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A \$200 NUGGET

And the Biggest in the Bunch
Taken Out of Pine.

Was Out Prospecting With a Pick
When He Found It.

A nugget the size of a potato is what Mr. Spencer of the Merchants Bank of Halifax had on exhibition for two or three days this week. It is now on exhibition at the Northern Hotel and Mr. Thagard says hundreds of people have seen it during the last few days. The lump weighs 13 ounces 16 pennyweights and was taken out of Mr. Campbell's claim, on Pine, above Discovery. Mr. Campbell was out prospecting his ground with a lonely pick. He left his pan behind; he certainly did not need it for the prize he turned over with his long-handled weapon. Men were standing on the opposite side and saw the lucky miner at work. Presently they saw him jump skyward and then fall back into a lower level, meanwhile clutching the golden tuber with the grip of a man going under the water for the last time. "Great heavens," he said, as some men approached, "what may a fellow expect out of Pine Creek anyway?" He didn't eat any supper that night, but went on prospecting. Of course they were not 13 ounce nuggets, but they demonstrated that Pine Creek is rich beyond the wallings of some soreheads who hold the opposite contention. Let these chronic barnacles go out to salt water and wash off their incrustation. If they do, then let them come in again if not, put a tax on them and keep them out. It is the hardest kind of work to get at anything like authentic information of the output of gold from the various creeks for the simple reason that a miner who owns a claim is afraid of the boots he stands in, less some of the professional jumpers who lurk around, trying to find out by actual observation the richness of the soil and whatever fractions there may be. Can you blame a man for refusing?

FIRST ARRIVAL FROM THE OUTSIDE.

From 15 to 20 Reported to Have
Taken the Watery Route.

Thomas W. Fansworth, a Skaguay merchant, and Chief of the Arctic Brotherhood, is the first arrival from the outside. His left hand shows the signs of a slide on a ragged edge and blood was oozing from it as he was making ready to leave the Northern Hotel on the 2 o'clock stage Thursday for Discovery.

"I left Skaguay two weeks ago and was among the last to leave," he started out. "The finish, you see, is the other way. From Log Cabin to Tepee it took 24 hours. Here I met the regular mail carrier and he threw up the job disgusted. Big Jack and George Davis took up the work and as a result you have the mail at Taku to-day. After leaving Tepee we spent a day building a bridge and then made for the head of Otter Lake. Here George Davis and myself were taking all kinds of chances on our lives. He fell in three times and so did I. The dearest friends we had were the skis. They kept us from taking the short route to heaven. We then abandoned the lake and took over the mountains. This landed us at Mrs. Munson's. Half a mile above this we met a freighter by the name of Smith. He was about 300 yards out on the rotten ice and so exhausted was he and his dogs that they could hardly move. When we first came to him he shouted 'Come out and save me soon or I'll drown.' We couldn't go. And right here let me tell you something about dogs and what sense they have. Frank Goyne took three of the dogs off his team, went to the edge of the lake, pointed the leader to where the man and his team were and they started out to the rescue. The freighter's dogs could hardly walk. Smith after reaching shore fainted and it took three hours to bring him to. His legs and hands were as raw as any beefsteak you ever saw. "Next morning an old man started out from Otter Lake and was drowned where I fell in. Between 300 or 400 people are camped in the neighborhood. The unfortunate man has a son working at Taku. The next day we saw two men on a raft in a hollow and at 1 o'clock the raft disappeared. Undoubtedly they both perished. Several hats and three or four abandoned sleds were seen on the way. It is perfectly safe to say that from 15 to 20 people have perished. Big Jack and George Davis are now at Taku with six bags of mail. Both boys are physical wrecks and deserve more than the thanks of the community. I came across in a boat manned

by nine men and captained by Capt. Casey.

"It will be two weeks before there will be a boat from Bennett. The one building across the lake from here will not be launched until Capt. Spencer comes in."

