

THE ALBERTA

GOLD RUSH NEWS



Alberta Gold Prospectors Association

Spring 2018

GOLD: FUN FACTS!

As of December 31, 1941 Fort Knox held 649.6 million ounces of gold. Today, Fort Knox holds about 147.3 million ounces.



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***Do you know someone who would be interested in joining the club? Please spread the word about our membership benefits!**



“Cyber mining for bitcoins again?”

If your membership is due please renew it . *Please read and fill in the enclosed waiver.* Membership dues can be sent to:

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SPRING BREAKOUT

Trenville Park near Elnora, AB. June 1-3rd

Friday June 1st - Panning demos and get to know your neighbour

Saturday June 2nd- Panning competitions for all ages/skill levels followed by a potluck BBQ the AGPA provides burgers, dogs and all the fixings, as well as pop.

Sunday June 3rd - More competitions possibly, and the end of the weekend.

Trenville Park will start taking reservations on May 1st. Phone: (403)773-2273. You can see a map of the park on their website trenvillepark.com



WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER YOU ...

Reduce stress	Strengthen your heart	Practice kindness	Live generously	Make friends

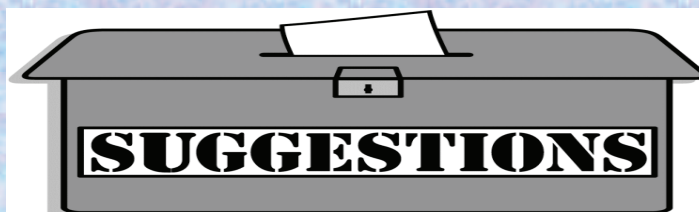


VolunteerSpot

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?

If you have any ideas or stories you would like to share, please feel free to email me directly!

Sarah Hollywood
Newsletter Editor



Russian plane spills \$368 million in gold and jewels all over Siberia

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5504253/Plane-loses-265-million-cargo-gold-jewels.html>

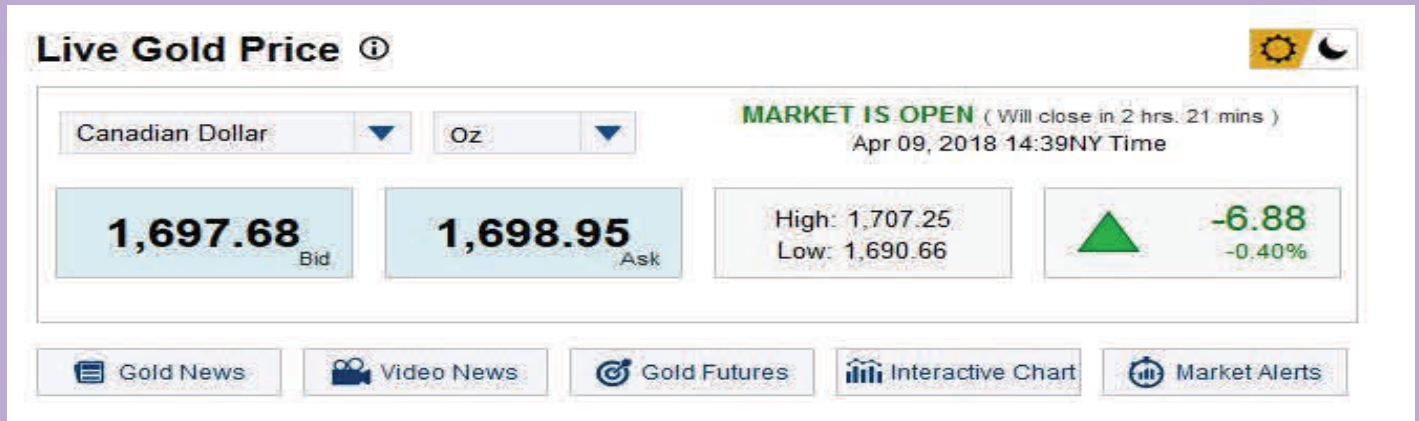
A plane lost much of a £265 million cargo of diamonds, platinum and gold on takeoff in Siberia. The treasures fell out of a loose hatch in the plane's hold. Precious metals and diamonds rained over the runway and a swathe of Yakutia, the coldest region in Russia. The hatch door fell off near a car market without causing injury.



The plane bound for Krasnoyarsk then made an emergency landing at Magan after discovery it had been haemorrhaging valuables. The nightmare happened on takeoff from Yakutsk, the regional capital.



PRICE OF GOLD:



(Checked on April 9, 2018)

Volunteers Are Needed!

We have the following upcoming events, in which, volunteers are required:

Edmonton Rock and Gem Show - April 26th set up to the 29th at
Edmonton Expo Centre 7515 118 Ave NW, Edmonton, Alberta.

