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McGILLIVRAY CREEK MINES.

Mr. R. T. Ward returned from McGillivray creek last Sunday evening, where he had been inspecting some work just completed on the Brett group of mines, in which propery he is financially interested. He is more than ever pleased with the property, and will, in future, take an active part in making McGillivray creek the scene of a busy mining camp

The road to the mine received its finishing touches a few days ago. It is one of the best mountain roads in this section of British Columbia, having an average grade of 1 in 10 throughout, and a little financial assistance on the part of our local government would convert it into a first class wagon road.

Water has been brought to the mouth of the tunnel through a ditch 600 yards long, 4 feet wide and 2 feet deep. At present the water in the creek is extremely low, but, on measurement the other day, showed 70 inches—ample power to operate any machinery necessary on the mine. The mill site is just 300 feet below the mouth of the tunnel down which incline the water will be piped. A first class log house 20x28 feet has just been completed and made comfortable for about 20 men. Timber is now being hewed for the mill frame, and a whipsawing outfit is busy getting out lumber necessary for the building. It was at first intended to operate but ten stamps, but recent developments have induced the owners to add ten more. The mill site is admirably situated, in fact the whole property is fortunately favored. The finest mining timber covers all the claims.

In cutting the ditch the ledge was uncovered about 200 feet below the lower tunnel, showing 10 feet of quartz, from which some fine samples of free gold were obtained. Gold can be seen in all the tunnels, and can be traced along the ledge, through two claims. Undoubtedly the property will prove a good mine, and the only wonder to us is that it has lain idle so long.

On the dumps of the three tunnels rich specimens of free gold can be picked up at random. That Mr. Ward appreciates the investment he has made in this mine can be seen in his decision to double the mill capacity since his purchase. A few more men of his stamp will materially demonstrate to the outside world what the mining possibilities of Lillooet really are.

The machinery for the mill is already shipped, some of which is already here. Mr. John R. Williams will undertake to deliver it on the mine, and, in the course of a few days will commence operations. The building of the mill will be commenced about 1st of February, and if everything should go well the mine should be in full swing about May 1st. In the meantime some work will be carried out in the main tunnel, putting in an air shaft and otherwise putting the property in first class shape.

Wednesday morning Mr. Ward left for Ashcroft, after paying off some of his men. He will return in about ten days and possibly remain in this vicinity some time.

There are some good ledges in the vicinity of McGillivray creek needing but a little practical labor to demonstrate their worth. At present the multiplicity of location posts is about the only attraction to be found there in a practical mining sense. McGillivray creek is a good mining district and will well repay a little hard work. It is an easy country to traverse, within easy reach of this town, with gold indications second to no other mining district on the coast. A systematic elevation of discovery posts seldom helps to develop a mineral section or enrich the owner's pocket.

Increased Mail Service Needed.

The petition to the post office department will be circulated around town the next few days for signatures, asking to have three mails a week into Lillooet via Lytton. The petition should be signed by all and every influence brought to bear on the government to have this matter attended to at once. Lillooet has reached such a stage that two mails a week is not sufficient to supply the demands and it is absolutely necessary that the residents of West Lillooet should have increased mail service. With the completion of the wagon road to Lytton it has put Lillooet in closer touch with the outside world, making the distance much shorter, and will therefore reduce the mileage for the mail service.

At present the mail arrives Monday and Friday evenings, leaving early next morning again. Monday's mail brings in letters and papers from the coast not later than Saturday, and no mail is received again until Friday, leaving Lillooet one week without communication. Important mail if accidentally delayed will take at least a couple of week to arrive here causing great inconvenience and often loss of money to the parties interested. With the new service, via Lytton, as we learn is the intention of the post office department, should call for three times a week instead of twice. Not only will the people of Lillooet be benefited but those on the outside doing business in this section.

The mail to Pavilion may be also arranged on the same lines supplied from Lillooet, and if so will also give the residents there increased service.

The mail service is a matter of extreme importance and everyone in this section should do their utmost to bring the new service about.

Manitoba Elections.

