

THAT MINING BOOM.

Account of the Keewatin Co's Works.

Progress of the Operations—The Winnipeg Mine—Chicago Capital Rushing In.

James F. Meagher, formerly of King-... partner in a large mining con-... writes as follows under...
Winnipeg at 8 30 p. m., and after... through a picturesque... After doing the place in... to draw us... but which was, we found, an... thing to do on account of the... demand for horses to carry exploring... we retired to dream over the tramp... miles that lay before us the next day... in the morning found us on the... Hay Island, where the Keewatin Co.'s... are located. The scenery of the Lake... Woods is simply grand. The countless... that cover the lake are covered with... trees and shrubbery, which creak... in the silent stillness under their... of ice and snow, designed by old Jack... in all imaginable shapes, and which... and sparkle in the bright sun like so... jewels. The crisp morning air, the... white snow making a velvety carpet... the pale blue heavens cloudless; the... shining brightly like a huge globe of... filled out the scene, while the occasion-... of a blast in the surrounding mines... that disturbed the death-like silence,... the panorama the grandest by far... anything we had ever seen. Four hours... walking brought us to the Keewa-... camp. With sharpened appetites we... to a real miner's dinner, after... Superintendent Andrew Hamilton... in hand.

ENTERING THE SHAFT.

The first place visited was the main or... shaft, which is sunk to a depth of 65... over which is erected a comfortable... 21x30 feet. It is kept warm by a... above which makes the place habitable... most inclement weather. We were... to the bottom of the shaft in the... The sensation experienced in the de-... was anything but a pleasant one. If... was to break or anything to go... with the machinery there would be... left; but mangled corpses and pools... of the gold and had deeds of one's life... as the brain in an instant, but be-... of balance was struck we were landed... at the bottom. Mr. Hamilton showed... which is about two feet wide, and... increasing in width as it de-... The free gold can be plainly... of the naked eye and flour gold is... disseminated through the rock. The... wall, as it is called in mining... at an angle of about 70° and is... were polished; the hang-... and the side walls are free... showing the careful manner in... work has been executed. Owing... of the walls this shaft... is timbered, which is a great... to the company, as one of the most... upon the wrong side of the... of timbering. Mr. Hamilton... that sinking would be con-... depth of one hundred feet... To us they would begin to... What is meant by drifting... following the vein in either... upon a level, and stopping is... the pure vein matter. The quartz... quality known as auriferous and... with a large percentage of... It is claimed to be free mill-

IMPROVEMENTS.

Several improvements have gone on... with the shaft; sufficient timber is... for the ground for the thirty stamp... house, 50x21 feet, is nearly... Another building, 24x39 feet... in height, is occupied by... and foreman; it is com-... appointed, being divided... assay office and sleeping... barn, store-room, black-... and the building at... the men, make quite a... themselves, and next fall... and well-appointed... working the immense... follow the large output... increased force of... being attracted by the... about two miles dis-... that it was the blasting

THE WINNIPEG MINE.

When we went, the shaft of this... shown about seventy feet, but it... a prospecting shaft, so Mr. Fred... the superintendent, informed us... for small practical purposes. Mean-... they are erecting a mill to work the... taken out, and are making the... improvements in the way of... They will begin to sink their... shaft at once. On our way to town... a visit to the Pine Portage property,... as it is called. Here two things... buildings are being erected, and... the enterprising timbermen are making... pieces for the new mill which... purchased from Messrs. Fraser... of Chicago. Mr. Doby, of... one of the owners, informed us... they expected to be rushing in about... weeks. He also stated that his firm... \$33,000 for the property, \$12,000... and the balance on the 1st of June... There are other companies in active... notably in Argyle. This com-... has erected a ten-stamp mill and... in about ten days. Being... we will not visit any of the other... We were well satisfied with... had seen, and were convinced... a doubt that there is gold in paying... in the Lake of the Woods, and... is required is time and capital to... it. In Winnipeg, on the streets, in... and about the hotels, the whole... of conversation is mining. Already... offices have been opened for the... of handling stocks. On Wednesday... the board of trade and stock exchange... their doors to the public. This as-... has been organized in anticipation... boom. They occupy the large two-

story building in Thistle street, just vacated... by James O'Brien & Co., wholesale clothiers. Those who are best advised on the subject say that a mining boom is fast approaching, which will eclipse, if possible, that which occurred here in lands a little more than a year ago.

