

## TO ACCOMMODATE THE RUSH

Many Buildings Will Go Up at Rat Portage.

## ALGOMANS AFTER COMEE

New York Capitalists Purchase 100 Ontario Mining Locations.

They Represent a Company Working With \$3,000,000 of Capital—Notwithstanding the Whines of a Few Frenchers Legitimate Mining is a Thing Canada Cannot Discourage, Says Mr. S. R. Clarke—The People are Less Susceptible to False News Than Six Months Ago.

"What is Rat Portage to do with her growing population?"

This is a question that is being asked by citizens of that booming town. Quarters attracted by the development of the surrounding mines are crowding in, and the rush is expected to be largely augmented this spring and summer.

In view of these circumstances some people think that there is a need of a permanent settlement at Rat Portage.

It is now learned, however, that some enterprising individuals and companies propose erecting dwellings and hotels against the impending immigration movement.

The Western Lumber Co., for instance, it is learned, will attempt to provide for some of the incoming by building a number of houses to be disposed of to tenants on the instant plan.

A new opera house is also now an assured fact, and six months hence Rat Portage will be compelled, for want of a proper theatre to refuse such an attraction in the way of public entertainment as Madame Alhambra.

## TO DOWN COMEE

Rat Portage Man Will Be Run Against Him Next Year.

According to all accounts James Comee, M.L.A., has made himself so unpopular by his alleged landgrabbing in his own constituency that he is not likely to be returned at the pending provincial general election.

"Whether there is any truth in certain rumors or not," said Mr. Comee, "I have succeeded in making himself a very impossible man in Western Ontario," said a leading member of the party to a Winnipeg Free Press man.

"At the next election, come when they may, a local man will be run for this constituency. At the last general election Mr. J. M. Savage defeated the Government candidate in a fair stand-up fight, in spite of the peculiar methods which were adopted against him.

The same thing is going to occur again, and if the Government is wise in its generation a local man will represent its interests in the next fight that takes place at Rat Portage is fairly entitled to some of the best of the movement is already afoot to secure a good local man, independent of politics, to contest Western Ontario and properly represent its growing mining interests at the next Provincial elections."

## WHAT NEXT?

One Way of Trying to Boom a Paper's Circulation.

Markham Sun. The Toronto Star offers a paper and 20 shares in the Inter-Ocean Mining and Development Co. for \$2. If the paper proves the value of the shares the investor will probably realize nothing.

## 100 ONTARIO LOCATIONS

Sold by One Toronto Man to New York Capitalists.

"The outlook for mining development in Ontario," said S. R. Clarke to a representative of the Toronto yesterday, "has never been so bright as it is at present. The Ontario and Rainy River Railway will be started this season and completed within two years. It opens up the rich Seine River district. Already a large amount of English capital is being employed on the Ferguson, Regina, Mikado, Cornucopia, Triumph and other mines in Ontario. American capital to the extent of \$200,000 has gone into the Foley, and a great deal more is coming this way from New York and Boston to as far west as St. Paul the Americans are closely watching the progress of the gold mines, and in a considerable number of cases have already taken hold. As bearing on the future of the province mention that during this week capitalists from New York have purchased through me over 100 mining locations in Western Ontario, and they are acting for a company with a capital of \$5,000,000."

"You are of course familiar with the fact that the sales of mining locations by our Crown Lands Department during the first five weeks of this year exceeded those of the whole of last year, and the sales during October, November and December, 1896, exceeded those during the whole of 1895."

It is said of President Kruger that one day when his attention was called to the fact that he was standing on a street of gold, he remarked gruffly that he would no longer be troubled with gold if it would be easier on the feet.

Apparently Com Paul, as well as he is credited with being in some ways, does not know a good thing when he sees it.

Parties wishing to invest in Ontario mines should make a careful study of the geological map. Experience shows that the successful mines such as the Sultana, Mikado, Mascon, Sawbill, Scramble, Princess, Black Sturgeon, etc., are to be found at the contact of the Laurentian and Huronian rock.

The longest point of contact is that stretching from the Grey Eagle mine, south of the Government road, near to Rat Portage, up to the Black Sturgeon on Black Sturgeon Lake, being eight miles. This contact is almost in a true compass line, and shows the granite-like rock on the east side and the green slate on the west, and between them a true fissure filled with ore, which has come up in a molten state when the great eruption occurred. This vein, besides being of such a continuous length, has an enormous width. On the surface it shows some eight to twelve feet, but below, on the Scramble, at 50 feet depth, it is 27 feet wide, and at 60 feet depth it is 35 feet wide, thus showing that the further you go down the wider it is. The Scramble and the Black Sturgeon are both controlled by the same people, but the Princess, situated between them, is owned by Toronto men. The Board of Directors are all well known in the business circles of Toronto.

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28 VICTORIA-ST. Telephone 640. WRITE OR CALL FOR PROSPECTUSES.