Despatch received today with reference to the Manitoba provincial election held yesterday states that the government was defeatad. The opposition 21, the government 16 seats, one tie. Two elections will be held later. Thomas Greenway was leader of the government and Hugh John Macdonald leader of the opposition.

A small steam craft of some sort is badly needed on Anderson lake, and ere spring time arrives, we hope to see some enterprising individal taking advantage of this opportunity. A small wayside house for the accommodation of man and horse would find ample remuneration even now, at the mouth of McGillivray creek, and be a great boon to travelers.

We learn that ere long more than one of our young men of this town will take unto himself a wife. We wish them all luck.

ANOTHER CLEANUP AT THE BEND'OR.

J. M. Mackinnon and Arthur F. Noel arrived in town from the Bend'Or mines last Saturday afternoon with the fourth cleanup this fall. The mill run was 24 days and during that time crushed 450 tons of rock, and the amount obtained was about the same as the other cleanups—$7,000. When taken to the coast the amalgam will be retorted and the actual amount will then be obtained. The mill was started up again on the 30th and as the weather is very mild on Cadwallader, another run of twenty days or so can be made.

In the mine everything is looking first rate and the ledge where the work is now being carried on is about five feet wide, the new ledge recently opened up is proving good. About 25 men are employed and will be kept at work all winter, getting out ore for next summer.

Number 1 and 2 tunnels will be connected with an upraise which will make a great difference in handling the ore, as it will then be put through to No. 2 tunnel and taken on to the mill, as it is now the rock requires too much handling.

The Bend'Or mine is in first class shape and with the successful working next season, as it has this fall, will put the company in first class condition. The following is the result of the mill since starting work, until November 1st: number of tons crushed 1,082, realizing 1,287.91 ounces of gold, value $21,241.78.

Mr. Mackinnon left for Lytton by special rig Sunday morning with the result of the last cleanup.

The Bridge River Mail.

Bridge river is to have two mails a month, from now on, during the winter. The postoffice department sends one mail on the first Tuesday in each month, and the residents living in the district have clubbed together and hired a man to make the extra trip. The Bend 'Or Company is to pay $10 a month and each of the men $1, and, with the others in the district, will be sufficient to pay a man to make the trip. Bridge river should have at least two mails a month, as the number of people and the mail matter going in warrants it. The matter will be taken up and the postoffice department will be interviewed to see what can be done in supplying the mail twice a month. A petition should be gotten up and presented, and no doubt the matter would be attended to. Arrangements have been made with J. McPhail to carry the mail the extra trip, and he will start on his duties on Saturday, 16th inst.

Lillooet Mining Division.

Starting at the Fraser river at a point half way between Kelly's and Pavilion creeks; thence easterly along height of land dividing water-shed of Pavilion creek from that of the Bonaparte river, continuing westerly and southerly along the height of land between Hat creek and the Fraser river to a point where such divide meets the southern boundary of watershed of Fountain creek; thence westerly to a crossing of the Fraser at a point half way between Cayoosh river and Texas creek; thence southwest along the southern boundary of the drainage area of the Cayoosh river and Lillooet lake to the south end of Lillooet lake; thence westerly and northerly along the height of land dividing the dainage areas of the Lillooet lake, Upper Lillooet aud Bridge rivers on the east from tne drainage area of those streams where such height of land meets the height of land forming divide between the drainage area of Bridge river on the south and Big creek on north; thence easterly along such divide to the point of commencement.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The new boundaries for the Lillooet mining division have been defined.

Rev. Arcndeacon Small will hold service in the school house Sunday evening 7·30 oclock.

Joe Russel returned from the Bend'Or mines yesterday and will leave shortly for his home in Park Falls, Wis.

There will be no services in the Methodist church Sunday morning or evening. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour.

W. Ferguson will open up a repair shop shortly for watches and clocks in Lillooet and will be pleased to do any work in that line.

The civic elections for New Westminster were held last Monday. Mayor Ovens, Ald. Scott and W. H. Keary were the candidates for mayor.

W. F. Allen of the Pioneer Hotel will also have his house lighted by acetylene gas and the plant for the same has been ordered. The entire house will be lighted by this means.

