be made so as to shorten the time of travel between Roseland and Robson by as soon as these arrangements are carried out, the time occupied in making the trip between Roseland and the main line of the C. P. R. will be reduced to three and a half hours less than the schedule now in force.

Mr. Whyte was asked how long it would be before the C. P. R. would have a standard gauge line running into Roseland. He intimated in his reply that this would be before the line would be finished, and he declared that the company would occasion as little delay as possible in building it. It is not decided yet whether this line will follow the route of the Columbia & Western or be built down the Murphy Creek valley.

FROM THE GAZETTE.

Registration, Licensing and Incorporation of New Companies, Etc.

The last issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains the following notices:

Herbert H. Pitts and James C. Pitts, doing business in Sandon as the Pitts Brothers, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors.

The following extra provincial companies have registered:

The French Creek Mining company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The head office is in Milwaukee, Wis., the provincial office is in Revelstoke and the attorney is Arthur G. M. Sprague.

The Stonleigh Mining company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The head office is in Milwaukee, Wis., the office in the province is in Revelstoke and Arthur G. M. Sprague is the attorney.

The following are the new incorporations:

The Buckingham Gold Mining company, limited, with a capital of \$500,000. The registered office of the company is in Roseland, and the object is to operate the Buckingham mineral claim in the Nelson division.

The Grenora Steamship company, limited, with a capital stock of \$25,000. The registered office of the company is in Vancouver, and the object is to purchase the steamer Courser, now lying on the Fraser river, and to carry on a general water transportation business.

The Kamloops Drug company, limited, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The object of the corporation is to take over the drug business of W. E. McCartney, in Kamloops, and to carry on the business of dispensing drugs and medicines.

The Richmond Lumber Manufacturing company, limited, with a capital of \$10,000. The object is to acquire the sawmill of Robert P. Carter in the village of Stevenson, District of New Westminster, and to carry on a general business.

The Teelin-Yukon Steam Navigation company, limited, with a capital of \$15,000. The object is to carry on a general water transportation business on Lake Teelin and the Yukon and Hootalinkwa rivers. The registered office of the company is in Vancouver.

The Vancouver Land & Improvement company with a capital of \$100,000. The registered office of the company is in Vancouver. The object of the company is to carry on a real estate and a building business.

A license has been issued to the British America Corporation to carry on business in this province. The capital stock of the company is £1,500,000. The head office is situated in London and the office in the province is located at Roseland and the attorney of the company is Hon. Charles Hubert Mackintosh.

A MODEL LUMBER YARD.

Over 70,000 Feet of Lumber Stacked in the Roseland Yard.

J. W. Stout, superintendent of the British Columbia Smelting & Refining company, has completed extensive arrangements for the sale, in Roseland and vicinity, of the output of the company's mill at Trail.

The big yard at the Columbia & Western Y, in this city has undergone great changes recently, under the management of J. R. McKenzie. It covers two blocks, and contains a number of buildings for the protection of the finer grades of lumber. The system is a perfect one, and the stock consists of immense quantities of rough, dressed and kiln dried lumber, rustic, flooring, ceiling and shiplap of the finest quality. In addition to this, the company is prepared to get out timbers of any dimension at the shortest notice.

The mill at Trail has a capacity of 16,000 feet daily, and is one of the most complete in British Columbia. It has a waste burner, which consumes all sawdust, slabs and waste material. There is also a dry kiln, with a capacity of 25,000 feet, and two planing mills. In the Roseland yard are stacked more than 70,000 feet of lumber, all well seasoned and under cover.

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BREVETTES.

Dr. Douglas Corson has been appointed medical officer for employees of the Trail smelter and the Columbia & Western railway. The appointment gives general satisfaction.

S. Thornton Langley & Co. are advertising the Lardeau-Goldsmith company. The first meeting of the directors and shareholders will be held at the office of Smith Curtis, for the election of officers.

The Reddin-Jackson company, limited, mining operators and brokers, has been dissolved by lapse of time. The firm members were C. O'Brien Reddin and C. F. Jackson. Mr. Jackson continues the old firm name, while Mr. Reddin, as the business at the old stand and under the old firm name, while Mr. Reddin, as the business at the old stand and under the old firm name, will open a new office under the firm name of C. O'Brien Reddin & Co.

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The strike on the Deer Park gave a decided impetus to that stock Monday, and every broker received telegraphic orders from all quarters. Those most deeply interested were the most active in buying up stock, both in Toronto and Spokane. The highest bid at which a transfer was made in Roseland was at 13 1/2 cents, but it is said to have reached 16 cents in Spokane.

The largest holders have little fear that it will fall back, as there is said to be an immense body of ore in sight, and the best authorities are confident that it will become one of the big properties of the camp. This is further substantiated by the statement of one of the largest shareholders, that an eastern syndicate recently offered to purchase a control at a figure that would have netted close to 30 cents. The fact is also recalled that some time ago, when the mine was being operated with a horse and windlass, the stock went up to 26 cents, and was brought down through the intervention of a large holder of pooled stock.

