

THE GRANITE CREEK MINING CO.'S ANNUAL MEETING.

First Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Granite Creek Mining Company (Limited), held in the head office of the Company, 47 St. Francois Xavier Street, Montreal, Que., on Tuesday, the 15th day of December, 1896, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in that behalf.

The following shareholders were present:—Messrs. Robert Stevenson, President; W. Barclay Stephens, Vice-President; W. L. Hogg, Sec. & Treas.; W. Dale Harris, C. R. Giffard, M.D., A. W. Fleck, Arthur Ross, R. C. Jacques, G. F. O'Halloran, J. I. Mackie, S. Boyd Higginson, George H. Milica, George D. Phelps, George M. Greene, Chas. H. Carriere, W. R. Askwith, John Ferguson, J. J. O'Meara, C. F. Benson, Theo. Labatt, F. H. Gardner, J. S. Murray, A. Lumsden, T. McWaters, Grant MacInosh, H. B. Cameron, P. McKenzie, A. Fleck, jun., John G. Watson, George W. Gardner, F. S. Lyman, Q.C., George McDougall, D. W. McLaren, J. N. Greenshields, Q.C., Thomas Birkett, R. K. Gould, Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, George B. Burland, J. Hey H. Burland and H. K. Ives.

It was

1. Moved by Robert Stevenson;

Seconded by W. Barclay Stephens:

"That Hon. A. W. Ogilvie do now take the chair."—*Carried.*

2. Moved by J. N. Greenshields;

Seconded by Arthur Ross:

"That H. Stafford be requested to act as Secretary."—*Carried.*

The Minutes of the last General Meeting of Shareholders held in Montreal on the 20th of February last were read and confirmed.

Mr. Arthur Ross read the Financial Statement of the Company together with the First Annual Report of the Directors as follows:

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRANITE CREEK MINING CO., LIMITED.

The Directors of the above Company beg to report as follows:—

The Company was, on the fifteenth day of January, 1896, incorporated by letters patent granted under the Revised Statutes of Canada, Chapter 119, and known as "The Companies Act."

The Provisional Directors duly organized the Company on the thirtieth day of January, 1896, and authorized the execution of an agreement for the

purchase of all the mineral lands, mines, real estate both real and personal, properties, credits, business, good will and assets of the Stevenson Company, subject to all liens, charges and incumbrances affecting the same or any one or more of them or any part thereof respectively, and subject also to all the liabilities of the Stevenson Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining Company, hereafter called the Stevenson Company, in respect thereof, at and for the price or sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the said purchase money to be paid by the allotment to the shareholders in the Stevenson Company of ten thousand shares of the stock of the Granite Creek Mining Company hereafter called the Granite Company, in the same proportion as the shares in the Stevenson Company were then held by their shareholders, such shares of the Granite Company to be deemed to be fully paid up and non-assessable.

Said agreement for the purchase of the assets of the Stevenson Company was subsequently, on the thirtieth day of January, 1896, duly approved of and confirmed by the shareholders of the Granite Company at a special general meeting of such Company held on the said thirtieth day of January, 1896, and a triplicate original of said agreement was duly filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the Dominion of Canada on the thirty-first day of January, 1896.

Messrs. Robert Stevenson and W. L. Hogg, the owners of two leasehold properties known as the Swan and Amberty properties, having offered to sell the same to the Granite Company for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to be paid by the allotment to the vendors of twenty-five hundred fully paid up shares of the Granite Company, and your Directors having made careful inquiries as to the value of these properties, and having reason to know that their ownership was practically essential to the development of the leasehold properties at that time held by the Granite Company decided to accept the offer of Messrs. Stevenson and Hogg, and an agreement for the purchase of said properties (viz., the Swan and Amberty properties) was at a meeting of your Directors held on the twentieth day of February, 1896, authorized to be executed, and such agreement was duly approved of and confirmed at a meeting of the shareholders of the Granite Company subsequently held on the said twentieth day of February, 1896.

Your Directors authorized Mr. Robert Stevenson to extend the flume and ditch from the pen stock on the Stevenson claim across the Gladstone and Amberty to the upper line of the Swan claim, and to furnish all material, labor and piping and two additional No. 3 monitors, and place the same in position and in shape for working not later than the thirtieth day of June, 1896, for a sum not exceeding eleven thousand dollars, the same to be payable in instalments as the work should progress. The work authorized as above has been duly carried on during the past summer subject to the delays hereinafter referred to.

Certain charges having been made by Mr. H. B. Cameron and Mr. H. Brunel respecting the management of the Company's affairs at Granite Creek and also that the construction of the works had been conducted in an improper and extravagant manner, your Directors deemed it advisable in the interests of the Company to have a thorough and systematic investigation of these charges made upon the ground, and therefore authorized Mr. W. Dale Harris, C.E., and Mr. Alex. Fleck to proceed to Granite Creek and make a thorough and specific investigation of the property and management, and make a report to the Board.

Your Directors duly received their report, and the same is now laid on the table for your perusal.

Your Directors have much pleasure in stating that Messrs. Harris and Fleck in their report assure the shareholders that the affairs of the Company, barring legal delays, which, at the date of the report (the nineteenth day of September, 1896), were at an end, were going on quite satisfactorily, that the charges against Messrs. Stevenson and Hogg were without foundation, and that there appeared to be every prospect of a profitable future for the Company.

Your Directors regret that any such charges should have been made, as their effect cannot be otherwise than injurious to the standing and interests of the Company.

The work of construction required for the proper development and working of the mine is now completed, but did not progress as rapidly as your directors would have wished owing to factious litigation and injunctions which caused the stoppage of the works for about two months. This litigation so far has resulted in favor of the Company, and the mine is now so fully equipped that the working of the mine can be carried on as soon as