Some of the young men are making preparations for a skating rink in the west end of town and will shortly have the ground in shape for that purpose. At present nothing definite can be learned of the intentions of the club.

Short notices in the Vancouver papers announce the arrival there of the mountain goat, which was captured near Lillooet, and purchased by Ald. R. B. Skinner. The alderman has presented "Oom Paul" to the Stanley Park zoo.

The Alpha Bell Gold Quartz Mining company are applying for a crown grant for the Trio mineral claim on Cadwallader creek, as is also the Bend'Or Mines for the Mabel, Happy Thought and Woodbine fractions in the same vicinity.

Nothing new has transpired in connection with the sudden disappearance of Delong's turkey a couple weeks ago. Some of the boys seem to know a good deal and express freely their opinions. The suicide theory has been abandoned, and it is rumored that cash was received for him.

It is almost time that something was done in connection with the annual Christmas tree and entertainment. Subscriptions towards the fund have been made and it would be advisable for someone to take charge of affairs. The time is short, a little over two weeks, and the numerous kids will be expecting the annual donations.

THE WAR BULLETIN.

A London despatch of the 5th reports that Bechuanaland police captured a laarger west of Kimberly on the 28th.

The London Chronicle Modder river special says the British forces never faced such sustained fire as in the late battle. British suffered greatly in trying to rush the bridge, The Boer loss was tremendous.

The Household cavalry—the flower of the British army—has sailed for the Cape.

It is stated that the Modder river bridge has been repaired and the British have resumed the march towards Kimberley.

Report from Mafeking under date of the 30th says the siege has been practically raised.

Despatches received on the 6th say: General Gatacre has re-occupied Moltons and secured a large quantity of corn.

A Durban despatch says scurvy and dysentry is rampant among the Boers around Ladysmith.

A Capetown despatch says thirty-nine of the Canadian contingent remained behind, not passing the medical examination. The Canadian regiment will act in concert with the Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders.

General Methuen reports that he found 23 Boers on the field and that 27 bodies have since floated to the surface of the water in Modder river. The Boers buried some dead and the remainder with wounded were taken to Jacobsdal in the Orange Free State. Enemy's loss was greater than ours and their spirit much shaken.

A Pretoria despatch on the 7th says General Joubert is indisposed and has arrived at Volksrust for treatment.

General Buller telegraphs war office that it is difficult to get losses of Boers at Belmont; 81 dead Boers were accounted for and the enemy gave out definitely that only fifteen were killed. In General Hildyard's action 36 Boers were killed and 100 wounded. Enemy admit about one-tenth the actual losses. General Buller also says he believes 800 Boers were killed and wounded at Ladysmith on November 8th and 13th.

A despatch on the 7th says that there is a complete lull in news from South Africa. Ladysmith is in signal communication with Frere and up to Sunday all was well.

Firing has been heard in the direction of Stromberg junction, possibly between General Joubert and the advance guard.

Reported all well at Kimberley.

A Capetown despatch of the 7th, Gen Methuen wired yesterday that he had resumed command and is in communication with Kimberley. Health of troops is excellent.

Boers are massing in the hills, digging rifle pits, etc., at Spytfontein beyond Modder river, where big engagement is looked for.

Special from Toronto Globe correspondent with the Canadian contingent says: "We are now encamped at De Aar and go to the front tomorrow. All well."

Modder river despatch says a searchlight message from Kimberley states all well and 20 days provision and forage on hand.

General Buller has arrived at Frere and advance for relief of Ladysmith may be expected daily.

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RIC. A. FRASER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1899.

