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Atlin's News to Be Spread Abroad.

The Board of Trade Endorses a Proposition to Telegraph Information to the Outside Press.

A mass meeting of citizens was called last Saturday evening at which a good representation of commercial and mining interests was present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. J. H. Brownlee, who asked Mr. A. C. Hirschfeld to explain to the audience the purpose for which the meeting was assembled.

Mr. Hirschfeld, in a few well chosen and pointed remarks suggested the advisability of devising a plan by which reliable information concerning the camp, its progress and development might be regularly transmitted to the outside press, with the object of keeping Atlin and its great mining possibilities regularly before the public. Such a means was now within our reach by the advent of the Dominion Telegraph line. He proposed that a certain number of words, say 300, should be sent out every week for the next four months, and he estimated that the cost, including telegraph tolls and compilation, would not exceed \$125 for the time suggested.

Mr. Stables, M.L.A., Mr. J. A. Fraser, President of the Board of Trade, Messrs. Grime, Drs. Young and Cameron, Regan, Myers, and many others spoke to the point and all heartily concurred in the proffered suggestion, each expressing a willingness to assist in defraying the expense when called upon if Mr. Hirschfeld's proposition was put into execution.

Dr. Young moved as a resolution that "In the sense of this mass meeting, the proposal as made by Mr. Hirschfeld is worthy of the support of the citizens of the district, and that steps should at once be taken to put the proposal into execution; and, further, that the the Atlin District Board of Trade be asked to take the matter up and instruct its Secretary to solicit subscriptions towards covering the contemplated expense." The resolution, being duly seconded, was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade, held on Thursday evening, the above-mentioned resolution was submitted by Dr. Young for action by the Board. Upon Mr. Hirschfeld's leading in the matter, the following resolution

was passed: "Resolved, that a resolution of the matter was made by several of the members. A motion was carried accepting Mr. Hirschfeld's proposal to send outside news of the camp, not less than 1200 words a month, by wire, and that the Secretary prepare subscription lists, these to be placed in all the places of business in Atlin and Discovery, and that each member of the Board be handed a copy, so that every one having interests in the camp might be approached. A censorial committee was appointed, the members of which represent the mining, mercantile and financial interests of the camp, and its duty is the supervision and approval of all despatches, thus practically guaranteeing the veracity of the local information transmitted to the outside press.

Another matter of public importance dealt with by the Board was the passing of a resolution declaring the Annual General Meeting, to be held January 9th next, to be open to the public.

A GAME OF BLUFF.

The White Pass Thinks to Raise the Bet.

Offer to Reduce Freight Rates if The Government Will Not Grant Charter to Competing Roads.

Among the delayed despatches received last Saturday from Vancouver is one setting forth the line of action which will be taken by the officials of the White Pass road in retaliation for the Dominion Government's demand for a reduction of the company's freight charges. It is reported from Seattle that after the annual meeting in Chicago, representatives of the company will proceed to Ottawa to confer with the Government in the hopes of effecting a compromise regarding tariffs.

It is stated that unless the Government is willing to agree to a proposition not to guarantee charters to any contemplated competing lines of railway the company will endeavor to uphold charges by making tariff increases on the American end of the road from Skagway to the Summit, so that on the total haul, a rate equal to that now in force will be the result.

As not only Canadian, but also American, subjects would be affected, if the implied threat is enforced, it is to be hoped that the authorities in Washington will not be remiss in their duty to their loyal citizens in Alaska.

The packers even now dream of a rich harvest in freighting from Skagway to the Summit if the railroad end of the bluff hold, and push of the good old days of 1897.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 14th, 1907.

It is gratifying to learn that, at last, the citizens begin to show an appreciation of the efforts of the Board of Trade, and that within the last two weeks the roll of membership has been increased by five good and true men. On behalf of our friends in Discovery, it might be well to state that the Constitution of the Board provides for two representatives on the Council, and one for every ten members. It will be to the interest of the mining community that the miners of Discovery see to it that applications be at once sent in.

FOLLOWING up the information contained in the despatch from Vancouver ament the discovery of large amounts of platinum associated with Yukon gold, the extract from a recent issue of the **ENGINEERING & MINING JOURNAL** should prove of interest to our readers:

"Nickel, chromium and platinum are needed in the United States. The conditions of occurrence are being investigated more carefully than at any recent time. It chances that all three metals are sought in the same rocks—altered eruptives rich in magnesium.

No less than four new sources of nickel have been recorded in the last few months, and in one—in Nevada—nickel, platinum and copper are all reported, making profitable extraction possible with only a small percentage of nickel. Chromium ores require, on the other hand, 50 per cent or more of chromic oxide to make the ore profitable for bichromate manufacture.

