

ACROSS THE BORDER.

Mexican Herald: Carlos M. Johnston, of this city, who, it is understood, is now in London for the purpose of interesting a strong financial coterie in a project for the absorption of the principal flour milling plants in Mexico by the Mixtamalina company, is meeting with gratifying success and it is expected that the scheme in which Mr. Johnston and other gentlemen of Mexico are interested will soon assume definite proportions and be under way to a successful issue. If worked out as the project is said to have been planned, the company will be one of the very largest industrial concerns in the republic and will have behind it a very large capital.

Guadalajara Times: Plans are under way for the removal of St. Andrew's College from Mexico City to Guadalajara. This is a school for the training of young men for the ministry, and is under the control of Bishop H. A. Aves of the Episcopal church. The Rev. William Watson, recently of Puebla and Oaxaca, will be at the head of St. Andrew's and is expected to arrive here next week. He will also have charge of the Spanish congregation of the Episcopal church in Guadalajara, which for the past eight months has been under the care of the Rev. H. C. Mayer. Mr. Mayer will assume the rectorship of the American mission at Jalapa, Veracruz, succeeding there the Rev. H. M. Green who takes Rev. Watson's former work.

Guadalajara Times: Arrangements have been made to resume development work on the old Calabaza mine in the Etzatlan district at an early date. The work will be done under the direction of Louis Baird, the Etzatlan engineer, for the account of the Dwight Furness Company of Guanajuato, which bought the Calabaza from Carlos Romero of Etzatlan several years ago. New drifting and sinking will, it is expected, uncover some important ore bodies at lower levels than ever before, and the erection of a reduction mill will probably be warranted. The Calabaza is situated four miles south of Etzatlan on a parallel vein to the famous Amparo group, and comprises twenty-four pertenencias. Four fissure veins cross the claim. There are about 600 feet of old shafts and drifts, which a few years ago were said to have shown 20,000 tons of milling ore ready for extraction.

Mexican Herald: The muse having failed to inspire a poem worthy of the distinction of being entitled "Independence," in response to the first call issued by the Centennial commission, a second call has been issued, the contest to close on December 31, at which time the decision will be made as to who merits the prize. In addition to the fame which the poet will acquire, there is a neat incentive of \$2,000—and as bagatelles like this come in very handy as a rule to men of letters, there will probably be a more spirited contest this time, and better material to select from when December 31 rolls around. As soon as the jury awards the prize, and the selection is published, "Independence" will be set to music, there being another

little incentive of \$2,000 in this for the composer who produces something which the jury may consider good enough. The musical competition will close within three months after the centennial poem, "Independence" is published.

Mexican Herald: Reports reached here yesterday that a deal for the Rancho Limon has been closed and that the property will at once be taken over by California parties. The tract contains 1,000,000 acres and the purchase price is said to \$2,500,000 gold. The motive of the company in buying the body of land, which is the largest in the state of Tamaulipas, is for the exploitation of oil. The tract is situated on the National Railways of Mexico, on it being the stations of Las Palomas, Rodriguez, Cocos and Auza. A large number of oil seepages exist on the property. It is reported that the company will at once begin drilling operations. Owing to the fact that the Panuco river is navigable at all seasons of the year for boats of light draught, shipping facilities which the company will be able to command are excellent and it will be an easy matter to reach Tampico and the gulf with products.

Mexican Herald: Since the early frosts last month several of the large financial and industrial institutions of Mexico have been compiling information concerning the actual state of the corn crop and the amount of damage done. One of these concerns said yesterday that according to returns received from the entire republic where corn is grown indicate that the acreage for this year was 70 per cent greater than that of last year and that the total yield will exceed that of 1908 by 10 per cent. According to these returns the crop is very spotted, but in many places where it was at first supposed that the entire corn crop had been killed by the frost, it was found that the loss in few instances exceeded 50 per cent. Where the corn had even partly matured, the growth was, of course, stopped, but the corn was not killed. The result was the checking of further development of the ear and considerable loss in weight.

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