Deer Park, 23c (going higher); Vulcan, 4c; Yale, 4c (small block); Ottawa and Ivanhoe silver mines (Slocan), 12½c; The British-Canadian Gold Fields (500 shares), 18c; Santa Marie Slocan silver mine, as splendid buy, 6c; Monita (1000 shares), 20c; Monte Cristo, 16c; Silver Bell (500), 7c; Ibex (1000), 5c; Slocan Star (500 shares) \$2.65.

to direct the flow of capital into safe and profitable mines. But no information is forthcoming. When one tries to climb out of the old rut there is always some one to doubt, object and obstruct. Stevenson and Field were not the only benefactors of mankind who met with coldness and more than coldness, from engineers, capitalists, statesmen and others. Even it were needless to recount the numerous instances of wretched opposition which everything new and great and beneficial to mankind has had to encounter from indifference, incredulity and ignorance on the one hand and vested interests on the other. Suffice it to add that if the figures as to gold production throughout the world be reviewed for the last fifty years, it will be found that nearly every country has had its period of activity, great expansion and in some cases, decline. In 1855 Australia produced over \$80,000,000 the United States \$73,000,000. Both have since fallen off to some extent, and Africa is coming up with an output of \$43,000,000 last year, and now it would seem to be Canada's turn. Let us enter and possess the promised land."

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## THE SPOKANE-KASLO MINING AND MILLING COMPANY.

WHITE WATER SILVER MINING CAMP.

Slocan District, B.C. See Company's Claims.

Spokane-Kaslo No. 1 Spokane-Kaslo No. 2

"ACME" and "American"

Scale about 3000 ft to the

inch

COMPLIMENTS OF W. H. BLEASDELL & CO. MINING BROKERS TORONTO.

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## A Group of Four Full-Sized Mineral Claims in the "STERLING SILVER" SLOCAN.

Authorized Capital 900,000 Shares at a par value of \$1.00 each, Fully Paid Up and Non-Assessable, of which 600,000 Shares are Treasury Stock for Development Purposes.

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

W. D. SCOTT, President. J. B. MEYERS, Vice-President. JOSEPH ROSSLOW, Secretary-Treasurer.

W. A. DAVIES, Resident Agent and Manager of Mines, Kaslo, B.C.

## OFFICES:

306-307 FERNWELL BLOCK, Spokane, Wash.

## BROKERS:

W. H. BLEASDELL & CO., 50 Yonge-St., Toronto, Ont.

## PROSPECTUS.

ALL PROMOTERS' STOCK HAS BEEN POOLED.

THE SPOKANE-KASLO MINING AND MILLING COMPANY has been organized for the purpose of developing Silver Mining claims in the SLOCAN, B.C., one of the richest silver-producing mining districts in the world. It will be noticed that the capitalization is but 900,000 shares at a par value of \$1.00 each, of which 600,000 shares have been placed in the Treasury for development purposes. The Company owns without a dollar of debt or liability FOUR full-sized Silver claims, of fifty-two acres each, in the heart of the rich Whitewater Silver Mining Camp, situated upon the Kaslo & Slocan Railway, seventeen miles west of Kaslo and about one mile north of the Railway, thus making transportation easy and inexpensive.

The FOUR MINERAL Claims owned by this Company are the "Spokane-Kaslo No. 1," "Spokane-Kaslo No. 2," "ACME" and "American," which by reference to Map accompanying Prospectus you can readily locate and see their great geographical advantage as to shipment and position in relation to the natural trend of ledges or veins upon this mountain, which invariably run in an easterly and westerly direction, each claim being 1500 feet square. You will observe that this Company has 4,500 feet of mineralized area running due north and south and so situated that they must carry all the veins upon this mountain, from and including the "Whitewater," "Wellington" and "Lone Star" claims, at the least five in number, giving a minimum of 7,500 feet of mineralized vein matter.

The two northerly claims embrace an area of 1500 feet north and south, by 3000 feet east and west, and the two southerly claims 3000 feet north and south by 1500 feet east and west, which is a wise and admirable location, as we believe investors in this stock will duly appreciate.

Immediately about these claims, north, south, east and west, and in a small area of country, there are fifty developed and shipping silver mines, whose products rival in richness and output those of any country in the world. "THE RICH SLOCAN" is becoming so famous that we deem it unnecessary to go into further particulars beyond the fact that the silver output for 1896 from this small district amounted to Two and One-Quarter Million Dollars, and it is confidently expected by conservative authorities that the output for the current year will exceed \$5,000,000.

In addition to the working mines referred to there are between forty and fifty others rapidly developing which will become shippers before the close of the present year. All of the company's claims are advantageously situated and can be worked by tunneling. The Company's claim, Spokane-Kaslo No. 2, is and has been for some time under continuous development, and a tunnel has been run up to date (February 6th, 1897) 160 feet and is constantly improving with depth. Six hundred feet of tunneling has been contracted and paid for, to be completed by May 1st, 1897, and there still remain unused about 300,000 shares of Treasury Stock.

On the Spokane-Kaslo No. 2 along one wall the quartz is well mineralized and the amount of galena increases with every foot in depth attained. Assays of the galena have run as high as \$90.00 to the ton. From present indications the company will undoubtedly be able to ship ore from this claim within ninety days.

Considerable surface development and some tunneling has been done upon the "ACME" and "AMERICAN," and they both make a fine showing, so far as developed. On the second and third claims east of the "ACME," and on the same ledge, rich galena ore has been opened up at a depth of about thirty feet. The claim adjoining the "ACME" on the west is owned by an English syndicate and development of the same has made such a good showing that it will be worked continuously. A very limited amount of the Treasury Stock has been placed on the market for a short period at TEN CENTS PER SHARE, subject to advance or withdrawal without notice.

Any further information desired may be obtained from JOSEPH ROSSLOW, Secretary of the Company, Spokane, Washington; W. A. DAVIES, Resident Agent at Kaslo, B.C., or W. H.