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Significant Orders to Arminals For Supply of Horse-Shoes For theICY Country.

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British News  
By Cable

The Dominion's Latest Military Scheme Thought to be Emminently Practical.

Canadian Pacific Railway About to Open New Offices in London.

St. James Gazette Rebukes Baron Ashburton For Ignorant Strictures.

London, Jan. 5. (Special.) The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Canada's new military scheme, as outlined by Sir F. W. Horden, is in every way a highly-trained citizen's force which is being organized in line of partially trained men." The C. P. R. will open their new office at Trafalgar Square on Saturday, morning.

Referring to the manifesto issued by Baron Ashburton in which he refers to the supporters of Mr. Chamberlain as "uneducated," the St. James's Gazette says: "These terms are applied to such sections of the Empire as the men who have made a name for themselves in the great spaces of the Empire, and are termed half educated by local party hacks."

REVIEW OF MINING OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1903.

BY H. MORTIMER LAMB.

The past year has been, in many respects, a notable one in the history of the mining industry of the province. Operations throughout the Cariboo gave the auspicious and conditions, a period of greater productive activity and industrial growth and prosperity than was generally anticipated. These hopes, however, soon appeared to be doomed to disappointment, and in February a strike was declared by the coal miners of the Crow's Nest collieries, resulting not only in the cessation of the mining operations in East Keatonan, but by creating of the fuel supply of the Kootenai. Fortunately the strike was confined to a temporary paralysis of the metalliferous industries in those districts, and, in Victoria, meanwhile, movement had originated aiming at the organization of a most comprehensive strike of the industry directly or indirectly dependent upon the mining industry of the province for their support or being in response to a widely-circulated "call," a convention, at which some three hundred delegates from almost every section of the country, and representing mining, smelting, agricultural and commercial interests, attended, was held in the capital the last week in February, a profitable week being devoted to discussion and deliberation on the many important issues there brought up, and of suggestions made for the amelioration of conditions considered to be acting as a brake on the wheels of progress. Among other matters of great import, the convention dealt with the difficult question of the relation of capital and labor, the Ferris scheme leading interest and point to the committee was appointed to proceed as the scene of the dispute, authorized to endeavor to bring about a conciliation between the coal company and its employees and arrange as far as possible for a permanent settlement of existing differences. The appointment of this committee met with the cordial approval of the provincial government then in power, who, recognizing the importance of the mission, provided from the public treasury for the expenses of the delegation. To the lasting honor of the newly formed Provincial Mining Association, non-partisan in its aims, and its members, it is now proposed to review and briefly summarize the happenings of the year, for the sake of convenience and order, under the headings of the districts or mining divisions in which they occurred:

Production in 1903 shows a further increase of approximately twenty-five per cent in copper, an increase in lead, coal and coke, a small decrease in lead and possibly silver output, and a not very considerably falling-off in the value and tonnage of the aggregate mineral production of the province during the year a certain advance has been made on last year's returns.

EASTERN ZERO WEATHER.

Forty Below in New York State Makes a New Record.

Glenfalls, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Last night was the coldest in the Adirondacks since this season. The mercury stood only 20 below at Glenfalls; 24 at Lake George, and 30 at Warrensburg.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The coldest weather of recent years prevailed here today. This morning the thermometer registered 22 below zero.

Brunswick, Me., Jan. 4.—The extreme cold continues unabated here. The temperature ranged about 20 degrees below zero during the night, and a little warmer today. All trains are run on ice and snow.

Ufen, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The weather continues clear and cold, with several low thermometer records from surrounding points. Boonville, on the line of the Adirondacks, reports 40 below last night.

BALE AXE, MICH., JAN. 4.—Three boys, aged about 10 years, the sons of a fisherman, were frozen to death during last night's terrible storm, being lost in the blinding snow.

KAUMAS CTR., JAN. 4.—In this part of the southwest coast weather prevailed today, the coldest of the season.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., JAN. 4.—Yesterday was the coldest in the Adirondacks, the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero.

COOTON REPORT SHORTAGE.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The census bureau today issued a cotton report showing that there had been gained up to including Saturday, December 26, 1903, 827,185 commercial bales, compared with 821,832 bales up to the same date of December 13th of last year. The census found that 29,171 bales had been opened this season as compared with 29,194 last year.

FAVORS HOME RULE.

Dublin, Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the national directorate of the United Irish League tonight, a resolution was passed in favor of home rule as the best means of enabling the people to derive the benefits of the recent Irish land act. The face of the national directorate to all their estates except on extravagant terms.

PAPER MILLS BURN.

Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 5.—A special fire from Norwood, N. Y., destroyed the paper mill of the East Paper Company's mill was totally destroyed by fire today, loss, \$25,000.

ADDRESS THE LABORING MEN

Mr Wage Officer For Dominion Gives Interesting Speech at Nanaimo.

During the course of an interesting speech at Nanaimo on Saturday night, D. J. O'Donoghue, fair wage officer for this week, made a strong appeal to the sympathy among the workers, and pointed out how many had won shorter hours, higher wages, better sanitary conditions, and in every way raised the lot of workmen. He also pointed out that the strike except as a very last resort, was a matter of the man who got the worst of it. If they lose they are galled at once. If they win their position is made so disagreeable that they are glad to get out. Therefore, he advised conciliation and arbitration in the last means had been adopted to strike, however, and advised never to be hoodled into giving up the last and final method of settling grievances.

He also took occasion to strongly set his position as fair wage officer, and pointed out how absurd it was to suppose that even if he desired to so he could influence congress in any way. He advised that the government purely in the interest of the cause, and that he owed a great personal debt to the cause, and that he would be glad to hear of any revolutionary in its nature, and if it was not of advantage either to them or anybody to whom it was of advantage of a fancied grievance. At next congress he hoped to see representatives from British Columbia.

O'Donoghue was listened to about his one and a half hours with the closest attention, broken only by applause at many points in his speech, and was warmly and affectionately greeted by the entire assembly as he sat down he was applauded vigorously by the entire assembly.

Many earnest men to express their admiration for the speech.

at length listened to the solicitation of the lead miners and last submitted to that lagging industry, heavy as the Cariboo gave the smaller mines an opportunity to take up for the disabilities under which they were laboring, and were earlier in the season and assured the larger underground and open-pit water for the next year's work; the method of treating the low-grade siliceous ores of the Rossland camp by a process of oil concentration was successfully introduced and applied, while experiments also were conducted that the large deposits of ferruginous ore in this district may also become profitable account by other recently introduced special processes. It has been proved beyond peradventure that the great low-grade bodies of ore in the Boundary are capable of being profitably mined, the Richardson company having entered upon a dividend-paying career; high-grade mines near Greenwood have been opened, and are already yielding profits; in the Nelson district half a dozen mines have become productive; at Armstrong last year, in Ymir the same; at Camborne promising free-milling quartz veins have become regularly productive; lead mines in the Slocan, long closed, have been reopened and equipped with machinery; and the year closed with the outlook brighter, conditions more stable, the industry established on a more permanent and business-like footing than since, perhaps, its inception.

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THE COAST.

Productive activity on the coast has been limited almost entirely to the metal mines of the Mount Sicker district, on Vancouver Island, those of Texada Island, and the coal mines on the west coast of Vancouver Island. In addition, however, shipments of ore have been made from Quatsino Sound, and also to a very limited extent from properties on the west coast of the island. Developments at Mount Sicker have been eminently satisfactory, the result of recent work having further proved the extent and value of the ore bodies, while the large profits earned by one mine has demonstrated how profitable are the opportunities in this locality for wise and well-directed investment.

During the year the Leona mine has been operated in the interests of the creditors, the position of the mine having been considerably improved, while a large quantity of ore, of payable grade has been shipped to the open market. The extent of development at Leona is now determined from the fact that underground at the vein, the continuity of the vein at depth having been finally and conclusively proved.

During the year, been developed to a limited extent, while at Strathcona Island a copper mine has been opened, such good purpose that production is being commenced, arrangements having been made for the treatment of the ore at the Leona smelter. With the exception of the Leona mine, there is nothing of particular interest to the general mining industry of the coast.

STEAM SHOVEL AT WORK IN KNOB HILL MINE PHOENIX.—Mouth of tunnel hidden by loose rock.

plotted the equipment concerned in 1903 of the mines of the McKee, Hinch and Sicker, the latter of which are now being operated, and all these undertakings should, providing the water supply is not cut off, be completed by the end of next year. Next season also will see the inauguration of dredging operations in the Buntford area, the installation of a hydraulic power plant, already being built. The numerous areas with which dredging may be connected profitably in deep extensive, value being most unevenly distributed, while gravel can be made to pay these have been carefully examined, and the best results per cubic yard. Besides the hydraulic dredging, dredging operations also carried on at Bonder and other points, and a very promising level and drift mining, the old channel having this season been struck on both creeks, yielding very fair pay.

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BORING MACHINE, LAFONTAINE.—Lighting Creek.