JAMES F. MEAGHER.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

It is said the discussion on the affirmation bill will probably be postponed, owing to the opposition to the measure.

The Prime Minister of France has informed the President that the Government has decided to take energetic action in Tonquin with a view of establishing a protectorate.

The Madrid Government has decided not to enlarge the liberty allowed to Neco, the Cuban refugee. They possess information that he intends to return to Cuba when liberated.

The Bishop of Bohemia has become so alarmed at the rapid spread of spiritualism that he has declared any one professing the belief in spiritualistic doctrines guilty of heresy.

Von Hobow Pasha, one of the able officers of the German army, who went to Constantinople to reform the Turkish army, has been appointed aide-camp to the Sultan and Master of the Horse.

The Paris Figaro says that General Tribaudin's dismissal from public life is only adjourned. The Intransigent says that the country relies on General Tribaudin's firmness to prevent the Republic from falling into General Gallifet's hands. It further says that the country's weakness is the signal for audacious reaction.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that the date of the coronation ceremony at Moscow may be put off until June. The date has been left blank in the invitations forwarded to foreign Powers. Precautions of all kinds are continually invented in the hope of thwarting the Nihilists.

The story of the Alliance of Germany, Austria, and Italy against France, which is now generally looked upon as a feeler, has been made the occasion by the Italian press for many anti-French articles.

Socialist members of the Reichstag, supported by Progressives, have given notice that they will introduce a motion in regard to the arrests of Socialist Deputies.

Four other Socialists were arrested at Kiel with Herrs Vollmar and Frohme. The latter has also been released.

The entire left of the Reichstag will vote against the ministerial bill increasing the duties on wood.

The resistance of the Danes in Schleswig to the demands of Prussia that they serve in the Prussian military service is as strong as ever. Thirty have just been expelled from the country.

A petition from the president and faculty of Yale College, has been presented to the New York State Senate in favor of the Niagara Falls Park bill.

The Prohibitionists at Topeka, Kansas, have, probably, elected the mayor there.

The body of John Pierce, of Titusville, Pa., drowned on February 4th, was found by the Rev. Mr. Hoover recently. Mr. Hoover is a noted divine of the Methodist Church at Sunville, and had revealed to him through a dream the location of the corpse.

Col. Forsyth reports that he lost the trail of the Indians in the Chihuahua Mountains. Mexican advices to Sarta report that a marauding band has been driven from Sonora into Arizona, after killing fifty-two people. Nothing has yet been heard from Capt. Black's command.

There has been no sitting of the Quebec Police Board for several months past, as the majority of the members refused to serve since the Courts declared they were not entitled to any remuneration for their services. A movement is now on foot to try and get the whole force under the management of the city corporation.

There is a rumor that the agents of Mr. Senecal have already acquired the Island of Anticosti from the proprietors, for the purposes of colonization.

His Grace the Archb. shop publishes in the Canadian a letter requesting owners of Catholic papers not to reproduce rumors of ecclesiastical changes unless authorized by competent parties. This is understood to apply particularly to recent rumors of the coming division of the Diocese of Three Rivers published in the press.

It is announced that Count de Puyjalon is likely to have the direction of the mineral and other exhibits of Canada to be exhibited in Paris.

The Government steamer "Newfield" with the Canadian exhibits for the London Fishery Exhibition, has sailed.

The New Brunswick steamship Company have failed in their efforts to contract with English builders for a new steamer to replace the "Cedar Grove." The company find that they cannot replace her for less than \$200,000, and the purchase of a new vessel stands over for further advices.

In Case of Insurrection.

