

DIAMONDS AND GOLD IN SOUTH AFRICA.

De Beers Manager Tells of Transvaal and Kimberley Conditions.

"I tell you diamonds are going up and they will go higher," said a tall, wiry man apparently about forty—a man with complexion well browned and dark moustache, a man who had evidently been used to a warmer climate than this.

The remark was made to a city jeweller in the Windsor rotunda, Montreal, and the man who made it was Mr. W. A. Charlesworth, manager for the East Aurora Gold Mining Company, a Rand enterprise situated some forty miles from Johannesburg. His companion seemed to doubt the accuracy of the prediction, but it transpired that the stranger knew of what he was talking, for he was well acquainted with the De Beers, the controllers of the Kimberley diamond fields. They are joint owners with some London bankers of the Aurora properties.

Mr. Charlesworth turned out to be an American mining engineer from Montana, who is visiting some friends in Montreal on his way through to the west. He has been in South Africa since the settlement of the war. The information he was imparting to a friend he had no objection to state for publication.

"The De Beers," said he, "have produced three and a half million dollars worth of diamonds this year than last, and when you reflect that the total output is valued at rather less than \$12,000,000 per annum, do you wonder that the reduction in the supply affects the price?"

"Is the reduction dictated by policy?" the mining manager was asked. "You may be sure the De Beers don't do much unless there is a policy behind it."

"We have just discovered a diamond field in New Ontario," observed the interviewer. "When we get that working the calculations of the De Beers monopoly will be rather upset, won't they?"

Mr. Charlesworth smiled the in-

credulous smile of the man who speaks of a well assured certainty as against an extremely problematical possibility, and did not seem inclined to pursue the subject.

"What about gold mining in South Africa?" was the next shot ventured. It hit the mark, for the reply was instantaneous. "Gold mining is still the principal industry in South Africa. There is plenty of evidence of progress, but the profits in the ton of milled ore are not as high as they were before the war owing to the increased cost of working."

"The change in the labor conditions are responsible for that, I suppose?"

"Yes, it is the labor trouble. Kafir labor was objected to and it could not be depended upon, and now they are objecting to Chinese coolies."

"Who are the objectors?"

"The Boers principally. They organize meetings, carry on an agitation, and just now they are asking for a commission of inquiry into the labor conditions."

"The cable despatches state that Lord Selborne, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is in the Transvaal. Is he doing any good, do you think?"

"His intentions are good. He has been all through the country east and west, and the visit has a soothing effect for the time, but the trouble is chronic."

"Are all the mines now fully engaged in production?"

"Pretty well. Last year's output was almost \$50,000,000 in value, and next year's yield will probably be nearly \$100,000,000."

"Then we may take it that gold mining is still a profitable industry in the Transvaal."

"You may safely do that when you consider that there are thirty-five companies, of which ours is one, that pay dividends of from 16 to 17 per cent. on the capital invested."

line at the Horseshoe causes considerable variation in the line farther up. If the point of the Horseshoe continues to shift to the east, taking the boundary with it, Canada will soon extend almost to Goat Island, and will own practically the whole river a short distance above the falls.

With one power tunnel, that of the Electrical Development Co., of Ontario, already having an outlet near the centre of the Horseshoe, it is not difficult to imagine this question might easily involve material interests as to franchise and other rights of future power companies.

W. Carville Hall, of the United States Geological Survey, has investigated the matter and made a report, and now Professor J. C. R. Lafamme, of Laval University, is here investigating on behalf of Canada.

TOILERS OF SEA TALE.

Lugi Carrier's Sentence For Fight With Octopus.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 28.—A battle royal between a huge devil fish and four fishermen, in which the octopus put up so big a fight that he escaped, though minus an eye and one of his tentacles, has just taken place at Bellingham, Puget Sound. Clarence Bendone, his brother Tom, William Brown and Alva Barger, were fishing in a cove where cod bound, when Brown saw the hideous form crawling on the bottom towards shore. He was so frightened that he went ashore. He told the others what he had seen, and they went in pursuit. They aver that the eyes of the monster gleamed in the water like diamonds. His movements were watched till he got into three feet of water and then the men set on him with long poles. The devil fish showed fight at once and thrust his long arms out vigorously and dangerously. The men succeeded in throwing a rope round one of the tentacles as it was raised out of the water, and the combined weight of the men was used in trying to get the octopus ashore. However, they only succeeded in wrenching off one of its arms. A knife was tied to a pole and one of the monster's eyes was destroyed, but it kept up a game resistance. Finally it got away.

Two Indians who were in a frail canoe also report having been attacked. The devil fish was floating on top of the water when the canoe ran against it. Instantly an arm was thrown round the little craft. The redskins cut it off. No sooner was the one tentacle disabled than another was thrust out, but the Indians managed to evade it and get away.

