

News has just been received in Victoria of Buz McDonald, a prospector, who was washed over the falls on Powell river a few days ago. Powell river is on the Mainland opposite Texada island, and McDonald and a companion had been out in the district prospecting. A short distance above the falls on the Powell river McDonald pushed his boat out from shore with the intention of doing some fishing. The river rushes very swiftly at this point and something going wrong with the oars McDonald strove hard with one of them to paddle back to shore. The current was too powerful, however, and seeing that he was unable to handle the boat McDonald stood up and then sprang overboard evidently hoping to swim ashore. The rapid stream, however, bore him away and with one cry of despair the unfortunate man went over the falls which are 60 feet high. A search below revealed the shattered fragments of the boat but the man's body was not recovered. McDonald had for some time worked on the Texada island mines. He was a native of Nova Scotia and about 45 years of age.

To convince Eastern people that the vast mineral wealth of British Columbia is not confined to the interior, but that the coast shows as great a field for investment, Mr. Beaumont Boggs is making up a fine set of specimens from the Victoria-Texada group of claims on Texada island, which he will send East "on missionary duty." These specimens will be placed on exhibition at Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and various other Canadian towns. When the people there see the quartz with splashes of gold showing here and there through it, they will have their eyes opened as to the possibilities of the coast mines, and the results will no doubt be satisfactory.

## NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 11.—The operations of the Powell Lake Mining Company (a Nanaimo institution) has been crowned with marked success. A ledge over 100 feet wide has been opened and traced for over a mile in length. This company has five claims, and feels sure that it has a property as valuable and extensive as the famous Treadwell quartz quarry in Alaska, and which has turned out its millions. The rock is very similar in appearance to the Alberni Consolidated. It assays more than a profitable percentage of gold and silver, and with the almost inexhaustible quantity of medium grade ore should prove one of the most valuable mining properties in British Columbia. Powell lake is situated near the coast of the Mainland, coming within three miles of salt water. The lake is said to be one of the largest on the mainland of British Columbia, lying just north of Jervis inlet. The work of development will soon be prosecuted with increased vigor.

Tenders have been called by the Cameron Lake Gold and Silver Mining Co. for the extension of the present tunnel on the company's property for about 140 feet.

The local subscriptions for the India famine relief fund now amounts to \$300. Mr. Williams, manager of the Bank of B. C. here, sent the money to Ottawa this morning.

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# POWELL'S LAKE ORES

A New Scene of Activity in Coast Mining Described by the Locators in Seattle.

Lardean Company Floated in London—From Nanaimo Lakes—The Golden Cache.

John B. Denny, Capt. E. P. Miner and Noble Wallingford only recently returned to Seattle from a two months prospecting trip through the Coast district of British Columbia, and they were so well pleased with their discoveries that Mr. Wallingford has started again for the same section. Mr. Denny gave a running account of the trip to a Post-Intelligencer representative, from which he said:

"Active prospecting, generally by boat, is going on for 400 miles up the coast from Vancouver. We went up the straits and prospected in the lake regions, fifty miles into the interior and 120 miles from Vancouver. We worked around Powell's lake right in the Coast range, surrounded by mountains 5,000 to 6,000 feet high. It is about forty miles long and three or four miles wide, with an island in the middle fourteen miles long and three to five miles wide. The climate is very mild and there is no snow till you reach an elevation of 4,000 feet. The principal rock is granite, with intrusive porphyry dikes and diorite. The ledges are generally in contact between granite and porphyry, mostly running southeast by northwest, and are mineralized more or less clear across with copper sulphides associated with galena. We made several locations and expect to return very soon.

"The south end of Powell's lake comes within one mile of Malaspina straits and Powell river will afford water transportation for half that distance, while for the other half one will have to be trammed. The lake is deep and navigable and well sheltered from storms. It is only one of many similar lakes in the coast range all the way up to Alaska.

"At Rivers Inlet, a little over 300 miles from Vancouver, a big strike has been made by a man named Grant. He has a number of ledges in a slate formation, carrying free gold and black sulphurets, and one specimen I saw would run into thousands of dollars.

"In British Columbia they have what we lack—plenty of outside capital and considerable local capital for the development of their mines. A man who locates a claim can go to Vancouver or New Westminster and sell it for a good price. Times are improving very rapidly at Vancouver and they have not felt the depression as we did here. Some

## MINING NEAR HOME.

Leech River Free Gold Quartz Properties Being Opened Up and Prospected.

The mining development started away off in the most distant part of the province from Victoria, but gradually it has been coming nearer and nearer and people have begun to look more carefully around home to see whether some of the underground riches are not closer at hand than at first thought. As **Texada Island** and other points in the immediate vicinity have been worked with success, attention is being turned to other near-by districts, and among them Leech river, where years ago a vast amount of placer gold was taken out. This spring several Victorians have been quietly prospecting among the hills on Leech river near what is known as old Leechtown, nine miles from Goldstream. Mr. J. Dalby, one of these came into town on Wednesday night, and in conversation yesterday, said that there are now some fifteen or twenty men prospecting and working in the district, and with such good success that he would not be surprised to hear of some wonderfully rich strikes within the next two months. There are a number of very fine prospects with free milling ledges of grey and white quartz from 5 feet to 20 feet wide. Gold in some places is visible to the naked eye and where it cannot be seen in the rock, ore powdered up and washed shows free gold in the pan. Assays have been had from the surface from \$5 to \$20 and a couple of fifty pound samples have been brought out by Mr. Dalby for testing. A great many claims have been staked off, but as yet the time has been too short for much development. The two claims upon which most work has been done are the Rob Roy, owned by some Victoria people, which has a shaft down now ten feet, and the Georgia, on which an eight foot hole has been sunk. What is needed, however, to give a proper test of the veins is to put in enough capital to sink or tunnel some 200 feet. A sleigh road has been put in by Mr. Dalby five miles long from the main Goldstream road, and it is now easy to get in supplies. From the size of the ledges and the results so far obtained, Mr. Dalby has great confidence in the outlook for Leech river district, in view, too, of the known immense quantities of gold that came out of there in the old day placer times.







