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## HEMATITE IRON

### A Large Deposit of this Valuable Iron on Otter Creek.

C. Snowden and D. Cairnes returned Monday from Otter Creek where they were doing assessment work on the D.C. claim, on which they have exposed a very large body of hematite iron carrying $3.80 in gold. The lead is in the neighborhood of 100 feet wide and traceable for a length of 1600 feet. It has been exposed by numerous open cuts. The ore body lies between a magnesian limestone and a schist, and along one wall a band of iron pyrites 10 feet in width parallels the hematite. The iron pyrites is in a quartz gangue while the hematite is in a matrix of lime. Small quantities of yellow copper are met with on one end of the lead, but the iron is fairly free from deleterious impurities, taken on the whole, and will doubtless improve when depth is attained. None of the present open cuts are over four feet deep. F. W. Groves, P.L.S., who was out surveying the property, returned with Messrs. Snowden and Cairnes.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

F. W. Groves, P.L.S., left on Thursday for Copper mountain, where he will survey the June Bug claim for Snowden Bros.

W. C. McLean of Nelson, B.C., was a visitor here early in the week.

P. Johnson and C. Willarson have completed assessment work on the Bornite claim on Kennedy mountain. This claim adjoins the well known Red Buck and the work done disclosed a showing of similar ore to that found on the latter property.

The case for assault brought against E. F Voigt by Jim Bole, a Chinese cook, was disposed of on Thursday by Magistrate Thomas, who fined the defendant $5 and costs, amounting in all to between $14 and $15. Mr. Voigt signified his intention of appealing the case.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pigott have left for the coast.

Barr Hall has finished painting his new residence on Vermillion avenue.

H. H. Pitts came up the river Sunday from Hedley and spent a few days at this place and Ashnola.

Burr and Jones, who have been crown granting properties on Copper and Kennedy mountains, left this week for the Boundary.

The Ashnola bridge was carried away by the high water on Sunday last.

W. G. Murray passed through town Saturday on his way to Hedley.

School Inspector J. S. Gordon, of Vernon, came in last Saturday and inspected the Princeton school. Miss Whillans, the teacher, held a special session of the school Saturday afternoon to allow Mr. Gordon to leave by the outgoing stage Sunday morning.

# GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

## Wells and Eberts Dismissed--McInnes Resigned--Premier Prior Loses Control of Legislature.

ON A MOTION to go into Supply the Prior government was defeated on May 28th by a vote of 16 to 19. The defeat followed the dismissal of Wells and Eberts and the resignation of W. W. B. McInnes from the cabinet. Wells and McInnes both voted against the government while Eberts did not vote.

Col. Prior left the chamber to inform the Lieut.-Governor of the position of affairs and on his return he stated the Lieut.-Governor had handed him a memorial from Mr. Curtis stating that charges had been made against him (the Premier) respecting the Chimney Creek bridge contract, and informed him that dissolution was delayed pending an investigation.

The opposition to the granting of Supply was for the reason that if the Premier succeeded in getting Supply, the Lieut.-Governor would be justified in granting him a dissolution, which he otherwise would not.

A committee was appointed to inquire into the Chimney Creek bridge contract, part of the materials for which were furnished by the E. G. Prior Co., Limited.

The all important question now being discussed is the selection by the Lieut.-Governor of a successor to Prior, the candidates for premiership honors being as plentiful as dead leaves in autumn.

For the Liberals, Curtis, Oliver, McInnes and Martin are mentioned, while the Conservatives are divided in their allegiance between McBride and Wilson.

With such a wealth of material to choose from the Lieut.-Governor may have some difficulty in deciding upon who shall succeed Col. Prior.

In Vancouver, matters political appear to be badly mixed. There are likely to be Martin Liberals, anti-Martin Liberals, McBride Conservatives, Wilson Conservatives, Socialists and Independents in the field.