Mr. Fansworth is a personal friend of our Thagard and will be back on Tuesday to initiate proceedings towards the formation of a branch of the order of the Arctic Brotherhood. Make a note of this and come along and be one of the white birds for the nonce. The meeting is called for Tuesday night at the Northern hotel.

SEASON! EXTENDED.

As will be seen by an advertisement on page eight the close season has been extended to July 1. It was received too late for comment.

WHITE AND BLACK DON'T MATE.

The Charity Wheel Thrown Out for
Blackjack.

The second charity ball was not the success the first one was, and the deplorable incident has had the effect of segregating the membership in so just a cause, i.e. the raising of funds for the needy sick of Atlin. Like the first one, the dance took place in Rice & Hastie's hall and it is most likely it will be the last. The first night they had a weather-beaten, old-fashioned, and church-like looking wheel, and relieved most of the players of their change. The second ball, however, was different in many respects. "I was not allowed to run the wheel," said one of the ladies, as she called the writer across the street, "because I made too much money the first night."

"How was that, did the other ladies object?"

"No, not all. I'll tell you the whole trouble. I was sick that day, and didn't care to go. Some folks came down that afternoon and begged me to go. I finally consented and took my wheel along. I just had it in place when I was informed that the wheel could not be run because it interfered with the blackjack game running in the back room. I asked who had said so and was informed that the management of the hotel issued the order. I picked up and left. That's the story of the charity ball and blackjack game."

"Were you running a brace game?"

"I was running the wheel and I don't know the other game."

Here is a case for the Commissioner and these places should be sealed up tighter than a drum. Now is the time to deal the blow; not wait till all the toughs in Skaguay come this way. More anon.

TAKE BACK YOUR LAW

And Send Us a Judge, and Then
Another and Then Another.

Finally Appeal to Heaven for
Another for This Abused Town.

Was there ever enacted such an unjust law in the annals of the British Empire as the Alien law? Where? From the time tin miners were imported into England to the development of the Kootenays no parallel can be turned up whereby the Union Jack was so humiliated as it has been in this province. The drum that beats tattoo around the world and nurses to sleep the frost born people on the human pedestal will not echo the Alien law. This law must die, and die it must. The government that sells a man a license for one year and at the expiration of a month or so turns round and deprives him of the right he purchased is piratical, and cannot sail the sea of public opinion.

We have men in our district to-day by the thousand who purchased licenses last fall before a good and enterprising people were barred entrance. A goodly number of these men took to the hills and to-day a few may be seen wending their way to Atlin. Some of them with funds. At the record office they are asked if they are British subjects. If he denies his birthright he can record, otherwise he cannot. The price of the license is a fee-bite to the cost entailed by these men in prospecting and hunting for months and then come back to find that their labor has been in vain. The cost of outfitting a prospector is better known in a mining camp than in a city, and the hardships entailed are also better known.

Is this a just law?

Trainor street is out for improvements and Dr. Boyle is at the head of it. We understand the Commissioner has guaranteed a sum for this street between Third and Second.

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THE SITUATION REVIEWED.

It does not seem possible that the government of this province can understand or appreciate the situation at present existing in this district. Even the stupidest or most boorish government that ever was could not have it in its mind wilfully to allow conditions to exist from day to day, from week to week, and from month to month in Atlin district without doing the first thing to improve matters. The mining industry of the district is practically paralyzed because of the supineness of the authorities at Victoria and the delays of the law. It is safe to say that there are at this moment thousands of men lying in a state of enforced inactivity, at enormous expense of time and money to themselves, awaiting the decision of the authorities as to the ownership of mining claims on these creeks. Months ago, during the session of the legislature, provision was made for a judicial investigation and decision of disputes—still no functionary of the law has arrived for that purpose, and no information is vouchsafed as to when he will arrive. The delay is shameful—it is criminal. This delay is mulcting the people of the district thousands of dollars a day for the mere cost of living alone, to say nothing of the loss of time and other expenditures.