With the exception of the deplorable suspension of shipping operations during the period of the strike in the spring, the industry has been maintained by all three collieries, while at Nanaimo special development work has been in progress, and important additions made to the colliery equipment. At the Comox mines, in addition to the usual coal mining operations, the work of jumping out and repairing No. 4 mine, during two years ago in order to extend the output of the mine, has been undertaken, eight electric and six large steam pumps being employed steadily in the summer months. It is estimated, however, that the work will be completed before the task is completed.

LAST HOUR'S RUN AT BULLION, 1903

drangle Company, on Grouse creek, were enabled to make a small profit this year, the clean-up, on eight weeks' piping realizing between 2,400 and 3,000, and a satisfactory clean-up is also reported to have been made by the China Creek Hydraulic Company. At Cunniffing creek the mine has been well equipped and developed this year, either actual work was not started until late in August. Williams Creek Gold Fields Limited, on the Cunniffing creek, employed a force of twenty men during the season, but the work was done very fast by the company have been exceedingly poor.

FRASER RIVER.

Gold dredging has been carried on at one or two places river leases with moderate success. There is, meanwhile, being built at Lillooet a steel dredge, after the New Zealand bucket type, which, when completed, will be the largest of its class in Canada, the hull being 100 feet long and 24-foot beam. This dredge was to have been ready for operation by November, but a delay in the manufacture of the machinery was occasioned in the East by a labor strike, and from Lafontaine and the Point where in the province is being conducted with better success as conditions are now better understood and modern methods applied to meet them.

KAMLOOPS.

At Kamloops the result of the year's work has proved the best of the year's high opinion entertained of the promise and value of the Iron Mask mine on Coal Hill. The syndicate owning this property entered into an arrangement last summer with London company to provide additional capital required for further development, and the establishment of a new reduction works and other plant to place the mine in a position to commence and maintain profitable production. The agreement was conditional on a favorable report being made by an engineer engaged by the latter company. The mine having passed the necessary tests, contracts have already been awarded for the purchase of equipment, and the property which has now been developed to a depth of 900 feet, should, in the near future, enter a long and successful productive career. The only other metalliferous mine of importance upon which operations were carried in 1903 is the Copper King, which commenced the shipment of ore to the Crofton smelter in November.

VERNON.

During the year some attention has been redirected to the development of mineral claims in the Vernon district, which at one time appeared to promise well, and two or three properties on Marshall mountain, and another opening Okanagan landing, on which work has recently been carried on, are developing most satisfactorily. The ore is generally fine grained and carries good values according to assay returns. On the McPhail group a small experimental stamp mill will start up in the near future, but as yet no clean-up has been made.

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In point of production Cariboo now occupies the premier position in the state of affairs concerning the Cariboo, that of 1903 being the worst on record. It is said, having been realized from the undertaking. Recently a local syndicate has been organized to open up the coal measures adjacent to the town.

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In no section of the province has, relatively speaking, progress during the year been more pronounced than in the Lardeau, which is rapidly assuming a position of very considerable prominence and importance as a gold and silver producing area. It has, in 1903, been the locality in which prospecting has been most active and best productive of result. Capital, too, has remained here, with greater favor than any other, and investment, both in the acquisition of mining property and in the equipment of developed claims, represents a very large sum. Among the developments of the year may be mentioned the successful exploitation of the Lucky Boy group and Ethel, at Trout Lake; of the Lade, of the Truist, Netie, Ine, and Silver Cup, at Fernston; of the Badsbat on the Works of Lardeau creek; and of the Beatrice, of the Buntford area, at Fish river. Other important occurrences have been the large machinery installations at the Silver Cup, including the erection of a 20-stamp combination unit of special design, the big consolidation of properties on the Duncan slope, or rather on the main Duncan river and its West Fork, the installation and operation of two ten-stamp mills at Camborne, and last, but by no means least, the remarkably rich discoveries at Poplar creek. Efforts during the year has not been directed towards immediate increase of output so much as to thorough development and the equipment of property with a view to increased efficiency and greater economy of working, thus insuring in the future the maintenance of a regular production. Hence while shipments this year compare quite favorably with previous achievements in the regard they fail to indicate the considerable advance that has been made or demonstrated in the district.

From the Lade group five tons of ore were shipped to the smelter yielding a return of \$1,100 in free gold. The same ore carries \$12 to \$18 in gold, about 200 oz. silver and 35 per cent lead to the ton, or to the value of about \$14,000 having been already taken out; from the same group were shipped 2,238 tons of ore, from which the net returns were \$121,701, but the average values per ton being 130oz. of silver and 26.7 per cent lead; the Silver Cup shipped from March to January a total of 1,026 tons, which returned \$37,045, the average values being 102.76 oz. of silver, and 23.9 per cent lead; the

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RES—At her residence, 175 Johnson

MAN—At his residence, No. 83 Vasey

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In the Senate

the following were the vessels of the

Indian Crew Vessels.