The party line movement has gained considerable headway in the interior, but the failure of both Conservatives and Liberals to unite on leaders is militating against its growth. A new election can hardly take place in less than four months as it will be necessary to prepare new voters' lists. In the meantime, conventions and caucuses will be in order and the silver-tongued spell-binder will be abroad in the land.

In this riding the sentiment appears to be in favor of a candidate resident in the constituency, and the Liberal or Conservative tag on him will cut little figure. What the electors are anxious to have is a member of clean record who can be trusted when he goes to Victoria to uphold the interests of the province in general and the district in particular.

### Mira Monte Mining Co.

T. A. Rogers, of the Mira Monte Mining Co. and W. A. Clark, of Mountain View, Cal., treasurer for the company, were in Princeton on Saturday last. This is Mr. Clark's first visit to the Similkameen and he expresses himself as highly pleased with the properties acquired by his company in this section. The scenic beauty and climatic conditions prevailing here also called forth his praises.

Mr. Rogers states that it is the intention of the company to continue the tunnel on the big porphyry dyke between here and Granite creek and to carefully sample different portions of the dyke for pay shoots. The place from which the large assay of $248 in gold was obtained last season will be paid particular attention to.

High water in the rivers is rapidly subsiding. Danger from floods is about over.

### Government-Owned Railways.

Hon. Mr. Blair delivered his statement on the Intercolonal railway on May 28. He spoke in favor of a government line to the Pacific coast, and announced a surplus for the current year on the Intercolonial of $125,000. He made a long argument in favor of government ownership, and spoke of the high state of efficiency of the road Mr. Haggart severely criticised the road and said that Mr. Blair's management did much to destroy the confidence in government ownership.

### A General Banking Business

Is transacted by the Bank of Hamilton. It has a reserve fund of over three-fourths of its capital. Interest allowed on Savings Bank deposits of one dollar and upwards from date of deposit to date of withdrawal. A. H. SKEY, Agent, Kamloops, B.C.

## ASPEN GROVE

### Big Surface Croppings of Copper Ore Found on the Portland.

Stripping on the Portland, which has been carried on since the work was stopped in the shaft through an influx of water, is said to have resulted in the exposure of an immense body of copper ore, over 80 feet in width and of similar character to that on which the shaft was sunk. A. W. Wright, of the Portland Mining Co., is now in the camp and is accompanied by a mining engineer from Terre Haute named French.

Starwalt and Murray have finished work on the Buckhorn group on Bare mountain for the season and report good results. They have sunk an incline shaft 50 feet, in the bottom of which is three feet of ore carrying copper glance, native and red oxides of copper, and running $7.50 in gold. On the group of five claims between 90 and 100 feet of open cutting has been done, disclosing in most cases ore of like nature and grade to that found in the shaft. The claims are about twenty miles from here via Summers creek.

### HEDLEY NEWS.

Work is progressing steadily on the flume and stamp mill of the Nickel Plate Co., the framework for the latter being about all up.

Brick for the company is being burned about two miles from Hedley on the eastern end of the Similkameen townsite.

When the mill is completed, work will be commenced on the smelter, for which Indian reserve land lying between the stamp mill and the Similkameen river was lately secured. This will probably not be for some time. The smelter and stamp mill will be the property of the Yale Reduction Works, which will be in the market for custom ores (especially yellow copper ores) when the plant is ready for operation. The copper ores will be needed in smelting the arsenical iron of the Nickel Plate mine.

Danger from high water is considered very slight, the only accident so far being the washing away of a small cabin on the creek bank last Saturday.

Huston & McLean have opened a new hotel called the Commercial and are doing an excellent business. The house is up-to-date in every respect and well deserves the large share of patronage it is attracting.

Work is expected to commence on the Kingston mine some time within the present month.

F. M. Gillespie, the lately appointed postmaster and mining recorder, has fitted up a neat office in J. A. Schubert's store, of which he is the manager.