Yet meantime we see the officials of the government throughout the district displaying the marvellous activity in the collection of revenues. On this point the officials here have been instructed from Victoria in terms evidently that could not possibly be misunderstood. The pound of flesh is being exacted with a sanguinary ferocity that seems unappeasable. A poor devil of a prospector, with his claim out on the creek "tied up" by disputes for which the bungling of previous officials of this same government are responsible, having eaten himself out of grub during the long wait for the arrival of the judicial commissioner, goes out into the bush and cuts a cord of wood. He attempts to sell it in town that he may get money to buy food. Instantly he is set upon by the officials of the government to pay a logger's license of \$10 or a stumpage on what he has cut. Having no money, he is debarred of the opportunity of getting any. Unhappy man! He might better be an inhabitant of the debtors' ward in Fleet street prison; for there, at least, he would be assured of a covering for his head. Another unfortunate, having sold his tent to "raise the wind," sets himself to get out some spruce poles to put up a shack—the inevitable government official instantly appears on the scene demanding the government royalty. You are lingering about the town waiting for the judge to turn up, and to satisfy the cravings of hunger you slip out in the morning and shoot a duck—heavy fines and probably imprisonment follows with a swiftness and certainty that is astounding.

All this sort of thing we regard as a species of petty oppression and extortion, wholly out of keeping with the spirit that should actuate the governing powers in a mining camp such as this is. The government seems to have the idea that its chief function is the collection of revenue. It is the motto of the government office here never to re-

fuse money, and so any number of records will be cheerfully taken for the same piece of placer ground without any question at all as to whether it has been staked and recorded previously. Our gold commissioner regards it as his duty to do this, though he knows that it is only a further aggravation of the entanglements that already exist.

But it is not specially effective now to criticize the failures or deficiencies or worse of the past. It should be the effort to secure improved conditions for the future. It is to be surely presumed that some time a judicial officer will arrive here to settle the hundreds of disputes regarding claims. We fear it will be a tedious process and the danger now is that in very many cases the whole season will be lost, with all the deplorable consequences that must ensue. The people here should bestir themselves to expedite the operations of the judge when he does arrive. He will necessarily be ignorant of the conditions as they exist. He will need the advice and counsel of the best informed and wisest of our citizens, and with that object in view concerted action should be taken. We have this suggestion to make, that a public meeting should be called to discuss the situation generally, and after a free interchange of opinion has been held, a committee should be appointed to draw up in a formal manner a presentment to the judge on his arrival of the whole situation, together with such suggestions for the guidance or enlightenment of the judge as wisdom may suggest. The main object is to have the disputes settled as speedily as possible, so that the hundreds of men now idling away their time here may get to work. Only good can result from the most speedy action on these lines.

There is just one meaner man than a claim jumper and he ain't cutting any ice at the present time.

There is just one thing on which you don't have to pay taxes—to breathe. But there is no telling when an embargo will be put on the port of entry.

The good book says: "If any man will sue thee at law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also." This wouldn't do to apply to claim jumpers. No, not in this man's town.

The people of Discovery have taken great care that none of the rich claims in that vicinity shall escape. They have all been securely anchored by nice square-topped stakes in rich profusion.

Between the balloon stories of the grafters that graft and the hard-luck stories of the grafters that don't get a chance to graft the editorial staff of this great religious weekly do have a powerful hard time.

We thought of announcing a great European war in this edition, but when we stopped to consider the mood of the people of this town we concluded to hold over the vivid details for a future occasion.

From the lack of interest shown in the matter of fire protection the people of this town must think their goods too green to burn. There is no doubt green goods among them. But green goods ain't always a sure thing.

For grafters and grouseurs this town takes the bun:
The government are robbers, says each son of a gun.
The government taxes till their pockets grow full,
And you may get a good thing, that is if you've a pull.

....LOST....

