

Registration of a Company.

IV, and Amending Act, 1897, and the "Companies Act," (Foreign.)

day of February, 1897.

I have this day registered under the "Companies Act," (Foreign.)

Part IV, "Registration of Companies," and amending Act, 1897.

and the company is situated in the state of Washington.

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STEWART RIVER DIGGINGS

Minister Sifton Says Three Tenders Have Been Received.

Shepherd of Toronto Appointed Trade Commissioner to South America. Session Drawing to a Close.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Ont., May 5.—Minister Sifton

stated in the house today that three

tenders had been received for the exclu-

sive right of digging for gold in the bed

of the Stewart river, a tributary of the

Yukon. The tenders have not yet been

opened. One condition was that a roy-

alty of 25 cents be paid for each ounce of

gold obtained.

Sir Henri Joly introduced the bill

into the senate, making the 24th of

May a perpetual holiday. It was read

the first time.

Edmund E. Sheppard of Toronto will

leave shortly for South America as trade

commissioner for the Dominion govern-

ment.

Mr. Munn, of New Westminster, who

has been here about the Kaslo & Slokan

railway, left tonight for Kootenay.

Mr. Yates, who is here about a sub-

sidy for a steamship line to South

America from Victoria, leaves tomorrow

for home.

Premier Laurier has given notice that

the government will take Wednesday

and Thursday, showing that the session

is going to be rushed.

GOLD MINING CONVENTION.

To Be Held at Denver in July—De-

legates From Many States.

DENVER, Col., May 5.—It has been

decided by the Denver chamber of com-

merce, the real estate exchange and the

mining exchange to have an interna-

tional gold mining convention July 7, 8

and 9. Governor Adams will be tem-

porary president, and the governors and

lieutenant-governors of the several states

and territories taking part in the con-

vention will be vice-presidents.

The basis of representations will be

thirty delegates at large from each state

and territory, to be appointed by the

governor of each; five from each county,

to be appointed by the county commis-

sioners; five from each city, and one

additional, to be named by the mayor;

five from each mining bureau, miners'

union, mining exchange, board of trade,

chamber of commerce, and other com-

mercial, labor and trade organizations.

THAT CHECK FORGER.

He Worked His Game Here and Left

Well Healed.

It now seems that the young stranger

who induced two Rossland business

men to cash forged checks to the

amount of \$75 for him last Saturday

and Sunday, worked his game ener-

getically while he was at it. Samuel

Copp, who mourns the loss of \$7.50,

which the stranger borrowed from him

on the plea that he was flat broke and

waiting a remittance from the old

country, knows more about the forger

than anyone yet found.

Mr. Copp met him at Revelstoke last

week. The stranger introduced himself

as Edgar Long and made a strong play

to gain Mr. Copp's confidence. He was

well dressed, of good education and

asked Mr. Copp to let him have \$7.50

for a day or two. Mr. Copp thought

the stranger was honest and gave up the

amount requested.

At trail they separated, Mr. Copp

THE ZENITH GROUND.

The decision of the supreme court in the Paris Belle case raises what will be a new question to most of The Miner's readers, in holding that the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway company has no right to any portion of the Zenith. This decision, of course, applies to all other ground so situated in the land grant, that is to say ground which was covered by valid mineral locations on March 23, 1893. It was the contention of the railway company that these mineral claims reverted to it, but the supreme court has decided that they reverted to the crown.

The Great Western, Golden Chariot and Alice mineral claims were all covered by live locations on March 23, 1893, claims which subsequently lapsed, as did the Zenith. The decision of the supreme court holds that these lands should therefore have been excluded, like the Zenith, from the railway company's grant. As the government has, however, crown granted these lands to the railway company, and the mineral to the Great Western and Alice owners, it would appear that nobody, unless it be Charlie Dundee, is in a position to attack the railway company's title, seeing that it has compromised with the mine owners, and that the government is estopped from disputing the title now, as it is presumed to have had a full knowledge of those matters before issuing the crown grants in question, and therefore cannot now assert that they were issued improvidently or fraudulently.

As to the surface of the Zenith claim the conditions are different. The Paris Belle company will be enabled under the new mineral act to set up a claim to purchase it from the government, although the mineral act in force at the time of its location gave it no other right to the surface, even if it were vacant crown land, than the reasonable use of it for mining purposes.

The provincial legislature never meets without enacting, or at least threatening to enact, some bill which will inflict great hardship on Kootenay. Last year the government brought down a bill to tax all precious metal mines two per cent on their gross output, practically all the precious metal mines in the province being in this district. The tax was finally enacted at the rate of one per cent, but not until the people of the district had protested vigorously against such an unjust and discriminatory impost.

This year it was hoped that Kootenay was to escape and in this hope The Miner shared until yesterday. It is true that an alien amendment had been talked of, but it was understood that this merely proposed to deprive aliens of the right of acquiring mining claims by location. It was never imagined for a moment that its terms prevented an alien from becoming a free miner at all, nor that the same act would require all working miners to be free miners.

A feeling of intense consternation spread through all classes in Rossland when The Miner announced that such an amendment had not only been introduced but had carried on a division. People at once began to figure out what its effect would be. It was decided by all that it would be simply ruinous.

It meant for one thing that the enormous immigration, attracted from the United States by the wealth of our mineral resources and the liberality of our laws, was to be checked. It meant that thousands of good Americans in Kootenay, who had been instrumental in opening up the country and proving its worth as a mining country, would feel constrained to close out their holdings and leave the district for other camps in their own country where they would be welcomed. It meant that of the hundreds of skilled miners now at work in Kootenay the vast majority would have to change their allegiance or give up their jobs, with the chances distinctly in favor of their choosing the latter course.