Annie E. Paint, C. D. Rand, Carrie, C.

All L. Algar, Casca, Carlotta, C. Cay,

Florence M. Smith, B. B. Marvin.

AGRICULTURE.

Perhaps the most prosperous and most progressive of all the industries of the province has been that of agriculture, particularly in fruit-growing and dairying. As an instance of how the former is growing, it may be stated that about 250,000 fruit trees were sold during 1903, about 75,000 of which were local nursery stock.

last year raised a large number of excellent grapes, of which he marketed about four tons; so that the fruit-growing capacity of the interior is likely to be very materially extended in the near future.

The dairy industry has made rapid progress during the year. Three new creameries have been established, making 15 in all in the province. Although full statistics are not available yet, the output will probably be in excess of that of last year, from 20 to 30 per cent.

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LUMBER

The lumber industry started out most prosperously at the commencement of the year. All the mills in the province were running at full blast, and the demand for lumber, owing to the immigration into the interior, was very active. The shingle industry was particularly active, and a large amount of capital was invested in the trade.

Foreign shipments for 1903 have decreased somewhat; there are only two mills sending foreign—the Chemainus and the Hastings mills at Vancouver. The total foreign shipments for 1903, ending on November 30, were \$3,200,000 as against \$5,981,833 in 1902.

CHEMANIUS LUMBER COMPANY.

Great strides have been made by the Chemainus Lumber Company in the main, in extending and improving their properties at Chemainus and near-by, and in shipping by the company for 1903 will be about 15,000,000 feet.

B. C. SEAMING INDUSTRY.

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VICTORIA'S IMPORTS, THE GREAT TYEE COPPER MINES

Review of Operations for the Year 1903. The operations of the Tyee Copper Mines for the year 1903 have been most successful. The output of copper has been in excess of that of last year, and the company has secured various contracts of custom ore, extending over several years.

Table with columns: Month, Imports, Exports, Prof. of No. Prod. (Canada), Prof. of No. Prod. (Columbia).

NANAIMO DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Month, Exports, Imports, Total.

PORT OF NANAIMO, B.C.

Vessels entered inwards from Dec. 24, 1903 to Jan. 7, 1904.

THE KOOTENAY'S MINERAL AND LUMBER WEALTH

A circular has been compiled and issued by the president of the Associated Boards of Trade giving the estimated value of mineral and lumber production in Southern Kootenay and Southern Yale during the year 1903. It is as follows:

Table with columns: Mineral Production of Southern Kootenay and Yale, Lumber Production of Southern Kootenay and Yale.

ISLAND COAL OUTPUT

For the year just passed business with the Western Fuel Company, of Nanaimo, has done very well. The figures will amply prove the company, which has succeeded the New British Columbia Coal Company, has displayed the greatest energy in improving the great properties to which it has succeeded.

Island Exports to U.

Table with columns: Commodity, Quantity, Value.

Travelling Libraries.

Mr. O. E. Schofield, provincial librarian, has kindly furnished the following particulars as to the distribution of the provincial travelling libraries. From this list it will be observed that the useful libraries are widely distributed throughout the province.

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The property owned by this company consists of ten Crown-granted mineral claims and fractions, containing about 230 acres and extending from the Tyee mine to the main line of the E. & N. railway leads to the top of the mine, a distance of over 9,000 feet, but heavy development work has so far been restricted to the Tyee mine.

Nanaimo City

think that the Canada Club and the Canadian Gazette have assisted in doing Canada this service.

Consumption

Recognizing the terrible ravages which are being made by consumption amongst the people of this province the Provincial Board of Health has terminated to take vigorous action to attack the disease.

ANNUAL POULTRY AND PET SHOW

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EAST KOOTENAY. But for coal mining activity the showing made by East Kootenay in 1903 would have been poor indeed...

FAIRVIEW AND SEMIKAMEN. The only mine at which continuous operations have been maintained during the year at Fairview is the...

REVELATION. My mother was what beauty was to me when I was young...

SIFTINGS. She—What is the most popular jewel in the United States at present?

SOOTHING TO THE SKIN. GALVERT'S CARBOLIC TOILET SOAP. GALVERT'S CARBOLIC OINTMENT.

discharge of existing liabilities by the issue of preference stock. It is thus hoped that the company will be able to extricate itself from its difficulties...