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There will be a suit of the Kaslo & Slokan railway vs. Buchanan; this is a suit over a right of way.

Nelson, March 19.—[Special.]—G. O. Buchanan and the other Kaslo delegates to Victoria stated on their return that there was every prospect that the location of the registry office should be held in Nelson, although K's claims were urged on the principle that it was an open question.

A. R. McLennan, contractor on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, brother of Colonel McLennan, M. F. for Stornoway county, and a well known contractor on the original C. P. R. construction, is in the city. Mr. McLennan has a contract for about five miles of rock work about 40 miles from Goat River Landing.

A large force are at work on the construction of the new C. P. R. transfer wharf.

F. R. Dunn, who has been confined in the Kootenay Lake General hospital for the past three months, suffering from the effects of an accident in the Kootenay Power company's works at Bonington falls, is able to be around again, but will in all probability be a cripple for life. He intends going east next week for treatment.

Thomas Gray's new sawmill on the pier adjoining the city wharf commenced operations on Tuesday, and the new machinery is running satisfactory.

"Patronize home industry" is the motto of James Neelands & Julius Ehrlich, since starting the manufacturing of cigars on Ward street. They employ four cigar makers. The firm are trading under the name of The Kootenay Cigar Manufacturing company.

The C. P. R. building at Bogus-town, is almost finished and will be launched in a few days.

On Wednesday of last week a barroom fight, brought about by whisky, took place at Hall's Siding that came near having a disastrous ending. A. Oleson of the city, one of the parties, was arrested on two charges of assault, one against C. Cameron and the other against A. McGregor. Cameron, who is of a fighting disposition, especially when whisky gets the best of him, had early in the day accused Oleson of interfering with the quietness of another household, and getting filled up with whisky, kept bothering and threatening Oleson, although the latter endeavored to keep out of his way. About 6 o'clock Cameron met Oleson in McGregor's hotel and jostled him at the bar. Oleson in defense, took up a beer glass and struck Cameron on the head, knocking him down and then striking him another blow with the glass, making two nasty cuts and causing quite a flow of gore.

McGregor then interfered, and he and Oleson had a set-to, the former getting several hard blows on the head. Oleson quickly left the place, but did not escape unhurt, as his face was badly swollen and cut by glass. Cameron had his wounds dressed by a doctor, who found him very weak from loss of blood.

Kootenay Ore Shipments.

Nelson, March 22.—[Special.]—The ore shipments for the last week were as follows: Le Roi mine, Roseland, 1520 tons; Whitewater mine, Slokan, 57 tons; Montezuma mine, Slokan, 19 tons; Queen Bess mine, Slokan, 60 tons; Idaho mine, Slokan, 59 tons; Last Chance mine, Slokan, 60 tons; Payne mine, Slokan, 400 tons; Rambler mine, Slokan, 60 tons; Ruth mine, Slokan, 107 tons; Antoine mine, Slokan, 34 tons. Total for week, 2466 tons, valued at \$111,893.

Purchased the Utico Group.

A syndicate, composed of Dabney & Parker, J. S. Clute, Arthur Marsh, C. S. Wallis, Charles E. Benn and others, has purchased the famous Utico group, which adjoins the Tamarac near mirror. The syndicate is showing up exceptionally well under the development work that has been done. A company has been incorporated, which is known as the Utico Gold Mining company, limited, and the work of developing the property has been commenced. The syndicate was pushed vigorously under the direction of J. L. Paaker. The price that was paid for the property was not given, but it is said to be well up in the thousands. There are three claims in the group.

Latest From the Tamarac.

The latest reports from the Tamarac, which is being operated by the Kenneth Gold Mining & Development company, are that of a most encouraging character. The shaft has now attained a depth of 145 feet, and in going this distance between 150 and 175 tons of ore of a good grade has been taken out. As soon as the 150-foot level is reached drifts will be driven both ways on the vein. These will be operated with two shifts each, while in the shaft three shifts will be kept at work extending it. A new steam hoist was shipped from Roseland to the property yesterday and will be installed in a few days. It is the intention to continue the sinking of the shaft until a depth of 500 feet has been attained.

Sold Two Plants.

Frank Mendenhall, of the Canadian Rand Drill company, has returned from a visit to Camp McKinney. While there he sold a plant to the Cariboo Mining, Milling & Smelting company. The plant consisted of a 20-stamp mill and a 60-horse power engine. The Rand Drill company yesterday sold the Kenneth Mining company, of Ymir, a 20-horse power engine and a 40-horse power boiler. This is to be installed on the Tamarac, which the company is operating. The plant will cost \$1,500.

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