

Texada Mine Sold

John D. Rockefeller Said to Have Acquired the Iron Property.

An Immense Plant to Be Erected to Handle the Output.

The news which reaches this city from Tacoma can be relied upon as a mining deal of the greatest magnitude and importance to Victoria has just been consummated. It is reported, in brief, to the effect that John D. Rockefeller, the millionaire oil king, has purchased the iron mines on Texada island, and that a huge plant, factories for the treatment of the ore, and all the accessories of a gigantic mining concern, will be installed. In a lengthy article on the subject the Tacoma Ledger says that the deal was made by the Monte Cristo Mining Company, owned and controlled by Rockefeller. The iron mines will be operated by the mining company, and it is probable that development work will be commenced at once. The price paid for the property is a secret, but it is not hard to approximate the purchase price. Six years ago an effort was made to buy the mines and \$250,000 was asked for the property. That was at a time when an iron foundry was taking a portion of the output and Northwest prices were much higher than at present. It is not probable much more than half this amount was paid by Rockefeller. The Texada iron mines are the best in the West. The quality of the ore is excellent and the mines lay within two hundred feet of tide water. Steamers which would carry away the product could in that distance and load with the raw product. Rockefeller will, in all probability, follow the purchase of this property with the erection of a plant which will handle the output of iron ore. There is at present no manufactory in the Northwest which would take the output. There was a plant at Port Townsend, but this has been abandoned for several years. The machinery is of an old date and the entire plant would require remodeling to make its operation practical. At present there is no factory which would consume the output of Rockefeller's new industry and the erection of a plant becomes necessary. There are several reasons for the belief that the Rockefeller plant may be built in Tacoma. It is certain to be erected on this side of the line. The difference in the cost of operation is all in favor of an American plant. The raw material could be shipped to the United States at a slight cost. The duty on the raw product is much less than that on the finished article. The manufacture of iron ore is a very heavy industry, and it would be a decided object to erect the plant in America to avoid the difference in duty. There are no suitable coals in British Columbia for the operation of an iron manufactory. The cost of shipping the coke to British Columbia would of itself be inducement enough to bring the plant to the United States. Naturally Rockefeller would favor Everett rather than any other Sound city, were all conditions the same. His heaviest property interests are in that city, and he has recently begun construction of a great power plant at Everett. In fact, shipping men state fifty cents difference would cover the greater cost in shipping the iron ore to any point on the coast. There is a big saving apparatus in this item alone, and when the fact of cheaper power, railroad and steamship facilities and dockage is added it seems most probable that Rockefeller would locate his plant in Tacoma. That is the opinion of those who are familiar with the purchase of the Texada island properties. The field for the plant is in the United States. It is the entire western part of America. Not much business could be done at present in the Orient as iron ore produced there could be shipped in a raw state to America cheaper than from this country east. Carriages from America to the Orient are easy to obtain, but return cargoes are hard to get, and many vessels come over in ballast which would carry iron ore at a small rate. The Caracoles are now filling a big contract for railroad and other iron in Siberia, but this is on account of the fact that the Siberian mines have not been fully developed. Siberia, China, Japan and the Philippines have iron which is said to be almost equal in quality to the British Columbia mines. The demand in this country would probably consume all the iron that could be supplied. The fact that there is such a demand is an added factor in the determination to locate the plant in the United States. There is no question of the quality of the iron in the Texada properties. It runs 99 per cent, and this is considered as good as any iron produced in the country. The Port Townsend plant used bog iron from Hood's canal, which was mixed with the Texada product in the plant. It was the British Columbia iron which gave the Townsend plant its reputation for finished goods. Henry Hewitt, Jr. of Tacoma, inspected the Texada mine with a view to purchasing the property. He is familiar with the circumstances of the sale to Rockefeller, and believes the purchase to be profitable. "The location of the property is good and the quality of its output is excellent," said Mr. Hewitt. "I have investigated the property and find perfectly sound and believe the purchase a good one. There will be a big demand for iron here and the mine should be a dividend payer."

At Boundary's Gateway

Some Notes Made on a Hhuried Trip Through a Growing District

Rival Townsites-Railway Construction-District of Great Possibilities.

He who contemplates a journey through the Boundary country of southern British Columbia must include in his reckoning a number of considerations which do not affect regular routes and methods of travel. To make the trip in comfort he must select the happy moments which lies between the partly withdrawn of a mountain winter and the advent of the sizzling heat, so characteristic of summer in the hills. Even in so doing he is apt to fall into error, for June, the month of the fair weather season, is usually marred by its manners by a rainfall, similar to that of an eastern April. About the beginning of July, however, the weather is generally favorable to the pursuit of business or in search of pleasure to undertake the journey. To this great district, destined to fare in Canadian mining annals, there are two gateways. One lies on its northern boundary, and forms the Canadian terminus of a stage system which traverses the district in question and furnishes it a southern avenue of communication at Bossburg, in the state of Washington. The stages traverse the 25 miles between these points, the road being picked off at twenty, thirty and forty mile intervals by embryo townsites. This is the main artery of Boundary circulation, and the C. P. R. have manifested their approval of the route by adopting it as their own in considering their new line under the Columbia and Western charter.