The zealous search for platinum in the last three years has revealed traces of it in most unexpected quarters, such as eastern Pennsylvania, and in North Carolina as a mineral curiosity. It has been found in hundreds of placer gold mines in British Columbia, Oregon and California, in sufficient quantities to place the United States above South America as a source for this precious metal and probably next to Russia—if the gold miner can be induced to abandon his prejudice for the yellow metal and save the platinum with it. This does not seem difficult, especially with the latter equal to gold in price; but nevertheless great quantities of platinum and its allied metals, osmium and iridium, have been thrown away."

It has been shown by assays made by the Geological Department at Ottawa, that much of the black sand from the Atlin district contains platinum in quantities sufficient to justify miners in saving the sand; in one case 37½ ounces of platinum per ton of black sand was reported by the Department.

ENDORSED.

The Government's Action re Railroad Rates.

Vancouver Liberals Indignant —
 Fatal Accident, on the C.P.R.
 Yukon Gold Rich in Platinum
 —Prior Relinquishes Politics.

A special meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade was held in the Court House on Tuesday evening to discuss ways and means in connection with freight rates and more especially to devise a plan of endorsing the Dominion Government's policy as against the White Pass & Yukon Railroad. The full Council was present and a committee of three was appointed to draft a telegram and letter to the Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, in connection with the matter. The following telegram has been handed to the telegraph company for transmission as soon as the wire is open again:

"The Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways & Canals, Ottawa, Can.

"Atlin District Board of Trade heartily commend and endorse your action re White Pass & Yukon Railway tariff.

"Reduction from fifty to seventy-five per cent absolutely necessary.

"Their exorbitant charges have hitherto and will perpetually retard development this important district unless reduced as suggested. Writing."

Wrangling Over Politics.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7th. — The Vancouver Liberal Association, at a meeting held this week passed a resolution expressing very strong resentment against the schemes of the people of Victoria to obtain a portfolio in the Dominion House for Senator Templeman. A committee was appointed to use every possible means to induce the Government to give the portfolio to Mr. Maxwell, the senior Liberal member for the Province.

A Fatal Train Wreck.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7th. — A C. P. R. freight train struck a rock slide near Lytton, B. C., yesterday. The engine and three cars plunged over the ravine and Engineer A. Kendall and Fireman Putduff were instantly killed.

Thousands of Dollars Thrown Away.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7th. — C. S. Hurter, Government Assayer here causes a big sensation by the statement that large quantities of platinum are mixed with the Yukon gold which has been brought to the Assay Office this season. In some cases the dust contained nuggets of that valuable metal of which the miners knew nothing. Mr. Hurter believes that platinum exists in large quantities in Klondike and that miners are throwing away thousands of dollars worth every day.

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The welcome news reaches camp this week of the successful flotation of two large companies to work some of our best known properties, and that as soon as the season opens plants will be brought in.

A meeting of the lease-holders of the Race Horse and Feather groups was held in the office of Brownlee & Lowry on Saturday last. A very encouraging letter was received from Mr. O. T. Switzer, written from the east, stating that arrangements had been completed by him and that he was about to leave for San Francisco for the purpose of having a dredge built. It is hoped this dredge will be constructed and be ready for shipment by the opening of navigation.

During the absence of Mr. J. H. Brownlee, the Trustee, in Seattle, Mr. H. E. Canovan was appointed Secretary.

Shortly after the meeting adjourned a telegram was received from San Francisco from Mr. Switzer, stating that he was making very favorable progress.

It is understood that the Risdon Iron Works, of San Francisco, will secure the contract for the dredge, which is calculated to weigh 180 tons and which will have all the latest improvements.

Within the last few days a deal has been consummated whereby a company, promoted by Mr. John Caplice, of Butte, Montana, will operate the Laverdore copper property on Copper island. The company, which is a strong one, is made up of Montana and Utah capital, and prominent among the shareholders is the estate of Marcus Daly. Such a combination, with lots of money behind them, will be an immense acquisition in showing up the possibilities of the camp. It is understood that work will very soon be commenced to convert this most promising prospect into a shipping mine.

Telegraphic Brevities.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 6th.—Dean O'Meara died here today.
 VICTORIA, B. C., Dec 7th.—Col. Prior, ex-M. P., announces his retirement from the political field.
 OTTAWA, Dec. 7th.—The third contingent for South Africa increases to 900.
 VANCOUVER, Dec. 7th.—High tides wreck many houses at Kingcombe Inlet.
 OTTAWA, Dec. 10th.—A fatal skating accident occurred on the

Ottawa river today by which two prominent young society people lost their lives. A skating party was on the ice this afternoon when Miss Bessie, daughter of the Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways, broke through the ice. Mr. Harper, Editor of the "Canadian Labor Gazette," attempted to rescue her, but both were drowned. The accident has cast a gloom over the city. Mr. Harper was one of the most promising young newspaper men in the country. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

Badly Frozen.

Word was brought in by the mail carriers on Sunday last that Louis Luderling had arrived at the Tepe on Thursday with both hands and feet frozen.