Ten thousand dollars worth of the finest goods stored in a tent or building without show windows or glass doors is a loss to the owner. People can't see what you have to sell or what they are buying. You can get a glass front in your store, and windows or doors made to fit your building right here at home cheaper than you can import them, even when the boats begin to run; also Glass, Putty, etc. All prices on the above will be lower than it can be imported in small quantities. Hereafter our shop will be enlarged to supply the demand. Store Fronts, Doors, Windows, Counters, Bars and Office Fixtures a specialty. Sketches and drawings for special work made without extra charge. Give us a trial.

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LOST.

A pocket book containing papers addressed W. F. Davison, of no value other than to the owner, were lost in town the early part of the week. The finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

MASONIC NOTICE.

All Masons take notice that a Masonic register is kept at the office of Robt. R. Maitland, First Street, Atlin, where they are requested to call and record their names, whether at present in Atlin, or upon their arrival.

In case of needed relief for any member of the craft please inform any of the following members of the Atlin Masonic Relief Association, viz.:
F. McE. YOUNG, ROBT. R. MAITLAND,
A. S. CROSS, J. N. ROSE,
C. D. MASON, JNO. H. KILMER,
R. R. MAITLAND, Secretary.



Atlin Lake and Bennett Lake Mining Divisions, Cassiar District.

Notice is hereby given that the close season proclaimed by the order of W. J. Rant, Gold Commissioner, dated October 13th, 1898, is hereby extended until the 15th day of June, 1899, and that all placer claims legally held in the Atlin Lake and Bennett Lake Mining Divisions are laid over till the said 15th day of June, 1899, and all the lay overs granted during the said close season are extended accordingly to said last mentioned date.

J. D. GRAHAM,
Gold Commissioner.
Atlin, B. C., May 12th, 1899.

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Applications for Land.

Sixty days from date hereof I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to lease or purchase three lands for agricultural purposes (I herewith acknowledge pumping station rights previously applied for) containing twenty-nine acres more or less and situate opposite Atlin townsite in a westerly direction on Atlin lake, each island being staked with an initial post on its northwestern extremity.
W. S. C. BLIZARD.
Atlin, B. C., April 1st, 1899.

Take notice that we, the undersigned, thirty days after date, intend applying to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of land situate on Pine Creek at junction of Spruce and Pine Creek trails. Commencing at a post marked S.W. corner, running thence 6 chains north, thence 13 chains east, thence 5 chains south, thence back to point of commencement.
F. H. STIRLING,
LOUIS OUPPAGE.

May 5th, 1899.

Notice: Pierson and Vincent have this day located five acres of ground for garden purposes, situated as follows: Commencing at a post in the centre of Discovery and Sixth streets, running one hundred and seventy-four rods east by north, parallel with Discovery street, thence seventy-five rods north to location stake; thence north forty rods; thence west twenty rods; thence south forty rods; thence east twenty rods to location stake.
WM. N. PIERSON,
S. S. VINCENT.

Atlin, May 9, 1899.

Take notice that we, Robert Dinsdale and D. L. Kelly, 31 days after date intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease or purchase the following described land containing about 5 acres for agricultural purposes, viz.: Commencing at a point one-half mile from Atlin lake, bounded on the south side by Discovery trail and running about 7 chains parallel with the said trail towards Atlin Lake; thence at right angles north-west 7 chains; thence at right angles north-east 7 chains; thence at right angles south-west 7 chains to the point of commencement.
ROBT. DINSDALE,
D. L. KELLY.

Atlin, B. C., May 8th, 1899.

Take notice that I, within thirty days from date intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of five acres of land, situate about two and one-half miles from Atlin, near Pine Creek, for five years, as follows: Commencing at initial post, N.W. c., running southerly 17 1/2 yards and easterly 140 yards.

Atlin, May 23rd, 1899.

ROBERT GRIERSON.

WHERE GOLD GROWS.