The average maximum temperature for the week ending Wednesday, June 3rd was 73.28 and the average minimum 42.87. The thermometer registered as low as 34 on May 28th and as high as 86 on the 30th.

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## DEFEAT OF GOVERNMENT

The defeat of the Prior administration on a motion of the Premier's to go into supply marks the finish of as disreputable and self-seeking an aggregation of politicians as ever burdened a young and struggling Province

All parties and governments recognize and reward to some extent the services of followers, and as a result the "spoils system," as it is generally designated, obtains in all parts of the world where responsible government exists. It is usually regarded as a necessary evil and while not generally or openly advocated or defended is winked at by politicians of all parties. Though it cannot be said to be a satisfactory method of filling government appointments, it must be conceded that it is a very natural one under our present governmental system.

When, however, in addition to those perquisites to which the ruling party considers itself justly entitled, we find a government making deals with land grabbing railway companies for the spoliation of the province, and favoring grafters of all kinds and conditions who profit by the dishonest alienation of the people's property, it is time to call a halt and drive such a government from power and its members into oblivion.

In the case of the Prior government such a course should have been followed long ago, and the only reason it was not done was because of venal elements in the legislature greedy for bribes, and valuing the loaves and fishes of office above the principles they were elected to uphold.

Let the electors mark carefully their representatives that failed so signally to stand for honest government and at the opportunity rapidly approaching retire all such from public life. The people of B.C. have surely no wish to see a repetition of our late political rottenness.

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The Island clique is smashed.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Prior government is a thing of the past.

There will now be a chance for the Mainland and the inauguration of better things politically.

McInnes quit the Prior administration like a rat deserting a scuttled ship.

Martin has a hard time explaining his inability to understand Bill 87. The electors of B.C. have formed an opinion ere this of Joe's unusual stupidity in this matter. It has made him an impossibility as leader of a united Liberal party in this Province.

All honor to John Oliver, the member for Delta. British Columbia owes him an everlasting debt of gratitude for exposing one of the most corrupt deals in the history of this or any other Province.

Wells and Eberts were fired—McInnes quit: the Province as well as the Premier would be well rid of the three.

What's the matter with forming a new party to be called the "People's Own" with John Oliver as leader. If it took up the cause of the people against the professional politicians it would be sure to win.

Watch Houston of Nelson and Ellison of East Yale getting under the mantle of the Conservative party in order to save their skins.

### Whitewashed.

Last year Smith Curtis made certain charges against the Dunsmuir Government and Mr. Justice Walkem was appointed a commission to enquire into them. The commission proved to be worse than a farce, it made a mockery of truth, it was a travesty of justice and its abrupt termination was a fitting climax to the miserable pretence that it was. That the belated report of the Commissioner, just presented, should exonerate the government is only what was expected, but it means nothing. The facts brought out in the evidence, and the method of conducting the investigation rob the report of its value. It is an appropriate termination to a scandalous episode.—Inland Sentinel.

Wantanno—What queered DeWruyter and Miss Rocks?

Duzno—In writing an ode to her he used the expression "dainty, shell-like ears," and the printer became mystified over DeWruyter's horrible chirography and made it "dirty, shawl-like ears."

### CHURCH NOTICE.

June 7—Princeton: Service 11 a.m., S.S. 2 p.m. Granite Creek, 7:30 p.m.
June 14—Princeton: Service 3 p.m. S.S. 2 p.m.
June 21—Princeton: Service 11 a.m. S.S. 2 p.m. Granite Creek, 7:30 p.m.

## NOTICE.

### DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as hotelkeepers in the town of Hedley City, in the District of Yale and Province of British Columbia, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated at Hedley City this 15th day of May, A.D. 1903.

Witness } CARL NELSON,
STEVE MCKAY. } AMBROSE MCDERMOTT.

## NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court will be held at Princeton on Tuesday, June 9, 1903.

By Order,
HUGH HUNTER,
Registrar County Court.

Princeton, May 16th, 1903.

## NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a quarry lease on the following described land:—

Situated on the east bank of One Mile Creek, about 7½ miles north of Princeton:

Commencing at a post placed at the southwest corner, marked "O. & W's S.W. corner," and running 20 chains north, 20 chains east, 20 chains south, 20 chains west, back to post, in all 40 acres.

AL OELRICH,
G. E. WINKLER.

Dated May 25, 1903.

## NOTICE.

THIRTY days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Situated on Nine Mile Creek, west of Lang's location:

And running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, and 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

R. O. CRAMER,
S SPENCER, Agent.

Located 25th May, 1903.

And, west of French's location, running 80 chains south, 80 chain's west, 80 chains north, and 80 chains east, back to post, in all 640 acres.

J. MCFARLANE,
S. SPENCER, Agent.

Located 25th May, 1903.

## NOTICE.

Humbolt Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located—On Copper Mountain, about 600 feet south of the Helen Gardner Mineral Claim.

Take Notice that we, William Alfred Cooper and Alfred Joseph Cooper, Free Miners' Certificates B54742 and B54743 respectively, 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 claim.

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

Dated this Thirteenth day of May, A.D. 1903.

WILLIAM ALFRED COOPER.
ALFRED JOSEPH COOPER.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 40 acres of land commencing at post marked "G.M.," southeast corner, and running north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement.

G. MURDOCK.

Princeton, May 20th, 1903.


F. W. GROVES,

A. R. COLL., SC. D.,

Civil and Mining Engineer

PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR.

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## NOTICE.

Iron Mask Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—Wolf Lake, South Fork Similkameen River.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B56486, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 28th day of March, 1903. m-23

## NOTICE.

La Reine Mineral Claim, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—On Kennedy Mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited Free Miner's Certificate No. B56486, 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 claim.

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

Dated this 28th day of March, 1903. m-23

## NOTICE.

Vancouver, Home Rule and Jubilee No. 2 Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Ernest Waterman, agent for the Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B56486, intend, sixty days from 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 Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 28th day of March, A. D. 1903. m-23

## NOTICE.

Copper Cliff and Copper Bluff Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—Copper Mountain.

Take notice that I, Peter Edmond Wilson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B51146, 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 Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 29th day of April, A.D. 1903. j 20

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain pasture land in the Nicola Division of Yale District, described as follows:—Commencing at a stake at the northeast corner of Lot 965, running thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement

W. A. DODDS.

Aspen Grove, April 21, 1903. j-20

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## LAND GRANT GRAFT.

**How the Dominion is Being Worked by Private Railways.**

Sir William Mulock laid an interesting statement before parliament the other day. It was in answer to a question as to how much of the lands voted for railway construction in Manitoba and the Northwest territories were still reserved for the various companies, and what area has been patented to each company. The following table gives this information in a condensed form:

| | Acres Reserved. |
|---|---|
| Manitoba. | |
| Canadian Pacific Railway | 600,000 |
| Canadian Northern Ry. | 5,432,000 |
| Manitoba & Northwestern Ry. | 41,000 |
| Manitoba Southwestern Ry. | 313,403 |
| Total | 6,476,403 |
| Northwest Territory. | |
| Alberta Ry. & Coal Co. | 22,048 |
| Calgary & Edmonton Railway | 304,288 |
| Can. Pacific (main line) | 8,615,738 |
| Can. Pacific (Souris branch) | 1,119,350 |
| Can. Pacific (Pipestone extension of Souris branch) | 200,320 |
| Manitoba & Northwestern Ry. | 1,460,000 |
| Manitoba Southwestern Ry. | 1,044,685 |
| Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan | 3,777,410 |
| Red Deer Valley Ry | 322,500 |
| Canadian Northern Ry. | 24,898,000 |
| Total | 42,764,339 |