The present government does delight, for it looks much that way, to disregard anything that may benefit West Lillooet. The roads and trails throughout the district is a sample of the snide manner of dealing with matters. The district donates revenue over five times the amount annually as what is appropriated for the district. The Bridge river trail has never been in good condition for travel, and last year the trail had to be put in shape by private parties, who were taking in a large amount of machinery. The government was asked to reimburse a portion of the amount expended, but replied that they could do nothing as no appropriation had been made for such work. The work done at that time was a great help for the people traveling to the mines. Bridge river district is never overlooked when there is a chance to fleece the miners for taxes and this will not be forgotten. Another case is that of the wagon road up Cayoosh creek which has been in a delapitated condition for some, although with a few dollars could be made a good mountain road. The Toronto & Lillooet Gold Reefs company commenced work this spring and asked to have the road put in condition to allow them to take in their machinery and supplies, which would come to about 700,000 pounds. The government gave instructions to have two men at work to put the road in shape so teams could pass over. The men worked the time laid out for them, but the work was not sufficient for heavy loads to go over, and the company has kept from four to twelve of its own men at work on the wagon road so that the teams could move along without danger, and at the present time have the road in fairly good condition. The company will no doubt have to pay all taxes when due, with no consideration for keeping a public road in condition. They are endeavoring to open up Cayoosh creek section, installing mining machinery, hiring a large number of men and generally helping the district, the residents besides the government benefit more or less by such companies in our midst, and encouragement should be given. The government thinks otherwise and does its utmost to discourage capital and put barriers in the way of anything that is to advance the district. One thing that the people here can rejoice on, is that after the next elections the whole batch of the Semlin government will be hunting new jobs, which can't come to soon.

In the News-Advertiser of a recent date Ald. R. B. Skinner in an interview, states that he had just returned from Lillooet and that it was his intention to be a candidate for West Lillooet if an election takes place in the spring. He also says several leading men in Lillooet had intended coming out, but they have now all promised to give their support to him. This may be quite true, but as far as The Prospector can learn, the men who have intended coming out will do so when the time comes. This district will have a local man to represent it in the legislature and we do not think a non-resident could be elected nor a candidate in favor of the present government. Mr. Skinner has been in this district quite often the last few years, and is interested in mining properties. He is a "hail fellow well met" and probably a rustler, but will not receive the support he expects. If an election takes place in the spring West Lillooet will produce a local man to run whose first duty will be to advance West Lillooet on every occasion.

We learn that Charles Augustus Semlin, premier of British Columbia, will contest West Lillooet at the elections which will most likely take place in the spring. Well, Charley don't do anything rash for you will be sorry.

All those entitled to vote should have heir names registered on the voters list at once. If your vote is in another district have it changed.

Are Not Sounding Their Own Taumpets.

British generals seem to be unable to magnify their triumphs or minimize their disasters. They have no skill in the publication of their own achievements, and it is probable that the action at Belmont was much more important and significant than General Methuen's report would indicate. No British general has so far given himself the best side of the story he tells. Gen. White's report of the disaster at Nicholson's Nek was just twice as bad as the facts, and it is not impossible that the result at Belmont may be twice as good as General Methuen's report.—Toronto Telegram.

Victoria Gets the School.

Although not authoritatively announced it is settled that Victoria will be chosen as the British Columbia city in which manual training classes will be established under Sir W. C. Macdonald's generous offer. It is considered advisable that these objective classes should be established in the capitals of the several provinces, and in the majority of cases this will be done. The object is that the several provincial education department shall be in close touch with the new branch of education, and the legislators be enabled to judge the better of its working as it will be for the province to determine whether at the end of three years manual training shall be continued.

Frederick Williams, who once represented Esquimalt and was speaker of the provincial parliament during the Walkem administration, 1878-82, died at Victoria last Thursday. He was a native of Suffolk, England, 77 years of age. He leaves a widow.

Hewitt Bostock, M. P., for Yale-Cariboo, is in Ottawa on private business. He says a battle royal will be on when the British Columbia legislature meets between Martin and his opponents, the result of which will be hard to tell.

Mineral Act, 1896.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

The Happy Thought Fraction, the Mable Fraction and Woodbine Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Lillooet mining division of Lillooet district. Where located: South Fork Cadwallader creek.

Take notice that the Bend Or Mines Ltd., free miner's certificate No. B17099, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certfficate of improvements.

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In a late issue of an American mining paper contains a paragraph to the effect that the Spanish mine near Washington, Nevada county, Cal., had been closed down and would not be started up again. The company had been working the mine by means of an open cut for many years and made a profit on the ore that went 95 cents per ton. The cut had got so deep that the property could not be worked in that way any longer, and it would not pay to work through a shaft.