**Boulder Coming to the Front
With Splendid Reports.**

**Pine and Spruce Now in the Lead,
but Others Will Soon Follow.**

E. Jamne de Lamare, editor of the *Mondlie Review*, published in Paris, and correspondent of *Revue des Revues*, *Illustration* and *Univers Illustré*, R. Crom and A. C. Hirschfeld, the latter our local photographer, went out on a tour of inspection and information last Sunday morning. Thirty-one photographs were taken and these will be placed on exhibition at the Pacific fair and used exclusively by M. de Lamare for his journals.

From Surprise Lake we went up Otter Creek, but didn't see much in the way of work," said M. de Lamare. "We went back to Surprise and from there to Boulder. We saw nothing until we arrived at the canyon, but from there, oh my, (with his characteristic French enthusiasm after seeing something good) she's afire with men working terribly hard. From the canyon up to Discovery every claim is being worked. More work is being done on this creek than on Pine and Spruce combined.

"On Spruce creek between 70 and 71, a bench claim, there is a 110 foot tunnel, 6 feet high and 4 feet wide. They are putting in a small tramway. There is no necessity for an air hole on this property, as this comes naturally. The pay taken out of this claim is \$12 per acre. The Walla Walla, 31 and 32, on the same creek, have an hydraulic pump of home manufacture. Bed rock is from 10 to 12 feet deep.

"Stevendike seems to be good, but in my opinion is not very deep. Each one of our party washed in the neighborhood 25 cents at grass roots.

"On Pine creek, McCauley's claim, which everybody in this neighborhood knows, is a good claim, and the best I've seen so far. I saw over half an ounce in one pan, come out while we were there. From there we went to Miller's Discovery on the same creek, and he has 14 men at work, seven at night and seven during the day and there is not a moment lost.

"The one great drawback, and every miner whom I have met, holds the same view, is that the claims are entirely too small. They cannot be worked satisfactorily. Where can a man dump on a hundred foot claim? But, again, let me tell you," said M. de Lamare, "the greatest hydraulic proposition in the world is back of Atlin. I venture to say that 15 cents will be taken out of every cubic yard of dirt washed."

J. Russell came down from Boulder and says everything looks flattering. He said two chaps on 16 below were taking \$100 a day and didn't seem to be working very hard either. Jim says that no estimate can be arrived at whereby it is possible to compute the output. Every man you meet is under the impression that if he discloses the amount of gold taken out he endangers his claim. Another creek that very little is being said about is Birch. Lots of work is being done on this creek and for a distance of three miles one half of the creek is as dry as a thirsty traveler. "One thin," says Jim, "that should not be overlooked by miners and people of Atlin is the fact that perfect harmony should prevail and not think that every stranger is an usurper."

W. A. Patterson is another Boulder Creek man with good news. "I wouldn't take \$5,000 for one of my claims there," he told us. "I own two and a fraction, but I'm only working one at present. This one is 8 below and a three-days' run with two men showed 17 ounces. Most of this was taken from bed rock and the depth is about five feet. Of course the ground was all stripped and cleared before hand." He brought down an ounce nugget and has it on exhibition in Duckkill's drug store, and it is a beauty.

A LOCAL ROAD.

The Taku & Atlin Tramway Company About Ready for Business.

A piece of work that certainly redounds to the credit of our local people and shows the enterprise they display is the Taku & Atlin Tramway Company, now nearing completion at Taku, across the lake from Atlin. The difficulties encountered and battered down by our local men may be a warning to Victoria charter-mongers that there is no blood money to be sought in this neighborhood.

"Yes, the road will be completed and in operation by the arrival of the first boat," said one of the leading men in the company on Tuesday, "and freight, including wharfage charges, will be landed at Atlin Lake for \$6 a ton. This figure is reasonable and local merchants should make arrangements to have the same perfected before the rush is on. The company has been to great expense in connection with their road, and coupled with this is the erection of a substantial and commodious wharf at Taku. Another will be built at the Atlin end.

