

drills are so crowded together as to cause serious interference and loss of time. Ventilation and timbering cannot be properly maintained.

We have endured these evils so far in the hope that they would be only temporary, and that it might be possible to improve the situation gradually and avoid a stoppage of production. It is now evident that this is not possible. It will be several months before the new machinery is in place, and until then we cannot gain much with the development.

It will then be many months before this development is advanced far enough to permit economical mining. Meanwhile the present waste of money would continue.

Under the circumstances radical measures are necessary to secure relief. I am therefore compelled to advise that you immediately stop production and cease dividends. We can then devote a number of months to the sole work of getting the mine and its equipment into proper shape for economical work.

Respectfully yours,

EDMUND B. KIRBY,
Manager.

TORONTO, 5th February, 1900.

*To the Shareholders of
The War Eagle Consolidated Mining & Development Co., Limited,*

— AND —

The Centre Star Mining Co., Limited.

DEAR SIR,—

In accordance with the advice of the management at Rossland, as set forth in the accompanying letters, the directors have decided to close down the mines for the present. We desire to add that we have every confidence in the future of the mines, when the plant, etc., is in good working condition.

Yours truly,

GEORGE GOODERHAM,
President.