In response to a request for some accurate data the following is reproduced, having been originally prepared from the superintendent's report. The figures show what was probably the cheapest milling of ore ever accomplised in the world, and while the circumstances were exceptional, the results show what may be accomplished under similar conditions.

At the mine at the time this data was prepared the vein averaged 90 feet; the hanging wall was slate, soft, shaly and not well defined. The true vein was on the foot wall and consisted of solid quartz 4 feet thick, and did not pay for working. The pay was found on the hanging wall side, which contained many veinlets and streaks of ferruginous quartz carrying gold. Where no quartz was to be found, there was no pay. The slate on this (the west) side was talcose.

The main tunnel was in 1,200 feet. The vertical distance from the surface to the end of the main tunnel was 350 feet. One of the methods of extracting ore there was as follows: There was an excavation from the tunnel to the surface which acquired the form of an open cut with sloping sides, too steep for a man to stand on; a man with a churn drill was lowered by a rope; he drilled a hole which, when deep enough, was charged with about five pounds of powder and fired, causing a large quantity of the soft slate to slide to the bottom, whence it was taken out through the tunnel. The mine employed a foreman, two white men and eight Chinese, who extracted about 4,000 tons of ore a month—enough to keep the mill at work. The wages paid were; white men, $3 per day; foreman, $3.50; Chinese, $1.50.

The ore obtained came out of the tunnel by gravity, the empty car being hauled back by mules. The ore was passed through a rock breaker and then ground in a roller mill, of which there were three of 5 feet diameter and one of 4 feet. The mills which made fifty-eight revolutions per minute, were fed by automatic ore feeders.

The ore only yielded a trifle over 91 cents per ton, yet a profit of 32.6 cents per ton resulted. The percentage of profit was 35.8 of the total. During one month 2796 tons of ore were worked which yielded $1.16 per ton. The profit was 56 cents per ton, or about 48 per cent of the total. The profit that month on a yield of $3,268.49 was $1.5.2.91. The cost of mining was 37½ cents and of milling 23 cents per ton.

NOTICE.

The Board of License commissioners will sit at the Court House, Lillooet, B. C., on the 15th day of December, 1899, to consider the following applications:

Duncan Fraser applies for a renewal of his hotel licence for the premises known as the Excelsior Hotel in the town of Lillooet.

Daniel Hurley applies for a renewal of his hotel license for the premises known as the Victoria Hotel in the town of Lillooet.

W. F. Allen applies for a renewal of his hotel license for the premises known as the Pioneer Hotel in the town of Lillooet.

John Collum applies for a renewal of his hotel license for the premises known as the Sucker Creek Hotel at Sucker creek.

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NOTICE.

Take notice that 60 days from this date it is my intention to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase a small island situated on Bridge river opposite John Collum's pre-emption, containing 20 acres of land more or less, at the south east corner of which I have placed a post marked E. O. Delong's initial post and a copy of this notice attached. E. O. DELONG.

Sucker Creek, 7th October, 1899.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the Vancouver Northern & Yukon Railway Company to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act extending the time within which the company may complete its undertaking, and confirming and extending the powers to the company therin, and enabling the said company to extend its line of railway from some point at or near the city of Vancouver, or some other convenient point on the shore of Burrard Inlet, to some point on the north or south side of the Fraser river at or near the city of New Westminster, and changing the name of the company by inserting the word "Westminster" after the word "Vancouver" and conferring such other powers as may be necessary to fully and completely execute, carry on and operate the said undertaking

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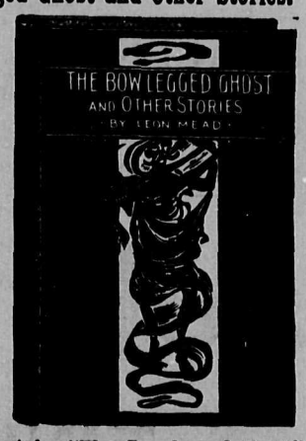

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Robert Carson, of Pavilion mountain, was in town Wednesday.