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Local theatres To Be Inspected An Examination To Be Made of Their Equipment in Fire Fighting Appliance. Proceedings at a Brief Meeting of City Council Held Yesterday Evening.

REVELATION. By Zona Gale. What I was young. I was young. I was young. I was young.

SIFTINGS. What is the most popular jewel in the United States at present? (After a pause)—Give 'em up to me.

Mrs. J. Herick becomes gov. Ohio he will cease to be a gov. Ohio State by Governor Nash. A. W. Governor Nash to succeed him.

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SMOOTH AS BOULEVARD. Yukon Ice Might Be Skated on for Long Distance. Dawson, Y.T., Dec. 16.—The trail over the ice of the Yukon between Dawson and Kirkman, the place where the steamer is stranded, is as smooth as a boulevard.

Amur To Bring White-Horse Ore Arrangements Made to Ship Northern Ore to Crofton Smelter by C. P. R. Str. Tacoma Is Due From the Orient—Other Liners on the Way.

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SCHOOL FIGURES FOR DECEMBER Number of Cases of Tardiness During Month Was Very Small. With an actual membership of a little over 2,700 the public schools in attendance during the month of December only 2,527; the average daily attendance being 90.72 per cent.

Yesterdays Federal Capital Burnt Out Departments Find Temporary Quarters Pending Rebuilding. Citizens' Committee Take Hand in Project of Help for University.

GEN. WETLER DREAMS. Writes of Things Which He Hoped He Might Do. London, Jan. 2.—Gen. Weyler who soon publishes a book entitled "My Military and Political Campaign in Cuba," according to a special despatch from Madrid.

Ladysmith Shipments. The following are the coal exports from Ladysmith for year ending December 31st, 1902.

High School 472 19 90 150.90 87.15 Boys' School 481 481 78 80 80.48 North Ward 428 428 352.78 80.43 Victoria Park 355 173 182 324.18 91.31 Spring Ridge 130 90 108 181.08 67.79 Hillside 118 70 54 119.22 91.94 Rock Bay 60 37 23 68.06 88.43

ARMED CRUISER KING ALFRED SAILS FOR FAR EAST. Portsmouth, Jan. 2.—The British armored cruiser King Alfred, 14,000 tons, sailed today for China.

A NEW ETHERNAL CITY. Elijah Dowie Seeks Location Among the Bad Men From Texas. San Antonio, Jan. 5.—John A. Dowie, the founder of Zion, is not going to Australia on this trip.

NOTICE. Tenders for Timber Limits. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1904.

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Preparing For The Investigation

Coroner's Inquest on Deaths Through Iroquois Fire Starts Tomorrow.

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SPEAKER CANNON ENDORSES. Characteristic Remarks of the American on Being Worked by Book Agent.

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Shoe Sale, Friday and Saturday. Girls Shoes. Walking Skirts. Men's Shoes. Ribbed Underwear. White Blankets.

Boys' Shoes. Sheets at January Sale Price. Four Great Offerings in Dress Goods.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BURNS. Toronto, Jan. 5.—Hamilton street public school was destroyed by fire this morning about 9.30.

LONDON FIREMAN MEETS DEATH. London Fireman Meets Death in Conflagration Early This Morning.

ONTARIO PIONEER GETS. Passing of One of the Last Early Settlers at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, MO., JAN. 5.—Samuel Loutis, one of the last pioneers of the province of Ontario, Canada, and a member of the House of Commons of that province, died at the residence of his daughter in this city.

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SPENCER'S MAIL. Western Canada's Big Store. FILLED. VOL. XLVI. Japan Still Negotiating. In Spite of Russian Reply, Anglo-American Government Prolongs the Agony.

No Prospect of War for Six Weeks and Tokio in a Ferment. Kobe Correspondent Yesterday Reported Clash Between Two Fleets.

London, Jan. 5.—The Japanese government has practically determined to continue negotiations in disregard of Russia's terms, but does not intend to break off negotiations until another offer to secure their modification before resorting to force.

It is anticipated that the discussion will continue a few weeks, during which interim break of the peace is very improbable. Mr. Dueschler, first secretary of the French embassy in London, in an interview today said that the present arrangements between France and Great Britain were such that it was impossible to disturb them.

The Japanese government is exceedingly anxious to secure a compromise over all new concerns, naval matters may be largely disregarded. The correspondence of the Daily Mail at Seoul says that twenty British, four American and thirty Japanese guards have already arrived to protect their legations.

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