The trip is a tedious and fatiguing one, for the road climbs steadily upward within five or six miles of Greenwood, where the summit is reached. On the return journey conditions are of course reversed, and the coach strains on the steep descent. The route is a simple one, through the hills, and is not a difficult one. From Greenwood to the summit is a distance of only twenty-two miles, but the route offers few obstacles to construction, and it is believed throughout that district that the Great Northern will follow the C. P. R. closely in the competition for Boundary trade. The fact that the same route has been followed by the Great Northern is believed to be a strong argument in favor of this arrangement. The sudden withdrawal of D. C. Corbin from the advocacy of his plans, the Great Northern having apprised him of the fact that an arrangement had been effected and that they had therefore no particular use for his road.

The executive committee of the Seattle Press Club received on Saturday the following telegram from J. W. Page, corresponding secretary of the National Press Association of the United States:

Albany, O., July 9.

"I wish to go to Victoria; would you be glad to take the ride to see the town? Expect to leave Tacoma at 4 p.m., Wednesday."

The projected visit to Victoria is abandoned. It is understood because arrangements could not be made with the Canadian Pacific for transportation from Victoria to Vancouver. Instead the members of the National Press Association will leave Seattle for Vancouver by the Seattle & International railroad.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

To all who have felt the evil effects of damaged kidneys is the assurance that Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are meeting with an enormous and unexampled success in this district. Backaches and aching kidneys are fast becoming a thing of the past where Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are known. One cent a dose, 25 cents at box, at all dealers.

MR. SORBY RETURNS.

His Report to be Laid Before the Committee Shortly.

Mr. T. C. Sorby, C.B.E., reached Victoria late this morning from Ottawa, and was a familiar figure on the streets again to-day. Naturally he had to answer many inquiries regarding the result of his visit to Ottawa and the probable action of the government in that connection. Until further information is received from Senator Templeman, however, Mr. Sorby will give out nothing, as certain business at Ottawa with the department has yet to be concluded, and Mr. Templeman is taking an active part in arranging it forward. As soon as this information is to hand, Mr. Sorby's report will be completed and submitted to the committee.

He speaks in the most grateful terms of the kindness shown him by the city's representatives at Ottawa and by the members of the government. Although somewhat fatigued by his long journey Mr. Sorby is in the best of health, and is as optimistic as ever regarding the project with which his name is now inseparably identified.

Why do Some Women Grow Homely so Soon?

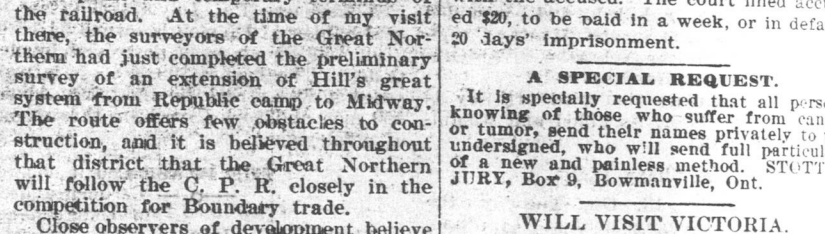
That's a question we ask ourselves every day as we watch the daily crowd in great cities, in villages and towns. Women nowadays begin to lose their good looks before they are twenty-five; the lustre leaves their eyes, and their cheeks, and in its place comes dullness, sallowness, muddiness, or any unhealthy pallor—and presto! beauty is gone. Wives and daughters, you do not take proper care of your health, that's your good looks vanish. Our grandmothers and great grandmothers were wiser in their generation than we are to-day. They did not allow themselves to be so driven as we are, for their steady, continued health gave them strength enabling them to keep abreast of their work which, when it was finished, left them tired, but happy, not as we find ourselves today, bilious and constipated and generally forlorn.



Their secret will be found in the regular use of herb teas, prepared among them being clover root teas, which are good for the digestion in good trim, and so made their blood pure and muscles strong. That's why they were so nimble on their feet, and could do their own household till they were three-score and ten!

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Local point and temporary terminus of the railroad. At the time of my visit there, the surveyors of the Great Northern had just completed the preliminary survey of an extension of Hill's great system from Republic camp to Midway. The route offers few obstacles to construction, and it is believed throughout that district that the Great Northern will follow the C. P. R. closely in the competition for Boundary trade. The fact that the same route has been followed by the Great Northern is believed to be a strong argument in favor of this arrangement. The sudden withdrawal of D. C. Corbin from the advocacy of his plans, the Great Northern having apprised him of the fact that an arrangement had been effected and that they had therefore no particular use for his road.

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Dominion Parliament

Redistribution Bill continued by Ball and Ot

The Senate Discussed Ticket of L Propo

Ottawa, July 5.—The debate on the redistribution for the second reading. The attendance was interesting so slight that the House adjourned at 11 o'clock. Mr. Richard Cartwright, again, having returned weeks' sojourn at Springs, Michigan, when a course of study which would seem to be beneficial effect.

