

Inception, would you kindly reply through the columns of the *Kootenay Mail* to the following questions: As the secretary and officers of the company are at Revelstoke you may be able to procure the information therefrom.

ECHOES OF THE SALE.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

(1.) At what time was the company formed?

(2.) Who were its first directors and managers?

(3.) Have there been any changes since formation in the directorate and management and if so what were they and when did they occur?

(4.) Were Whitney's books ever audited. If so, when and by whom?

(5.) Have the directors, officers and manager been paid salaries and if so what and up to what time?

(6.) Have the books been recently audited?

(7.) Did the secretary notify all shareholders that their manager had taken action to sell them out?

(8.) Who was summoned to defend the company in the court from Haskins judgment suit?

(9.) Why was it not defended?

(10.) Was any attempt made to raise the the amount of judgment other than by bids under the sheriff's hammer?

(11.) What transfers were made and recorded on the company's books for a short time prior to the sale?

SHAREHOLDERS.

Vancouver, B. C., April 29, '97.

Inquiry of the Secretary, by the *Kootenay Mail*, has elicited the following answers to the above questions:

1. Certificate of Incorporation is dated Oct. 16th, 1896.

2. E. H. Wedekind, Trail, B. C. president; J. W. Haskins, Revelstoke, B. C., vice-president; F. C. Whitney, Revelstoke, secretary-treasurer.

3 and 4. At annual general meeting on Dec. 7th, 1896, J. W. Haskins was elected president and manager; H. N. Coursier, vice-president; and F. C. Whitney, secretary-treasurer; with C. R. Carlyon and H. A. Brown, directors. On Dec. 10th C. R. Carlyon was elected secretary-treasurer pro tem. and found F. C. Whitney's books in such shape he could do nothing with them. An audit was made by S. Durham and a new set books opened. H. A. Brown was elected secretary-treasurer. H. N. Coursier since resigned and F. McCarthy was elected vice-president in his stead.

5. Managers salary \$150 per month to April 21; secretary-treasurer \$100 per month, still current; directors \$250 per meeting.

6 and 7. No.

8. Papers were served on the company through the secretary. No defence was entered.

9. No funds.

10. Every effort was made to raise money by sale treasury stock, but every market was closed against us by manipulation of proprietary stock.

It has been stated that C. N. Davidson and his associate purchasers of the Orphan Boy claim represented 313,000 shares.

It is also reported that the purchasing was done for a syndicate with interests divided, in some cases, into one-fourtieths.

A *lis pendens* notice has been recorded here by D. G. Williams *et al.* with Davidson, Haskins and Sheriff Redgrave as defendants.

Our representative called on the Mayor of Vancouver for the purpose of ascertaining his views on the present, past and future of The Orphan.

Guided by the genial Thomas McGuigan, city clerk, we were ushered into the presence of Mr. William Templeton.

"Be seated," he courteously said.

"Mr. Templeton, did you own any stock before the sale?"

"That will come out in court."

"Are you interested in the matter now?"

"That will come out in court."

"Who is the actual, bona fide representative of the stockholders?"

"That will come out in court."

"Now, Mr. Templeton, you know that it is to the interest of British Columbia to have this scandalous matter ventilated, and you yourself are named in connection with others who are receiving considerable attention from the public press on account of the peculiar sale. Are you of the new company?"

"That will come out in court. But I will say this—the price paid was \$6,200, and it was all Davidson's money, too."

We are creditably informed that Mayor Templeton did own many shares of stock in the days before the "sale," and is now personally interested in the future of this mine. In fact, it is asserted that after the judgment upon which the shareholders were "sold" he purchased over 200,000 shares of stock which stood in Mr. Haskins' name.

"Will that come out in court?"

There is an unusual interest taken in prospecting upon the mountain sides in the immediate vicinity of Kaslo. On Sunday last it is said that fully a hundred enthusiastic amateurs were scouring the foothills between Fry creek and Powder creek on the east side of the lake, and another crowd was on the hills overlooking North Kaslo, and some claims were located by both parties. It is reported that for the first time a ledge carrying galena was found in the latter vicinity, while some of the float found on the foothills of the east side, about a quarter of a mile from the lake shore, was unusually rich in appearance. Efforts will be made to trace the ledge. If it fulfills the promise of the float some lucky discoverer will have secured a fortune in his find.

Yesterday there stalked into the office of the *BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING CRITIC* a man about six feet four, and weighing at least 200 pounds. He sought information, he said, on mines and mining, as he proposed locating in Vancouver and engaging in the purchase and development of mines. "I've come 'ere from Trail—Y'e know the blooming place. Well, sir, I've left there. It was too 'ot. Now, remember, I don't say the weather is 'ot, I mean it was too 'ot for me. Didnt 'ave a penny when he landed 'ere and took the first job I could. It was bar-keeper. Blawst me b—y heyas if I wasnt in 'ot water b'in ten minutes. Hup comes a bailiff and he says, says he, 'are you in charge of this 'ere place?' 'I am' says I. The 'ee handed me somethink in writin' and went after the cash register. "'O'd on,' says I, 'what are you doing?' 'Me duty,' says he. 'Then I'll do me duty, too,' says I. I 'it him once or twice and, (feel that muscle) I laid him under the bar. A minute awfter that in comes another chap and awks for the bailiff. I showed 'im the man. 'Ee said that I was wrong because me master howed the rent, and that the law hollicer was hobeying 'is instructions. 'Then 'ee showed me 'is authority. 'Go t'ell,' said I, and then 'ee 'it me right 'ere. Yes, the bridge is broken. But, chapple, I say, you ought to see the other fellow. His heyas were gray; black is their color now. His nose, well, sir, its not worth talking about. Of course I got tired bout, and then the next doy he was summoned to appear before the beak. Blawst me b—y heyas, if 'ee didnt let me haff. 'Ee's a good 'un, 'ee said that as me master had shown that the rent had been paid for the time they tried to collect, he 'ad a right to defend the property, and 'ee is interested in some of me mining properties too. Where can I get a good office? Now don't write me hup, but 'ivo got the best claim on the coast, and 'eres some rock. No, I've not 'ad it assayed. Oi say, wont you treat to a glaws of beer? I canw't drink 'ay."

The confirmation of the sale of the Orphan Boy is being opposed by Messrs. Bowser & Godfrey, barristers, in behalf of several Vancouverites. The *MINING CRITIC* will co-operate with them, and our managing editor will personally appear and address the court at the hearing, *pro bono publico*.

The prospector who sleeps on his rights and neglects to do more than half assessment work on his claims this year, will wake up with a sad heart and find that his claim is occupied and being worked by one who knows a good thing when he sees it, says the *Silverton Miner*. While wholesale jumping of claims is to be deprecated, yet a little of that kind of business would be beneficial in any company.