There are quite a number of devil fish in local waters. While swimming near Samish, Wash., a boy was attacked and would have been dragged into the ocean had not his father, who was digging for clams close by, heard his screams and rescued him. Two of the tentacles held the boy's right leg in a close grip and had to be cut off.

THE HORSESHOE FALLS. Winding Away of Falls Has Altered Force of 1822 Agreement.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 27.—Who owns the larger part of Horseshoe Falls? This is the question that is now agitating the International Waterways Commission and the United States Geological Survey. In 1822, Anthony Barclay, Commissioner for Great Britain, and Peter B. Porter, Commissioner for the United States, fixed international boundary in Niagara River, and described it as running: "Up the middle of the river to the Great Falls, thence up the falls through the point of the Horseshoe, keeping to the west of Iris (Goat Island), and following the bend of the river." Since this agreement was made the Falls has cut its way back about three hundred feet and the "point of the Horseshoe" has shifted considerably. Now the question arises whether the boundary shifts with the "point of the Horseshoe," or remains where it was located in 1822. As the boundary follows the bend of the river above the falls and the "bend" is almost a right angle, a slight change in the location of the

YOU.

BY CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.

When in the Rowan tree
The colored light fades slowly,
And the quiet dusk,
All vivid, breathes of you,
Then Heart's Content,
I feel your hair enfolding me,
And tender comes the night,
Bringing me—you.

And when across the sea
The rose-dawn opens slowly,
And the gold breaks, and the blue,
All glad of you,
Then, Heart's Reward,
Risen, red, is your mouth for me,
And life to me means love,
And love means—you.

—Canadian Magazine.

REASONS FOR THANKS.

Mr. M'Nicoll of the C. P. R. Explains Them.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—When asked today for an appreciation of Thanksgiving Day this year from a railway standpoint, Mr. D. M'Nicoll, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway and General Manager, said: "The railway world has its share in the rejoicing of Thanksgiving Day, and in this the Canadian Pacific can participate to a very great extent. There has been a big traffic on the lines. The country is prosperous, and all classes have a great deal to be thankful for. We have added largely to our rolling stock throughout the year, but the demand is still for more to meet the exigencies of traffic. It has been our good fortune to be able to keep a vast army of employees in work. For the sake of those who derive their livelihood from the activity of railway work we do not like to see a dull season. We are thankful to say that there does not seem to be promise of such for many years to come. Taking it all around, there are many and valid reasons for general rejoicings at this period of thanksgiving."

ON SKIN OF AN ANTELOPE.

After Three Centuries Record of De Soto is Found.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 28.—After more than three centuries a record of the De Soto expedition has been found on the shore of Lake Itasca, under a huge boulder, where it has lain undisturbed. The record, written on the skin of an antelope was found by Chester Gray, a farmer, living on the shore of Lake Itasca, which is the source of the Mississippi River. He will send the record to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

The record, which is barely legible, is dated August 9, 1547, and signed by Ferdinand Villena and Sancho Cueva, members of De Soto's exploring party, who in the letter say they have named the lake whence arises the great river in which De Soto had been buried six years before "Lake De Soto."

ASKED FOR OAK, NOT GOLD.

General Booth Presented With Freedom of London.

London, Oct. 28.—The freedom of the city of London was today bestowed on General Booth of the Salvation Army. The presentation was made in the presence of a distinguished company, including civic officials, several thousand citizens, and many officers of the Salvation Army. The address referred in glowing terms to the work of General Booth and his organization, not only in London, but throughout the world. The General, in reply, referred to the difficulties which beset him in his early days, and which are only now becoming officially reconciled. Instead of the usual gold casket, the address was enclosed in an oaken casket, the remainder of the money voted by the Municipal Council being, at the request of General Booth, given in the shape of a check towards the funds of the organization.

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WHY DOCTORS FAIL AND MRS. PINKHAM SUCCEEDS

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It was for this reason that years ago Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., determined to step in and help her sex. Having had considerable experience in treating female ills with her Vegetable Compound, she encouraged the women of Canada to write to her for advice in regard to their complaints, and being a woman, it was easy for her ailing sisters to pour into her ears every detail of their suffering.

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No physician in the world has had such a training, or has such an amount of information at hand to assist in the treatment of all kinds of female ills, from the simplest local irritation to the most complicated womb diseases.

This, therefore, is the reason why Mrs. Pinkham, in her laboratory at Lynn, Mass., is able to do more for the ailing women of Canada than the family physician. Any woman, therefore, is responsible for her own suffering who will not take the trouble to write to Mrs. Pinkham for advice.

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