Luderling is a well known prospector of Atlin, and is associated with "Dad" Penn and others in the Nickel Basin. It seems Luderling was on his way in from Skagway via the Warm Pass. He broke his snowshoes and was overtaken by a snowstorm. When he arrived at the Tepe after four days exposure he was in a sorry plight.

LAND ACT, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date hereof, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar, B. C., commencing at a post planted on the shore of Taku Arm about half a mile north of the mouth of Achintoo River, thence east 40 chains; thence 40 chains S.; thence 40 chains W.; more or less to the shore of Taku Arm, thence following the shore of Taku Arm to the point of commencement.

ARTHUR C. DICK, Solicitor for Applicants.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next sittings for leave to incorporate a railway company, called the "Lake Bennett Railway Company," to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway from a point on or near the Dyea river, on the International Boundary, between British Columbia and Alaska, to a point at or near Lake Bennett, thence to a point on the Yukon river at or near Selkirk in the Yukon Territory.

With power to equip, construct and operate branch lines; to build, own and maintain docks and wharves; to equip, own and build boats and to operate the same; to equip, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines and to generate electric power for heating, lighting and motive power; to appropriate land necessary for the said railway and to levy and to collect tolls, and to make traffic arrangements incidental to said line of railway.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 15th day of November, 1901.

D. G. MACDONNELL, Solicitor for Applicants.

NOTICE.

"Rock of Ages" Mineral Claim, situated at Discovery Camp, Pine Creek.
 To J. H. MALLALEY and W. HOLLINGSWORTH OR OTHER THEIR AGENT OR AGENTS:
 We, the undersigned, W. G. Mitchell, and F. A. Wise, part owners of the above mineral claim, hereby give notice to the above-named J. H. Mallaley and W. Hollingsworth or other their Agent or Agents, that we do hereby request the said J. H. Mallaley and W. Hollingsworth to contribute their share of the assessment work done on the said claim, viz.: Two years' assessment work and survey, from May 22nd, 1899, amounting to the sum of \$250. Unless the said amount be paid to us on or before the 12th day of January next we shall proceed under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Mineral Amendment Act, 1900, repealing Section 11 of Cap. 45 of the Statutes of 1896.

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APPLICATION FOR LAND.

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Dated this 21st day of November, 1901.
 The BRITISH YUKON NAVIGATION CO., LTD., per P. P. SCHARSCHMIDT, Supt., Agent.

NOTICE.

The Le Roy, Ltd., Ltd., Mining Company, owning the LE ROY, BOB TAIL, BLACK JACK, BUTTE, ISABELLA, IDAHO, LEGAL TENDER, LITTLE JOE, FRACTON Mineral Claims, situated in Rainy Hollow, Chilkat Mining Division of Cassiar District, B. C.

To FRANK F. CLARK, BARNARD BOYLE AND GEO. PINZ OR OTHER THEIR AGENT OR AGENTS:

I, the undersigned, Jos. W. Smith, part owner of the above mineral claims, hereby give notice to the above-named Frank F. Clark, Barnard Boyle and Geo. Pinz or other their Agent or Agents that I do hereby request the said Frank F. Clark, Barnard Boyle and Geo. Pinz or their Agent or Agents to contribute their shares of the assessment work done on the said claims, viz.: one year's assessment work, from July, 1901 to July, 1902, amounting, respectively, to the sum of \$111.05, \$169.49 and \$169.40. Unless the said amounts be paid to me on or before the 15th day of February next I shall proceed, under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Mineral Amendment Act, 1900, repealing Section 11 of Cap. 45 of the Statutes of 1896.

JOS. W. SMITH, By JNO. P. LINDSAY, Atty.-in-Fact.

Atlin, B. C., November 16th, 1901. 3m

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway of standard gauge, from a point at or near Hazelton, on the Skeena river, in the District of Cassiar, by the most feasible and practicable route to a point at or near the Northern boundary line of the Province of British Columbia, at or near Teslin lake, or Atlin lake, or both, and also from said Hazelton by the most reasonable and feasible route to a point at or near the Eastern boundary line of the Province, via the Skeena, Babine, Driftwood, Omineca and Finlay rivers to the Peace River Pass, thence easterly to a point at or near the Eastern boundary of the Province; with authority, also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any point in the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length, and with power to construct, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and to construct, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of said railway and its branches, or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages, for commercial purposes, and to collect tolls therefor; and to acquire and receive from any Government, corporation or persons, grants of land, rights of way, money, bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking and to connect with and to enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights, powers and privileges nec-

essary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

Dated this 21st day of October, A. D., 1901.
 CORNWALL & ROGERS, Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session by the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company for an Act to amend its Act of Incorporation, being 64 Victoria, Chapter 59, of the Statutes of the said Province, by giving the Company power to build a branch line from any point at or near Hazelton, on the main line of the railway by the most feasible and practicable route, following the general direction of Bulkley river to a point at or near its junction with the Telqua river, in the Cassiar district, and to amend Section 11 of the said Act by increasing the bonding powers of the said Company.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 21st day of October, 1901.
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