"The road is a 3-foot gauge and the maximum grade 4 per cent. M. G. McGregor, freight agent for the Tramway Company, is at present on the outside perfecting freight arrangements, buying rails, cars, etc., with which to replace the more primitive appliances."

A NEW FIRM.

**Herron & Co. Prepared to Handle
Mines and Real Estate.**

Prominent among the new signs on Pearl street is one reading "Herron & Co., Financial Agents." The firm is composed of Charles E. Herron, Archibald Graham Brownlee, and last but not least, Mrs. Alice Houghton, all subjects of the crown.

Mr. Herron was formerly interested in gold mining in South Africa, Australia, Mexico and other countries. He came to this district last year and is consequently an "old-timer" in our new camp. None of our residents have a more extensive knowledge of the natural resources of the adjacent country than Mr. Herron, who has explored and prospected all the known gold-bearing creeks, and while not an enthusiast he speaks of the prosperous future of the Atlin district with a confidence and assurance that carries weight in the minds of persevering miners and intelligent investors who are ready and willing to investigate for themselves. Charlie is all right and his footprints along the creeks have left their marks.

Mr. Brownlee is a mine expert of many years' practical experience, a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the Northwest Miners' Association and the Colorado Bureau of Mines. He is not a stranger to the mineral wealth of British Columbia and has done considerable work in the Pacific northwest both in examining and operating mines. He has examined and reported upon many properties throughout this province and the United States, always with credit to himself and profit to his clients. The gentleman named is a brother of J. H. Brownlee, the government surveyor, and he is reported to be in close touch with eastern capitalists who are desirous of securing meritorious mining properties, hence his advent here. He has made a cursory examination of some of the creeks and speaks favorably of them, especially of the possibilities for profit producing hydraulic enterprises.

Mrs. Alice Houghton's name is well known in the Pacific northwest, particularly in the state of Washington, where she conducted a large real estate and mining business. The lady enjoys the distinction of being the only woman who descended to the lowest level of the famous Le Bon mine in an ore bucket before the skip was put in place. Her proclivities for investigation are said to be unbounded and well known to Kootenay miners. For some time she was connected with the land department of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railway companies and rendered valuable assistance to the last named road in securing a right of way through the state of Washington. Mrs. Houghton is noted for her business qualities, a polished use of the Queen's English and an unsurpassed capability for work in the mining business. During the five years last past she has been associated with Mr. A. G. Brownlee in the mining business, the firm of Brownlee & Houghton, having their main offices in the Marquette building, Chicago, with branches or connections in various parts of Colorado, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

At present Mrs. Houghton is in California closing the purchase of the Schroeder Consolidated group of quartz mines which Mr. Brownlee and Horace V. Winchell, M. E., of the Anaconda Copper Co. of Butte, Mont., examined last winter. She is expected to arrive in Atlin on the first boat or shortly thereafter.

Aside from its own operations the firm of Herron & Co. have announced that they will act as financial agents for foreign investors, and will do a general mining and real estate business. With such talent at command, and such a promising country before it, success only can be conjectured.

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Send your measurements and he will do the rest.

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The bath rooms are equally as good as found in cities. Side entrance for ladies.

LINK & PRATT, Props. First Street.

We have made arrangements with John McCarthy for the exclusive handling of THE CLAIM on the creeks and at Discovery. Permanent subscribers of the latter will have their papers left at the Gold House until such time as the luxury of a post-office is afforded them. Our subscription rate is \$5 a year, payable ahead of time. Single copies 10c.

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

McCarthy & Co., Stoves and Hardware.
McCarthy & Co., Cheap Groceries. Discovery between First and Second.

Discovery street people have subscribed \$200 for a wharf at the foot of Lake.

McCarthy & Co., Station and Circulating Library, 500 volumes.

A man displayed a small bag of nuggets on First street the other day, and the rubber-necks were much in evidence.