| | Acres Patented. |
|---|---|
| Manitoba. | |
| Canadian Pacific Ry. | 1,939,844 |
| Canadian Northern Ry. | 5,693 |
| Manitoba & Northwestern Ry. | 535,069 |
| Manitoba Southwestern Ry. | 212,888 |
| Great Northwest Central Ry. | 5,736 |
| Northwest Territory. | |
| Alberta Railway & Coal Co. | 1,092,320 |
| Calgary & Edmonton Ry | 1,139,540 |
| Canadian Pacific (main line) | 8,645,644 |
| Manitoba & Northwestern Ry. | 523,577 |
| Manitoba Southwestern Ry. | 72,188 |
| Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan | 328,042 |
| Great Northwest Central Ry. | 314,263 |
| Total | 12,115,374 |

Of the grant to the Canadian Northwestern in the Northwest Territories, 2,000,000 acres are along the Manitoba and Hudson Bay railway. As the companies follow the practice of patenting their lands only as they sell them, it may be taken for granted that the Canadian Pacific has sold more than half its original holdings. It has, however, secured the charters of branches like the Great Northwest Central and the Manitoba & Northwestern, to which land grants have been given. The fact that the Canadian Northern has over 5,000,000 acres of land in Manitoba, of which less than 6,000 acres have been patented, will be learned with general surprise. Tables may easily be compiled which will give some idea of the size of the area alienated. For instance:

| | Acres. |
|---|---|
| Area of Scotland | 19,000,000 |
| Assessed area of Ontario | 23,000,000 |
| Cleared area of Ontario | 13,000,000 |
| Area granted to Mackenzie & Mann | 30,000,000 |

Thus it will be seen that Mackenzie & Mann have been given within two or three million acres of the combined area of Scotland and the cleared part of Ontario. Their lands are more than twice as extensive as the whole area which the people of Ontario have cleared in the one hundred and twenty years which have elapsed since the province began. —Ozonogram.


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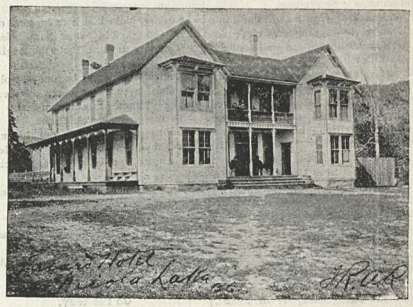

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## HILL OR SHAUGHNESSY

### Optimist vs. Pessimist in B.C. Railway Building.

President Shaughnessy and President Hill are both on the coast at the same time. Both have been interviewed.

President Shaughnessy says he will not build any more railroads in B.C. until the ones already constructed pay a dividend on their capitalization.

President Hill says he will build into the Granby smelter immediately, grade to Phoenix without delay and continue the Washington & Great Northern to the coast as fast as modern methods of railway construction will permit.

President Shaughnessy has received bonuses, land grants or guarantees for every mile of railroad he has ever built in the province.

President Hill built the Washington & Great Northern from Cascade to Grand Forks without a bonus, land grant or even a charter, in spite of law, injunctions and legal and physical obstructions of every kind. Both the courts, the Dominion and Provincial governments and the corporation of the city of Grand Forks bucked him at every turn. Every spike was driven under protest.

President Shaughnessy is in British Columbia to protest besause the government of the Province failed to deliver him over 600,000 acres of coal land with which to defeat the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company.

President Hill bought 55 per cent. of the stock of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company on the open market while Shaughnessy slept.

President Shaughnessy is a knocker who says the country is going to the dogs through the interference and domination of labor unions. He cannot build the hotel in Vancouver because of the longshoremen's strike in Montreal. He cannot make any railway improvements until the U.B.R.E. goes to work, and he advises the people of British Columbia to leave mining alone and not get mixed up with the Western Federation, but pay all attention to agricultural pursuits in which there are no labor unions.

Hill is an optimist; he says he has settled all differences amicably with his railroad employees and harmony reigns supreme on his line from Lake Superior to Puget Sound. He says that the country north of the international boundary line is the richest country that lies out of doors; that our mining resources are stupendous: that the mines of the Province offer a safe and sure investment for capital, and that the Boundary is due to become one of the greatest copper camps on earth.