Among the papers lately distributed by the Party of Action in the soldiers' barracks at Paris are some which enable the young recruit to grasp the whole art of revolution down to the minutest details. There is one, for instance, which tells the revolutionary soldier what he ought to do immediately there is news of an insurrection. He must then set fire to his barracks. To enable him to do this, he must make for where the straw and other inflammable matter may be lying. In any case, he must set fire to the mattresses. For making a fire he must employ a compound, if it is at hand, of petroleum and alcohol, of petroleum simply, or use a candle, if no better means are available. When the fire has commenced to burn up, he must then turn on all the jets of gas in the corridors and apartments. In the midst of the confusion he must either force the officers to join the revolt, or slay the recalcitrants, so that not one shall remain standing. He must then join the people in the street, and help to burn the public buildings, beginning with the police offices. Besides alcoholized petroleum he should be furnished with a yet deadlier agent, which is petroleum essence saturated with white phosphorus.

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of the Valley of Varmatsk and the forest of Baider were found to be unoccupied by any Russian detachment except a few Cossacks, who galloped away at sight of the enemy.

In the night, however, outposts were placed to watch the French manoeuvre, and ascertain its purpose. Capt. Symony, of the Sixth Regiment of Dragoons, being in command of a squadron on vedette duty, perceived a considerable body of Russian cavalry when the moon rose. It was detailing those outposts along the French line. He charged it, and almost entirely cut it to pieces with the sabre. Gen. Pelissier published a general order in praise of Capt. Symony, who also received the cross of the Leg on of Honor for his gallant conduct. After this partial encounter the expedition returned to its camp without being attacked by the Russian troops on the Mackenzie Heights, as was expected. I had enjoyed the ride exceedingly, and my immediate chief, as well as the Ambassador, was glad to hear from me all necessary particulars of it. From the hills on each side of the valley of the Tchernaya, which formed a sort of neutral ground after this movement to clear it of detachments, the hostile armies could see each other distinctly without using field glasses. Communications were soon established between them by signals at the advanced posts. A French sentry would tie his pocket-handkerchief on his bayonet, and a Russian sentry would leave a bottle of vodka, or brandy, at the end of his bear. In the evening a comrade not on guard would go to the spot, and, taking the bottle, would put a couple of loaves of white bread in its place. This traffic was carried on with great mutual satisfaction until it became known to commanding officers of regiments, who suppressed it peremptorily. The soldiers were in the habit of seeing white flags raised, and staff officers of the opposed armies meeting amicably to transact whatever business might be on hand, and it was not surprising that they should try to follow the example for the settlement of their own little bargains. After long practice, the management of short armistices under flags of truce was reduced to a perfect system of friendly regularity. A white flag would appear on a rampart or a trench. Firing would cease on both sides. Heads would be raised from parallels and rifle-pits often not many yards distant from each other, and soldiers would see the enemy whom they had been firing at. No ill-feeling was ever shown on either side. They would even smile and nod to each other. The French would not joke, which, translated by some Russian officer, would be received by his men with shouts of laughter. Russian infantry soldiers were supplied with better boots for marching in mud and snow than those of the allied armies, who took every opportunity of procuring a good pair from the feet of a dead enemy on the field of battle. This became a jest in the international chats of an armistice. I remember once a diminutive young Russian officer holding up his well-booted foot, and calling out in broken English, with linguistic pride: "Come! Take!" A herculean Captain of the Black Watch replied, with his Highland bonnet in his hand, high in the air: "Accept a fair exchange. You would look better in this!" Much laughing resounded from trench to rifle-pit. When the respective staff officers had finished their conference and saluted each other courteously, they retired to their lines, the flags of truce were lowered, and firing was resumed in the batteries with as much virulence as ever. On one occasion two Sergeants, an Englishman and a Russian, had been making friendly signs to each other, when the truce suddenly ended; the Russian, still standing up inadvertently, would certainly have had at least one rifle-ball through his head if the Englishman had not delayed the fire of his men while he made various gesticulations to him to go down from the rampart, which he did with a wave of the hand in acknowledgment of his enemy's courtesy. —Temple Bar.