Next Wednesday will witness the completion of R. C. Anzer's Discovery hotel. A banquet is scheduled to take place on that date.

The following sales of quartz claims took place at R. C. Anzer's Discovery hotel this week: E. Gilbert to W. Hartley, \$500; Ben Hurry to McCaskill and Wilson, \$1,500.

Services will be held in the First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Discovery, on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Pringle, B. A., minister.

The vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Vickers from the Brokers' Association board, were filled last evening by C. E. Herron as president and A. G. Beaumais on the rights and privileges committee.

THE CLAIM office is now situated on the corner of Second and Trainor, midway between the Discovery and Pearl street fractions. This move on our part is purely philanthropic. It is our desire to conciliate both that they may dwell together in peace and unity, and incidentally to be handy to those who wish to drop in and settle their subscriptions.

As will seen by advertisements in other columns the people of Discovery will celebrate the 1st of July and the people of Atlin the 4th. A good program of sports will be furnished in each town. We hope the people of Atlin will show a spirit of neighborliness and go up to Discovery in swarms on the 1st, and while there invite the people of Discovery to come down here on the 4th.

Our hired man was striding in the vicinity of Mr. Rosselli's mill the other day and he observed sawdust flying in all directions amidst clouds of steam. On closer investigation he found the phenomena was caused by Skookum, who had lately been seized with a desire to work. The job wasn't just plumb but there was no time lost, except occasionally, of course, to buy a pound of nails and irrigate.

Mr. Barton, who brought in a hydraulic plant the past winter, is, in company with some others, negotiating with the owners of some forty adjoining bench and creek claims on Spruce creek, with the object of installing his hydraulic plant there. It is probable that an agreement satisfactory to all concerned will be reached and that the operations will before long be begun. The gravel lies pretty deep on the claims referred to, and will furnish a good test of the effect of hydraulic work on that creek.

The best evidence that gold is coming in is the fact that the banks are brushing away the cobwebs and putting their scales in shape. L. B. Reid took us into the Merchants' of Halifax at an hour when stillness held sway and showed how a strong breath could be weighed on a thousand-ounce scale. "We are fixed now for the weighing of the miner with his dust," as he uncovered the monster, "and that weight," pointing to something like the shells used at the flom-hardmouth of Santiago, "is the pet of the bank." The bank's assayer, W. J. R. Cowell, placed them in position. Becker's Sons, Rotterdam, are the manufacturers.

A Good Showing.

On the east shore of Atlin lake, about four miles south of the city, R. Irwin has a force of men at work opening up a galena property. THE CLAIM man paid a visit to the place this week. The discovery was made not 50 yards from the water's edge, and in a slight bench of about 25 feet elevation. The surface showing consists of about a dozen small veins or stringers of galena, streaked here and there with iron and copper pyrites. The veins are from one to two or three inches wide, uneven in their trend, and streaking a width of 20 feet or so off slaty rock. The general trend of the veins seems to be about north and south. Mr. Irwin has started a tunnel at the bottom of the slight incline leading to the water's edge, by means of which he hopes to cut the ore body about 20 feet from the surface. His idea that all these small veins may converge into one and form a workable chute or vein at no great depth. The galena is "frozen" into a matrix of white quartz and also to the adjacent walls of slate. THE CLAIM man was curious enough to carry along for assay a sample of the clear galena, intermixed with iron pyrites, and Mr. Irwin's assay of this sample gave \$0.05 in gold to the ton, 62 oz. silver and 60 per cent lead. This is a gross value at present prices of these metals of about \$105 per ton of the concentrated ore. It is rich enough to stand transportation to either Ta-

comin or San Francisco, if only body enough of it can be obtained. So far it is the richest ore we have seen in the district.

A Bank With an Assay Office.

