

Golden British Columbia.

Will British Columbia rival South Africa and West Australia as a gold-producing country? There is reason to believe that it will, or we should hardly hear of syndicates being formed for its development and of experts and others busying themselves in the preliminaries of prospecting work. Americans have been in the field for a considerable period, and until there is better railway communications, the efforts of our own countrymen to open up the land can hardly fall to be seriously impeded, and even, to a certain extent, thwarted.

A recent visit to the goldfields of the future is Mr. A. Drucker, M. P., who has returned to London in time to correct the proofs of the *Aryan* (founded on the late Professor Jhering's "Vorgeschichte der Indoeuropäer"), which will be shortly issued by Messrs. Swan Sonnenschein & Co. In a conversation with a representative of The St. James Budget Mr. Drucker gave some of his impressions of British Columbia, and these will be read with exceptional interest just now.

"I left London," said Mr Drucker, "early in September, proceeding first to New York, thence to Montreal, and on by the Canadian Pacific Railway to Calgary, one of the largest cattle-ranching districts in the world. Calgary is really one of the most beautiful—I say the most beautiful—small towns I have ever seen, and quite different from all other western towns. It is built of stone, dates from the time of the great cattle-ranching boom, and is occupied by Englishmen to the exclusion of Canadians. There are fine streets, capital shops, a well appointed club and a magnificent store belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company. It is impossible to predict the extension of this Calgary cattle-ranching trade when mining had developed, as it is bound to do as soon as there is a railway, and that time cannot be far off. If you ask my reason for venturing on this prediction, I answer that when there are travelling facilities all the mining camps will be supplied from and by Calgary.

"From Calgary I went over the 'Rockies' by the Canadian Pacific line to Vancouver, whence I crossed to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. Of Vancouver Island I saw, unfortunately, scarcely anything, owing to the fog, which could have given points even to a 'London particular.' You are probably aware that much of the coal used is obtained from Vancouver Island, the output last year being not far short of a million tons. As you see from the last report of the British Columbia Board of Trade, which you have on your table, there are enormous coalfields in the now well-known Crow's Nest Pass, which are very important as forming the main source of supply for the purpose of smelting in the famous Kootenay district, which has been so much written about in The Times during the past year; indeed, British Columbia should heartily thank the leading journal for directing general attention to that rich district. There is official authority for the statement that this coal is peculiarly suited for mining purposes, and the construction of the proposed British Columbia Southern Railway would open up these coalfields and put them in communication with the Kootenay smelters. At present the coke used by the smelters is all imported from the United States.

"I went back from Vancouver to Sicamous, the junction for Vernon, to which the Agent-General for British Columbia in London gave his name; and at Vernon I took steamer to Penticton, which has at least one characteristic—namely, the dustiest road in Christendom, leading to Rossland, which has become the centre of the Kootenay mining industry. In the district between Penticton and Boundary Creek I saw gold mines, some of the ores being especially rich in copper. In most of the mines, including those which do not contain much gold, there are nearly always sufficient copper and other metals to pay the expense of working.

"To give you an idea of the rapid growth of towns in British Columbia, I may cite Greenwood City. In March there was not a house to be seen; but when I was there in September-October, there were three large hotels and all the indications of a considerable town. Of course there was a newspaper and a very smart one, too—The Boundary Creek Times.

"What a magnificent future British Columbia has! What with the mining industry, and the salmon and sturgeon fishing, the outlook is indeed splendid. Speaking of sturgeon reminds me to mention to you that I was told that British Columbia will soon be producing more delicious caviar than Russia itself! Then there is the lumber industry, the importance of which must not be underrated, for the supply is inexhaustible; while in respect of fruit-farming and agricultural pursuits generally the country is unique. It may interest readers of the St. James' Budget to know that Lord Aberdeen has a ranch near Vernon, on which he has started hop-growing; and there is a big brewery at Vancouver, and another at Calgary. No doubt the example set by that far-seeing nobleman will be pretty generally followed ere long.

"Of course you will hardly want me to say anything about so well-known an industry as the seal-fishing; nor need I dwell on the

value of the pig-iron. What is wanted—and this I cannot lay too much stress upon—is that much-talked-of railway through Crow's Nest Pass to connect the Canadian Pacific Railway with Nelson, Rossland and other places. This vitally important matter is now under consideration by the Dominion Parliament, and it is hoped that a decision will soon be taken upon it. At present, if you would get to the British Columbia mining districts with comparative ease, you must go through the United States; and that will answer the question you put to me just now as to the amount of American capital invested in that part of the world. Until a very recent period only American capital has been called into requisition to develop the mining industry generally.