H. J. Keary has his residence in the suburbs about completed and will occupy it shortly.

A. McDonald, road superintendent, returned to town, Tuesday, from the east riding.

L. G. Burns, constable, left yesterday for a few days up the river, collecting for the government.

Paul Santini is building an addition to his residence behind his store and occupied by J. B. Cherry.

T. A. Brett, who has been at McGillivray creek for a few weeks, came to town Sunday evening.

W. J. Abercrombie returned from Pemberton, Monday, where he had been several days on business.

R. A. Hume, who has been at McGillivray creek for several weeks, returned to town Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. McIntosh, who has been with her brother at Hoy's ranch for several months, is in town visiting friends.

M. Dumond is stocking his tinsmith shop with a full assortment of hardware to accommodate the trade in this section.

Ed. Cairns left Wednesday morning for the coast, and will visit his relatives at Snohomish, Wash., expecting to be absent a few weeks.

J. Walker and W. Kelly, drove over from Clinton last Saturday, Mr. Kelly returning again Monday morning. Mr. Walker is employed at the Pioneer Hotel.

The wagon road to Ashcroft, which was slightly damaged last week, near the Lillooet bridge, has been put in snape again, and teams can pass over with safety.

The wagon which went over the bank near the Ample claim a few weeks ago, has not been brought up, as it is too badly demolished. It lies about 1000 feet below the wagon road.

Word received from C. M. Glenn says he is enjoying life at his old home in Pennsylvania, and will remain until after the holidays. His partner, Fred. Richardson, is enjoying life in San Jose, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rowlands, of Ashcroft, came over on last Friday's stage, Mr. Rowlands returning next morning and Mrs. Rowlands remaining in town until Tuesday, the guest of Mrs. Phair.

C. T. Diamond, who has been engaged as book-keeper for Arthur F. Noel and the Bend 'Or Company, for the past year, left Wednesday for his home in Vancouver, where he will remain for the winter.

Saddle horses tied to the hitching-post near Phair's store, have been turned loose lately, causing much inconvenience to the owners. Last Friday evening one of our prominent citizens tied his horse to the post when coming to town; after finishing his business he went to get his horse, when, to his dismay, he was gone. He trudged homeward, overtaking the horse a short distance from his destination. This trick of turning horses loose is no joke, so the owners think, and woe betide the man caught at it.

The wagon road which gave away near Marshall's bridge, a couple of weeks ago, dumping a freight outfit into Cayoosh creek, has been temporarily repaired, but can stand a good deal more fixing.

A Pavilionite's Departure.

It is reported that J. D. Moore, late of Pavilion has left to attend a commercial college in Vancouver. If he becomes as popular in the city as he has been in the upper country he will certainly be overcrowded with friends, seeing he was acquainted with everyone on the mountain and the majority of the large population of Clinton. His many friends wish him great success and hope to hear of him at some future time as a prominent citizen of Vancouver. Clinton.

The Manitoba elections took place yesterday. Every one of the 33 constituencies were fought for.

A London despatch says Russia has established a mission at Cabul Afghanistan, with consent of Great Britain.

As a consequence of the developments in the recent police investigations, at Victoria, Chief Sheppard has resigned.

The canners at a meeting held in Vancouver last week, formed a committee to report on all interests in the British Columbia Pooling.

James Kent of Montreal has been appointed general manager of C. P. R. telegraphs, and B. S. Jenkins general superintendent of the western division.

Rt. Hon. Jos. Chamberlain in a sensational speech at London last Friday, spoke disparagingly of the French insults and declared himself in favor of an alliance with Germany.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Com has several survey parties in the Similkameen locating a line to Spences' Bridge via Nicola, employing exclusively white labor.

A petition is being circulated throughout the province to be presented to the provincial parliament as soon as the house meets. It asks the repeal of the present Labor Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1894. and the passing of an act on the lines of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act and Amendments of New Zealand.

Pigeons are playing an important part in the siege of Ladysmith. The messages that are constantly being supplied are brought out by pigeons belonging to the Durban Racing Pigeon Club. The Boers have also received information from Ladysmith from spies, who are well supplied with pigeons taken from the Uitlanders of Johannisberg.

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