The Estimation of the House of Commons was asked when the government would be ready to lay the supply for 1900 on the table.

In reply the Minister of Finance said that he had not served that he would do so.

Mr. Foster understood reports that these amounts to such an extent, and added that he would like to see the details and receive full particulars.

Mr. Fielding replied that the work was yet to be done.

A Vote on the result of an understanding of the official critic of the government was taken from the 18th to the 19th of the items made for 1900, which passed. This constitutes a vote on account of including salaries, and has several precedents in the history of the procedure that in so far as the vote was not committed to the House, and in view of the fact that it was the vote of the House.

Mr. Foster expressed proposition, but added that the opposition had the support of the government.

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A SPECIAL REQUEST.

It is specially requested that all persons knowing of those who suffer from cancer, send their names privately to the Hon. the Minister of Justice, Ottawa, by return of mail, in a plain envelope, marked "Cancer," and addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Justice, Ottawa, by return of mail.

WILL VISIT VICTORIA.

National Editorial Association of the United States Makes Another Change of Programme.

Advices were received this morning to the effect that after all, some of the members of the National Press Association now on the Sound will include Victoria in their tour.

His worship the Mayor received notification that the party will arrive here tomorrow evening, and remain until Friday morning, and a committee composed of the editors of the city papers is to-day making arrangements to provide the 350 or 400 people included in the party with sleeping accommodation and meals. Ever this large number will no doubt easily find comfortable quarters here although the notice is short, and the fact that they are coming to Victoria is something the leading business men are congratulating themselves upon, including in the party being some of the best known and most influential newspaper men in the States.

THE FRASER.

Queensland, B. C., July 12.—The river is about at a standstill. The weather is warm.

Lillooet, B. C., July 12.—The river is about at the ordinary high water mark and at a standstill. The weather is warm.

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Provincial News.

Y.M.C.A.

Arrangements are being made for sending a representative collection of one of the Y.M.C.A. camps to the great international exposition in Paris next year...

KAMLOOPS.

J. H. Latremouille has received definite notification from Ottawa of the acceptance of his tender for the construction of the Kamloops-Nicola telegraph line...

NELSON.

A bottle containing a slip of paper on which the names of the deceased were written was picked up by a boy at the C.P.R. wharf...

GEORGE G. GORDON.

A telegram was sent to Rossland asking if any person of the name of George Gordon had been in the city...

ROSSLAND.

Mr. Herbert Wiley and Miss Alice Lindsay Van Schick were married on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. W. H. Beardsley on Second avenue...

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Report of sub-committee for aquisition of False Creek mud-flats and other public lands by city of Vancouver: First: That it is most desirable and necessary for the industrial progress of the city...

Second: That as this mud-flat now exists it is unproductive, unsanitary and unsightly. Third: That an improvement scheme could be devised by which, we believe at a comparatively small cost...

Fourth: That the City Council be asked to cause a plan or survey of said flat to be made, showing, amongst other things, the quantity of land between high and low water mark...

Fifth: That on obtaining the above information, both the Dominion and Provincial governments be approached to secure the above desired end...

Sixth: And that this committee also recommend that immediate steps be taken by the City Council to have the ownership of the foreshore opposite Old Granville Township settled by the courts...

ALDERMAN BRUCE, Chairman. CHARLES WOODWARD, Secretary. The case of John Teague, of Shoal Bay, charged with stabbing C. Linstrom and C. Moody, was brought up in the Speedy Trial Court before Justice Harrison on Tuesday...

Chinese petty thieves have been giving the police a great deal of trouble lately. On Tuesday Sam Heo got six months' hard labor for pilfering from a house on Dupont street...

A very interesting presentation was made during Monday evening's regular meeting of Court Vancouver, No. 13, I. O. F., when the Chief Ranger, Bro. M. D. Campbell, was made the recipient of a handsome eight-day clock...

A meeting of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. Pellet-Harvey, government assayer, submitted schedule to be in force at the government assay office, as follows: The maximum weight to be used in any one bar shall be 400 oz. Troy...

By the Imperial Limited on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunten and Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray arrived in Vancouver after a visit of several months to England and the continent.

Speaking to a News-Advertiser reporter on the business aspect of his trip Mr. Bunten stated that everything was very satisfactory. The extensions and improvements that the company has lately undertaken were all passed by the meeting of London shareholders...

Mr. W. Murray, manager of the local branch of the Bank of British Columbia, also brings a favorable report of the attention British Columbia is receiving in home financial and business circles...

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Matters Scholastic

School Trustees in Session Discuss Matters of General Interest.

Chairman R. P. McKicking and Trustees Messames Gordon and William Grant and Mr. A. G. McCandless were present when the meeting of the school board held last evening in the secretary superintendent's office in the city hall was called to order...

Superintendent Eaton's Report-Complaints From New Westminster.

The secretary reported that the medal presented by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for the greatest proficiency in penmanship had been completed for and awarded to a pupil of the North Ward School.

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Among the passengers on the Islander from Vancouver last evening was Rev. W. H. Porter, M. A., pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Brantford, Ont., accompanied by Mrs. Porter...

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