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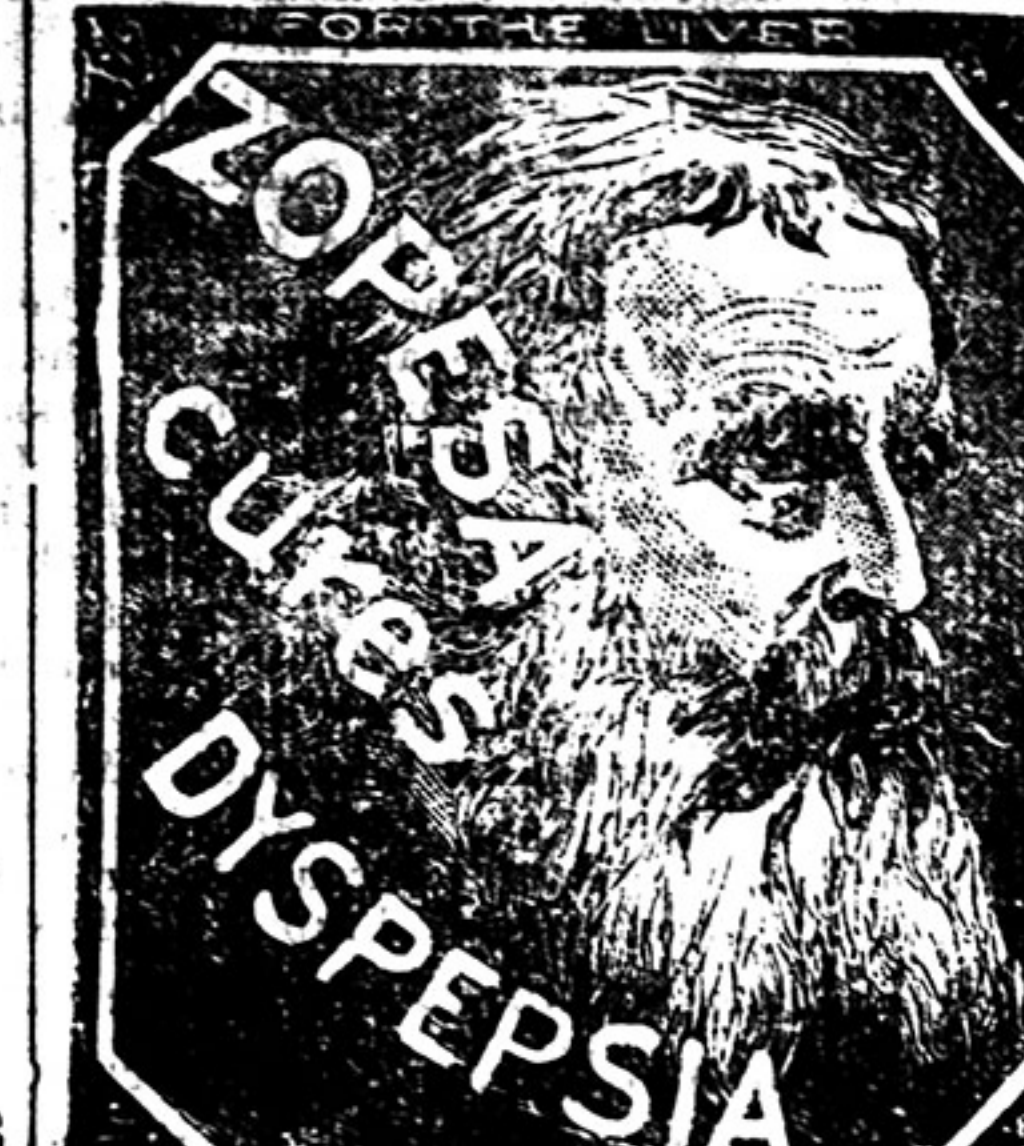
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