

not being necessarily and in permanence, Vancouver, unless so decided by a majority of the members of the Chamber, Vancouver is indeed as yet merely a temporary selection as the place of the Chamber's chief office and as the urban center from which its operations—as yet necessarily in the main tentative—are being directed.

The appeal to the press of the Province was accompanied, moreover, by the sending of yet another circular letter by the Acting Secretary to as many, as the Executive Committee and himself could ascertain, of those who may be considered representative mining men of the Province. Few of them were, it is believed, missed by the circular letter, and those few only by accident. The letter thus sent to representative mining men reads as follows:

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF MINES, }  
VANCOUVER, B. C., April 6, 1898. }

DEAR SIR: I have been instructed by the Executive Committee of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines to write you personally, with a view of securing your co-operation and valuable assistance in inducing those in your district prominently engaged in mining to associate themselves with the Chamber. Through printed circulars and the press the objects of the Chamber have been clearly set forth. A copy of the Articles of Association adopted you will please find enclosed. It will be considered a great favor if you will kindly give the same your careful consideration and favor the committee with your views, including suggestions as to amendments, qualifications or additions to the same that you may consider advisable, also your views regarding the annual fees of Representative or Associate Members. It is the desire of the Executive to conduct the Chamber impartially and altogether in the interests of those engaged in mining throughout the Province. It is proposed to appoint a permanent secretary, who will devote his entire time to the work, and, as soon as membership will permit, sub-committees in the different mining districts will be appointed to co-operate with the Executive in the conduct of the Chamber. Trusting that you will extend all possible assistance to the successful carrying out of the undertaking, and awaiting the favor of an early reply, I remain

Yours faithfully,

F. S. TAGGART.

Secretary pro tem.

To ..... Esq.,  
British Columbia.

Could anything, we again ask, be less sectional than the above appeal, which has been widely circulated amongst the leading mining men of the Province? It is true that the response has not yet been so large as could be wished and is earnestly desired, but this, notwithstanding, which falls to the lot of most western public bodies at their inception, the Chamber even as at present temporarily

constituted, includes many most representative mining men of British Columbia, who will, as it is expected, form the nucleus of what should become in due course a very strong Chamber of Mines, with a very large and comprehensive membership. Amongst others already connected with the Chamber, we may incidentally mention the names of Mr. W. White, Q. C., of Revelstoke, of Mr. A. C. Knight of 150-Mile House, of Messrs. L. R. B. Brown and Hirschell Cohen of Victoria, Mr. Ben Douglas of New Westminster, Mr. J. Anderson of Rossland, Mr. F. W. Alexander of Quesnelle Forks, Mr. R. H. Campbell of Harper's, Mr. C. F. Law of Cariboo and Vancouver, the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh of Rossland and Vancouver, Dr. Selwyn, C. M. G., of Vancouver, and Messrs. Waterman, Bonthron, Pellet Harvey, Bell, J. C. Ferguson, Henry Abbott, Osborne Plunkett and H. Bell Irving of Vancouver. The names of these gentlemen, with those of others that might be given, should sufficiently show that representative men have already joined the Chamber, which will shortly, after the appointment of a permanent secretary, who should be possessed of special experience of like work, be able to map out a programme of most useful and indeed necessary work, for the benefit of the many and varied mining interests of the Province in general.

As for the suggestion that the Chamber is to be run for the private advantage of a certain clique in Vancouver, it is so unworthy as to be beneath notice. The personnel of the Chamber, including as it does some of the most widely known and generally respected mining men of the Province, should of itself sufficiently refute any such accusation. The Mining Record should assuredly rather aid than obstruct, as it apparently seeks to do, the formation of a strong Provincial Chamber of Mines.

#### THE LE ROI SALE.

It would appear, although an attempt has been made to deny the statement, that the British America Corporation has acquired the Le Roi mine for \$3,000,000, at which price the deal would appear to embody a business-