In the result of the mines being closed. In a word, it meant the depreciation of all property, whether real estate or mines, the loss of millions to British subjects as well as aliens and the abandonment of all such enterprises as the Crow's Nest railway and the Heinze railroad to Boundary for the reason that there would be no business for either of the roads to do.

The danger of this amendment being adopted, strange as it may seem, is not yet past. It is by no means certain that the same members who voted for it in committee will not vote for it on the third reading. Kootenay must speak in no uncertain tones or its prosperity may be blasted at a blow.

ASSESSABILITY OF STOCKS.

Our London correspondent is quite right in insisting that the question of the assessability or non-assessability of our stocks should be settled at once and for good. It is useless to offer our scrip on the London market so long as there is any uncertainty on this point. The legislature, if it cared anything about the prosperity of the mining industry, would long ago have passed an act specially exempting mining stocks from assessment when issued as fully-paid shares. In view of their failure to do this, however, a test case should at once be brought in the supreme court of the province to settle the question.

MISREPRESENTATIVE KELLIE.

Why is it that Kellie always votes against the interests of his constituents? Last year he was one of the strongest supporters of the tax on the output of mines. Just the other day he asserted that his constituents wanted working miners to be compelled to take out miners' licenses and voted to make them pay \$5 a year for the privilege of working in mines while the coal miners of Vancouver island go untaxed. Now we learn that he was one of the 15 who voted for the adoption of the Alien amendment, the worst blow which it was ever proposed to deal to Kootenay.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Bell Ringing Nuisance.

ROSSLAND, B. C., May 4.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I desire, through your columns, to call attention to the disturbance created in Columbia avenue by the constant ringing of an auction bell every evening. I think something should be done to mitigate this constant annoyance. There is no necessity for such an unnecessary and jarring clamor. Surely if a bell is really necessary, one could be found somewhat more musical than the one at present used, and if rung at intervals would give sufficient notice.

Yours respectfully,

NERVOUS.

Slocan Queen.

Slocan, Mont., April 13.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Through your valuable journal I would like to know if there is such a mine or mining company as the Slocan Queen, owned by a Spokane firm. I would also like to learn how the Northern Belle and the Hill Top are progressing, as I have not heard anything about them lately.

Yours truly,

WM. MEASOR.

[We have been unable to get any information about the Slocan Queen company, and can not even learn whether there is such a company in existence. The Northern Belle and Hill Top have been closed down for some time, but will shortly resume development work.—Ed.]

The "Frisco" Company.

LONDON, Ont., April 27.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: With you would give me what information you can re the "Frisco" Gold Mining and Development company. This company is formed in this city and is capitalized for \$95,000, and is selling promoters' stock at 2½ cents. This price seems to me insufficient, and it appears to me as if the good will and it appears to me as if the company was formed with the idea of getting money from the public to put in the promoters' pockets. It has every appearance of a fake. They advertised four full claims on Sullivan creek, close to the Heather Belle. The mineral showing is said to be immense. People are asking me every day if I would advise going into it. I do not care to dis- parage a proposition unless I know some- thing detrimental, but if this is not a good thing in the interest of the invest- ing public it should be exposed.

Yours faithfully,

HAMPDEN DAY.

[We have no knowledge whatever of this company. Seeing that its capital stock is only \$95,000 and presuming it is divided into 1½ shares we should say that at the price of 2½ cents per share it has little prospect of ever developing a mine.—Ed.]

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers.

APRIL 28.

Reliance, Success, 5-6 in each, P. A. Silver-

stone to Harry Epstein.

Sunday, 2-3 P. A. Silverstone to Harry Epstein.

Zebra 4, P. A. Silverstone to Harry Epstein.

Florida 4, P. A. Silverstone to Harry Epstein.

Midnight Fraction 1-2 P. A. Silverstone to Harry Epstein.

Baltimore, 1 Kelly to G. H. Green.

Portland, 2 Kelly to G. H. Green.

Ritz, 2 Kelly to G. H. Green.

White Eagle 3, Charles Leder to James I. Wilson.

Little Jack, Jacob Benson and Mary Finn to T. C. Williamson.

Jim Dandy, Golden, Big Whale, Finance and Echo, S. H. Bryan and James A. Ryan to Joseph Powell, (London Gold Mining and Development company).

Red Horse, 1-15, Franklin Mallory to C. C. Sanders and E. A. Samson.

Red Horse, 2-15, Franklin Mallory to F. D. Garret.

Red Horse, 2-15, Franklin Mallory to William Schmidt.

Red Horse, 2-15, Franklin Mallory to F. I. Samson.

Red Horse, 2-15, Franklin Mallory to C. J. Hansen.

Grand, 4, L. L. Workman to S. J. Graham.

Royal, California, Grand and Clyde, 4 each, S. J. Graham to Mrs. Adelaide Stuss.

Burlington Fraction, 4, S. J. Graham to Mrs. Adelaide Stuss.

Buffalo 2, S. J. M. Harris to David Stuss.

Grand, 4, L. L. Workman to S. J. Graham to M. Royal, California, Grand and Clyde, 4 each, S. J. Graham to M. Royal.

Clyde 4, S. J. Graham and J. G. Rives to M. W. Sullivan.

APRIL 30.

Iron Cliff, L. L. pendens by Lake vs. Constance Dolan.

Certificates of Work.

April 30—South Kootenay Fraction, Buffalo No. 2.