Shaughnessy regards the boundary line as an impassable barrier. He would sooner cross a divide than pass a customs office, and depends on the fetich of the flag to work the people for an appropriation.

Hill disregards all artificial barriers, follows the natural grades, crosses the boundary whenever he sees fit, and depends on good railroading for a profit.

The Canadian Pacific railway has cost Canada three hundred million dollars in land and money.

The Great Northern railway has cost Canada practically nothing.

Shaughnessy was an American citizen until he came to Canada.

Hill was a Canadian until he went to the United States.

Within the next two years Hill will undoubtedly be before the legislature of British Columbia asking the privilege to build more railways in this Province. Shaughnessy will undoubtedly have his agents working industriously to arrange that the privilege be denied.

The question that presents itself to the people of this Province is: Which of these two men is British Columbia's friend?

Hill or Shaughnessy?—Ozonogram.

### Over-Reaching Pat.

An English tourist on his arrival at Dublin hired an Irish cabby to take him and his baggage to one of the principal hotels. When he arrived at his destination he gave the driver half-a crown. The cabby looked at it in supreme contempt and asked him what that was for.

"That is your fare," said the Englishman.

At this the Irishman became so violent and abusive that the tourist threatened to take his name and summon him.

"Do it if you can," said Pat.

The Englishman took out his note book and walked round the car to look for his name, and found it was scratched out.

"I see your name is obliterated," said the tourist.

"Phwat?" says Pat.

"I see your name is obliterated," said the Englishman.

"Faith, then you're a liar," cried cabby, "it isn't, it's O'Grady."

### On the Way.

"How does you like de new preacher?" asked Mr. Erastus Pinkley.

"Very much," answered Miss Miami Brown. "He's got a good start. He knows a heap o' words, an' jes' as soon as he gits 'em arranged in de proper order he'll hab a mighty fine sermon."

### Excusing the Dog.

"Madam, your fierce dog here bit me just a moment ago."

"My dog? Impossible! That dog wouldn't harm a flea."

"Perhaps he didn't know I had any, ma'am."

"Ruyter is not an author. He's a born chemist."

"Why so?"

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Butler, the discoverer of Tonopah, went into the desert of southern Nevada when there was no unusual activity in that district. He went, believing that in that broad region, which had produced bonanza mines before, there still remained a chance to make new discoveries of value. He made a discovery, the Mizpah mine, and sold out at a moderate price, sustaining the reputation the prospector has for disposing of great mines for nominal sums.

That the last great mine has been discovered in British Columbia, Nevada, or in Arizona, Colorado, or California or in any other great mining region, no one believes, but what is required to stimulate search is the discovery and development of a rich mine. When this occurs the immediate neighborhood is quickly scoured by prospectors who search every where, and take many chances which at other times would not be given a moment's consideration. Claims are located and shafts started upon nothing. That there is no surface indication is apparent but the hope of rich veins or deposits below stimulates this class of prospecting and often satisfactory results follow.

Occasionally in old mining districts, where mining has been carried on successfully for years, a new find is announced where the existence of pay ore was not even suspected. Discoveries of this class are sometimes made in old mines, where crosscuts are driven or diamond drill holes have been bored. A discovery of this character has the same stimulating effect upon an old district that is so noticeable in a new one. And this renewed activity in an old camp can usually be measured by the value of the initial new discovery. If it is a bonanza development is given an impetus throughout the district, and this sometimes extends far beyond the immediate vicinity of the new field. If it be of good but not of extreme value, the result of the stimulant is only noticeable locally.

Such great development as that of the gold-bearing banket of the Witwatersrand has a stimulating effect upon the whole world, but here, too, the ratio of the value of the development to the intensifying of mining activity is proportional in the same degree that a more or less important one would be.

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