The Bank of British North America may have been the last bank to come into Atlin but they are certainly the pioneers in the matter of an assay plant. Manager Anderson took us through the building at the rear of the bank on Wednesday and showed us the most complete plant of the kind in British Columbia outside of Vancouver and Victoria. Everything about it is the color of new canvas, bright and up-to-date and many of the huge vessels still retain the packing paper placed on them by the manufacturer. Five furnaces, two for coke and three gasoline, gold rollers, retorts and crushers may be seen on entering, and when you take a peep into the weighing room you come into contact with scales that weigh human hair and the figures of which must be read with a magnifying glass. The bank is now prepared to assay any metal, wet or dry, and at present has two or three quartz assays under way. The bank proposes to make a specialty of the latter.

"There is the first melting we have done," said Mr. Anderson, pointing to a 30-ounce brick that was cooking in a basin, "and it looks rich. Yes, this is a new departure, and the only bank in this Province having an assay office in connection with its business. Our bank at Dawson also has one."

"A trifle over four tons was the weight and everything came over the top in good shape. Two tons of coke came along at the same time. The latter, landed here, costs in the neighborhood of \$18 per sack."

W. J. Pinder has supervision of the plant and it is in good hands.

Discovery Notes.

Charles E. Ficht has sold his creek claim on Pine, 12 below, to Messrs. Waters, Kilgour and Haley, the price paid being \$1,000.

Jack Costello's new building is rapidly nearing completion. He will move into it during the coming week.

S. McCaughy's claim on Margaret Point is yielding good returns; his clean-up on Saturday last from one rocker being 254 ozs. His average during the week was 5 ozs. per day to the rocker.

T. Patterson, on Willow creek, cleaned up 14 ozs. on Thursday last, slushing with one man shovelling.

Walter Clayton will move into his new office on Monday.

We had hoped to have published a full list of the sports at Discovery on the 24th, but our correspondent, for some reason or other, didn't get them here until after the paper had gone to press.

A. Godfrey went up Pine this week and came back with \$127 worth of dust.

Masquerade Ball

WILL BE GIVEN.

NEXT WEDNESDAY
IN RICE & HASTIE'S HOTEL

By Robt. McIntosh.

Grand March at 9 o'clock.
Tickets \$1.50.

Prize awarded to the best represented character.
Masks and suits can be secured at Miss Simon's store.



Bennett and Atlin Lake Mining
Divisions.

Notice is hereby given that an extension of time, during which all Placer Mining Claims legally held in the Atlin Lake and Bennett Lake Mining Divisions are declared laid over, has been granted to the 1st July, 1899.

J. FRED HUME,
Minister of Mines.

FOR SALE OR LEASE

Eighteen claims on six creeks.

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Tent 300 feet north of International Hotel, Atlin, B. C.

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Good prices realized on outfits.

BOARD OF TRADE.

A new house on First, be-
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WRIGHT & CALLBREATH, Props.

Applications for Land.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 30 acres of land (meadow) in Atlin district, commencing at a stake about one-half mile southeasterly from the s. e. corner of block 21 of the Atlin townsite, marked H. B. n. w. corner; thence south 30 chains; thence west 10 chains; thence north 30 chains; thence east 10 chains more or less to initial post.

Atlin, B. C., May 20, 1899.

H. BURNET.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 30 acres of land (meadow) in Atlin division, Cassiar district, B. C.: Commencing at a stake marked H. E. Y. s. e. corner, 15 chains south of H. Burnet's initial post, thence northerly 30 chains, thence westerly 10 chains, thence southerly 30 chains, thence east 10 chains more or less to the initial post.

Atlin, B. C., May 20, 1899.

H. E. YOUNG.

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Corrugated Iron Roofing Sheets,
Each 8 ft. x 2 ft. 4 in. \$1.00.

Also Galvanized Shingles,
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One thousand dollars has been collected and will be distributed in prizes.

The people of Atlin and Surprise are cordially invited to attend.

A detailed list of the games and prizes will appear later.

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