"Kootenay is, as you have read in The Times, the Financial News, and other papers, the most prolific gold-producing portion of British Columbia, the Trail district being credited as likely to prove one of the most important producers of the yellow metal in the world. The Le Rio and the War Eagle mines are both immensely rich. They only began to develop the former in December, 1890, yet in 1894 the yield was 6000 tons of ore, and the present output is, I believe, 101 tons a day, with an average value of £8 per ton. Fabulous sums have been offered for the Le Rio mine, and every now and again you hear that it has been sold. As regards the War Eagle, they began shipping ore regularly in January, 1895, and up to July 1, 1896, the mine had paid in dividends \$157,500, as against the Le Rio's \$175,500. In the Trail district (Kootenay) the average yield of gold is 1.67 oz. per ton; and in this district only there are smelters.

"At Spokane, the capital of the State of Washington, the railway runs to Nelson and Robson; and at Spokane you find the offices of all the companies—a proof of the employment of American capital in British Columbia. It takes you four days to get from New York to Spokane, and it's a day's run from Spokane to Nelson and Robson.

"As to the physiognomy of the country, it is perfectly beautiful, and the mountain scenery is charming. Our party camped out for more than a week for the purpose of shooting big game in the Cariboo Mountains, the locality in which Sir Peter Walker shot four 'grizzlies' last year. Although we had tents, it was rather a rough life, as you can easily imagine. Our invariable fare was bacon and beans; and although there are worse things wherewith to sustain exhausted nature, and although there is a certain amount of excitement about it all, I don't mind telling you that I prefer the cuisine of the Savoy. We rode Indian horses—wretched animals, yet picking their way through roadless and even pathless tracts with a dexterity and an instinct which you would look for in vain in animals of a better class. There were with us three half-breeds—one was the hunter for the party, another the cook, and another the packer. The greatest trouble we had en route was caused by the fallen timber, the result of forest fires. This made the going perfectly awful. Coming back, the travelling was far better, because it was all down hill. To reach our destination from Vernon took us four days; the return journey we did in one day. Next year I hope to go out again, for I greatly like the country. Had our Canadian friends a little more energy and 'go' in their composition there would be less fear of the good things of British Columbia falling into the hands of our enterprising American cousins. This, however, is a subject upon which 'the least said, the soonest mended.'

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Padding the Figure.

After a woman has been through the hands of her dressmaker it will be more than ever difficult this year to determine her physical proportions or even to make a reasonably accurate guess as to whether she is plump or scrawny. In the first place, the new sleeves, tight almost to the shoulder, call for pretty good-looking arms inside of them or they have about as much style as pump handles. Some young girls have actually gone into physical culture for the sake of developing their arms. By the time they have rounded them out, though, there will probably be a complete change in the cut of sleeves.

"In the meantime," said a fashionable dressmaker the other day, "we pad, I have sent home but two waists this month that haven't had the sleeves plumpy interlined to give a good outline. And then the princess gown that is coming back into favor looks a sight unless the wearer has an ideal figure. It's an art to pad up the requirements of this dress. The hip slope must be perfect, or the 'princess' is ruined. Yes, indeed, it's a year of figure-padding, sure enough."

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Canadian Credit Abroad.

During 1896 there was unusually good demand for choice investments, and the result is much better prices. Canadian bonds and debentures advanced 4 to 5 per cent. Dominion 3-per-cent. are now selling in London at 104, and Toronto 3½ per cent. debentures at 104. This speaks well for the credit of Canada in the money market of the world. Of course some people will say these high prices are owing to the cheapness of money in London. While this is partly true, it must be remembered that the highest prices of the year have been maintained in spite of the fact that money has been unusually tight on the other side for the past three or four months. The Bank of England discount rate had remained at 2 per cent. from Feb. 22, 1894, to Sept. 10, 1896, but since the latter date has risen to 4 per cent. The cash surplus of the bank in that period has declined considerably in consequence of large exports of gold to Eastern Europe and America.

Locally the money market ruled pretty steady throughout the year. The deposits of chartered banks increased \$7,000,000 during the year, while those of other savings banks and loan companies increased \$3,000,000, making an increase of \$10,000,000. The total amount of deposits of all kinds on Nov. 30 was \$286,450,000.