April 26 set up 12-9

April 27 Show 1-9

April 28 Show 10-6

April 28 Show 10-5 tear down 5-6

Scouts Wabamun Lake

May 4th set up

May 5th teaching scouts and tear down.

Calgary CRLC Show - Vivo Center 11950 Country Village Link NE, Calgary, AB

May 4: 9-9 set up and show

May 5: 10-6 Show

May 6: 10-5 Show 5-6 tear down

Spring Breakout various times throughout the weekend of June 1st-3rd.

Please email Alexandra Hadash at: agpapresident1@gmail.com or Kathy Trombley at: kc_cook@hotmail.com to sign-up for any Calgary events (or for Spring Breakout). Please contact Jon Garner jgarner@telusplanet.net for the Edmonton events.

The Search for Bonanza

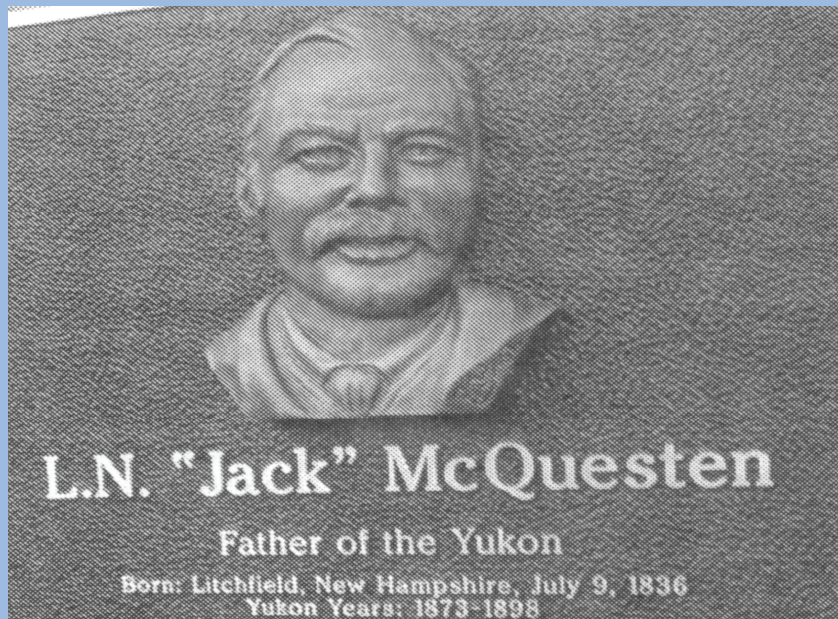
The great discovery of gold in the Yukon that occurred in 1896 did not occur in a vacuum. It seems simplistic to say so, but gold discoveries are rarely serendipitous; people do not stumble over it while out for a walk. In order for gold to be found, there must be people looking for it. As had happened in California in 1849 and later in British Columbia, gold was discovered in the Yukon because miners knew or had good reason to believe it was there, and had spent years looking for it. If there was gold in the southern and central parts of the western mountain chain, then why should there not be gold in the north as well?

In 1872 three men came to explore the mineral possibilities of the upper Yukon valley. Leroy Napoleon McQuesten (who understandably preferred the nickname "Jack"), a farm boy from New England, had participated in the California gold rush and had later prospected on the Fraser and Finlay rivers in northern British Columbia. For a time he had worked in the north for the Hudson's Bay Company, learning survival and trading skills that were to serve him well in the Yukon. A good-natured, generous man, he later came to be called the "Father of the Yukon." Arthur Harper had emigrated from northern Ireland as a teenager in 1832 and had followed gold rushes in North America for two decades. It was Harper who reasoned that there ought to be gold in the northern part of the Rockies, since there had been plenty of it in the south. Alfred Mayo, a slight wiry man, was a former circus acrobat from Kentucky. A man who liked practical jokes, he was driven, like the other two, by a hunger for discovery and adventure.

While still in the south, the three men heard from a man who had worked at Fort Youcon that there were rumours in the north about gold. Stories had been circulating among the fur traders since the 1850s that there was gold in the tributaries of the Yukon River. One of the employees of the Hudson's Bay Company had written home in 1864 that gold had been found upriver in good quantities, but for some reason he did not investigate this story. Thus when the three men came into the Yukon in 1872 by way of the Bell and Porcupine rivers, the smell of gold was in the air. McQuesten later related a story he had heard about an early find:

One of the officers [of the Hudson's Bay Company] that came up on the steamer washed out of a jar of dirt near Fort Yukon and he had about a teaspoonful of something yellow in the pan and the officer threw it away remarking that it would not do to let the men see it as they would all leave the steamer... by the way the officer acted trying to hide it from the other men he supposed it must be gold. . . .

To read the rest of this story please visit: <http://www.canadianmysteries.ca/sites/klondike/context/3335en.html>





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Application—Change of Address—Renewals

Please Print information & sign the Waiver

 1 Year Single \$20.00, Family \$30.00

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