

THE PROPOSED PROVINCIAL CHAMBER OF MINES

This important mining movement is progressing most satisfactorily, as a result of the large and representative meeting held last Saturday in the Hotel Vancouver, in this city, under the presidency of Mayor Garden, with Mr. Charles Tetley acting as honorably secretary of the meeting. Mr. W. J. Waterman then explained what steps he had taken in Victoria and Vancouver as acting secretary of the endeavor, outlining also the scope of the proposed Chamber. Some objected, he said, on the ground that there was already a Government Bureau of Mines, under Mr. W. A. Carlyle. He had, however, authority to say that both the Hon. Col. Baker, as Provincial Minister of Mines, and Mr. Carlyle approved the present movement and would promote it by all means in their power, it being highly desirable to add to a competent Government Department of Mines a special Chamber voluntarily organized on absolutely non-political lines. Mr. B. Bonthrone spoke of the good work, which, like chambers of mines had done and were doing in South Africa and Western Australia, and strongly argued that to supply the British investor with accurate information in a form needed by the English money market, a Chamber of Mines was absolutely necessary. It was assured that without a large influx of British capital British Columbia mining development must be slower than it should be, and the English moneyed men greatly needed more and more accurate information about one of the richest mineral lands on earth, of which, unfortunately, people in England still know very little. Mr. Osborne Plunkett here moved that a Chamber of Mines be established. This was supported by Messrs. De Beck and Skene, and carried with an understanding that the friendly co-operation of the Vancouver Board of Trade and other like bodies should be sought, and, if possible, obtained, although the Chamber of Mines being a Provincial institute, was and would be in no respect dependent, save for friendly co-operation, upon local bodies such as boards of trade. A committee of twelve

was then appointed to draft a proposed charter and by-laws and report to a meeting to be held on the 15th of February. The committee, which is busily at work and receiving all necessary encouragement from the right people, consists of influential and broadly representative members, its composition clearly showing that all sectionalism has been avoided. The members are: Mayor Garden and Messrs. Hamersley, Bonthrone, Taggart, Willis, Plunkett, Pellew-Harvey, Bell-Irving, J. M. MacKinnon, J. M. Buxton, and W. Gordon Ross.

ANOTHER WHITEWATER DIVIDEND.

This noted Slocan mine company has just declared another dividend, bringing to \$154,000 the aggregate profits up to date.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Texada Proprietary Gold Mines, Limited, will be held at the office of the Company, 319 Cambie Street, Vancouver, B.C., on Monday, 21st day of February, 1898, at 3 p.m.

Business: To receive report of Directors and to elect Directors and Auditor for ensuing year, and any other business that may come before the meeting.

W. H. KEARY,

Secretary.

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