Marry This Girl, Somebody.

I have been reading in your paper about several men and women that have been very successful selling self-heating flat irons, and I concluded I would see what a girl could do. I have worked 12 days and have sold 151 irons and have 218 dollars left after paying all expenses. Everybody is delighted with the iron and I sell one almost every place I show it, as people think they can't afford to be without one as they save so much fuel and don't burn the clothes. I know I can clear five thousand dollars in a year. How is that for a girl?

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The Old Salt's Blunder.

"Experience," said the man who had been telling tales of the sea, "is a great thing. But it gets in the way sometimes. I'll never forget the last shipwreck I was in."

"It must be terrible," said the boy whom he was entertaining, "to be adrift on the ocean."

"It is rather trying to realize that land is miles away, no matter whether you measure sideways or straight down. But this shipwreck wasn't on the ocean."

"But you said you had sailed the Atlantic."

"Yes; that's where I got my experience. But it was on Lake Superior that I found myself with nothing to tie to except an old washstand. It was three days before I was picked up."

"Weren't you almost dead?"
"Pretty near."

"From hunger?"
"Partly that. And I suffered some from thirst. But the most of it was humiliation. The first thing I asked for was a drink of water. I had suffered agonies. My throat was parched and my tongue felt like a herring. One of the men in the boat looked at me as if he thought I was delicious, but when I repeated my request he took a tin can, leaned over the side of the boat and dipped me up a drink. Then I realized for the first time that I was on fresh water instead of salt, and that there wasn't the least excuse for a sane man's going thirsty a minute. Experience is a great thing, my boy. Never turn up your nose at it. But remember that it is as likely as not to run you into trouble if you haven't common sense and a compass to steer by."—From the Washington Star.

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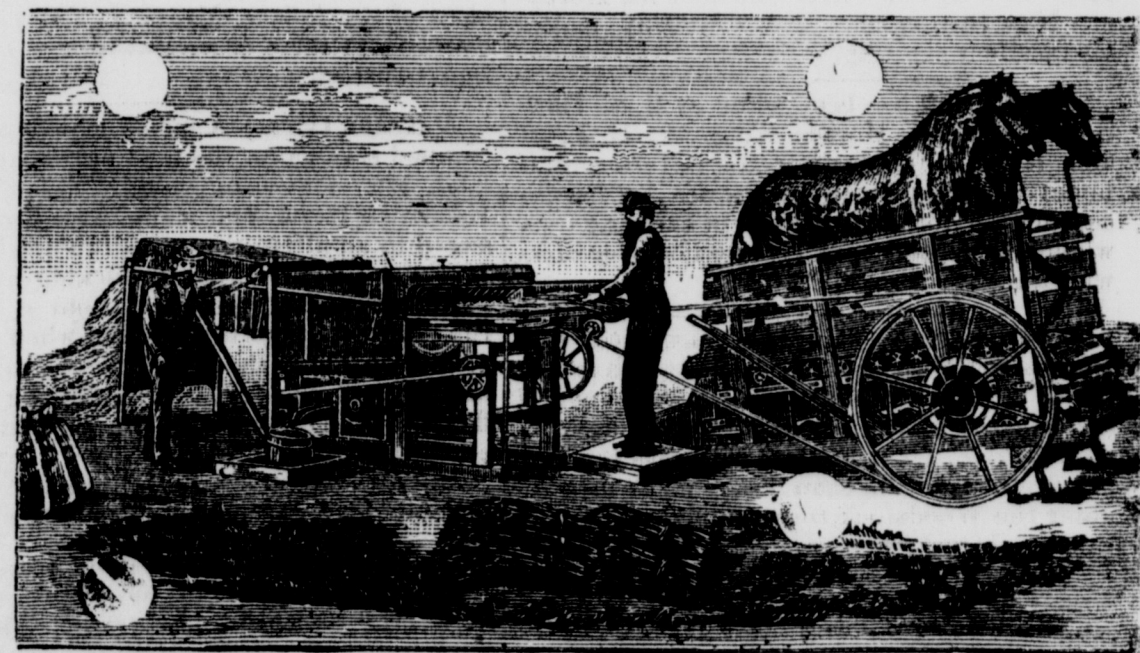
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Yours truly, DAVID WHITNEY.

North Tay, N. B., March 11th, 1896.
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