

The Big Three Gold Mining Company.

Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Washington and Registered under the Laws of British Columbia.

The Company Owns

THREE BIG MINES Mascot, Snowshoe, Southern Belle.

In the Trail Creek District, Rossland.

Capital 3,500,000 Shares

Par Value \$1.00 Each. Shares Fully Paid and Non-Assessable. Treasury Stock to be sold for Development Purposes.

1,000,000 SHARES.

OFFICERS: President, R. H. POPE, M. P. Cookshire, P. Q.; Vice President, O. G. LABAREE, Spokane, Wash.; Secretary and Treasurer, R. DALBY MORKILL, Jr., Rossland.

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DESCRIPTION.

The Mascot is situated on Columbia mountain, and adjoins the famous Kootenay mine. Work done: 150 feet of tunnel on the vein; 40 feet of shaft, five feet of ore in bottom of same; 100 feet from the mouth of the tunnel a winze has been sunk 15 feet in ore; the vein has been exposed for a width of 14 feet with neither wall in sight. Two strong veins on the claim, with good grade ore like the Kootenay mine. The Mascot is the most promising mine for the work done in the Trail district. Buildings, roads and trails all completed.

The Southern Belle is located on Red mountain, and adjoins the Cliff and View mines. Has a shaft 75 feet deep, sunk on the foot wall side of the vein. Assays taken were \$35 to the ton and as high as 20 per cent in copper. Has a crosscut tunnel 92 feet in length, cutting the vein at a vertical depth of 110 feet; a drift on the hanging wall side of the vein 32 feet with the face all in ore, having an average assay value of 23.50 per ton, one of the best copper ores in the camp, and numerous open cuts and two short tunnels.

The Snowshoe adjoins the Southern Belle and the Northern Belle. It has a tunnel 60 feet long, shaft 20 feet deep, good surface showing and ore values increasing with depth.

The Big Three has a bright future, and the stock is a good investment. All three properties are developing very fast into mines.

The present treasury stock is offered to carry on further and rapid development work. Development under the able supervision of W. Y. Williams, a gentleman of sound ideas and wide experience in mining.

On and after January 20 the price of treasury stock will be 12 1-2 c. per share. 50,000 shares for sale. In ordering shares send draft, money order, or express order to

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Agents for Treasury Stock.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

Lord Salisbury then dwelt upon the increasing military burden of the countries of the world, and the danger that the nations would run into war in order to relieve their sufferings. He concluded by saying: "I do not say that an arbitration system will end this, but while the world is growing it is our duty to make an effort to devise some system which will, in some degree, be a substitute for this vicious necessity, and which will apply to public war that remedy which was applied to private war centuries ago. I believe that the measure we have taken will be principally of value in this and will lead to other measures of the same kind, and we, or those who come after us, will have the advantage of seeing the necessity of war armaments gradually disappear before the growth of that idea which we have come within the bounds of our own nation to consider a necessity of civilized life, namely: the substitution of judicial decision in the dread settlement of the sword. I hope this effort, small as it is, will be successful, and that those who come after us will have the happiness of carrying similar ideas to an equally successful conclusion in future days." The premier's closing sentences were greeted with prolonged cheering.

Americans Who Were There.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The United States ambassador, Mr. Thos. F. Bayard, and Secretary Carter were present in the house of lords. Senator Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado, witnessed the opening of parliament from the distinguished strangers' gallery in the house of commons. Mr. and Mrs. Bayard will spend Sunday at Sandringham as the guests of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

Debate on the Address Shortened by the Government's Action.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Times expresses the belief that the royal commission will pursue its inquiry into the financial relations of Ireland. With the exception of the Daily News, the liberal organ, the newspapers all admit that Mr. Balcer's announcement in the house of commons yesterday that a separate occasion would be given for the discussion of the Irish financial commission's report and that the government proposal to complete the investigation will considerably shorten the debate on the address. The Standard, conservative, declares that many liberals objected to the main conclusions of the recent commission.

The Daily News says that the decision to enter upon a fresh inquiry extricated the Irish members from a dilemma because the Irish unionists would have declined to support Mr. Blake's amendment to the address which was regarded as a vote of censure on the government.

WILL INVESTIGATE THE PROJECT.

United States Engineer Symons to Report on the Proposed Canal.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 19.—United States Engineer Thomas B. Symons, who is investigating the practicability of the

new ship canal project which was yesterday reported feasible by the deep waterway commission at Washington, said this morning: "This is a matter that should be dealt with very carefully. From the report of the commission as it has appeared in the papers, there is nothing tangible to judge from. They may have secured interesting data but it is not evident."

"As an engineering project it is perfectly feasible, but there is some doubt as to whether it would be a success as a business venture. I shall look at it from a purely practical standpoint. No sentiment or demand for a canal should be considered. The question is, would it be a commercial benefit in proportion to the \$200,000,000 it would surely cost to construct it?"

"I will have my report ready some time during the summer. It will be impossible for me to say for some time whether I consider the idea a practical one from a business standpoint."

W. H. WALKER HAS FAILED

Claims Against His Estate Total Up \$175,420.

He Organized Three Companies to Work a Graphite Mine, Which Burstured Them All and Now Himself.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 19.—Particulars of one of the largest mining failures which has ever occurred in this section of the Dominion have just been obtained. W. H. Walker has judicially abandoned his graphite mines for the benefit of his creditors. The total claims so far entered against the estate amount to \$175,420. The list includes ministers and ex-ministers of the crown.

Mr. Walker, who was recognized as an able lawyer when years ago he was senior partner in the firm of Walker & McLean, practically dropped his law business to go into mining and the \$175,000 of creditors claims referred to above does not indicate half of the money he or his associates lost. Mr. Walker's specialty was graphite. He never really tackled anything else and he tackled that pretty much in one spot in Ottawa county, a few miles from Buckingham.

The first venture was the Dominion of Canada Plumbago company, in which were a number of Ottawa men and which built a mill at Mr. Walker's graphite mine and which was reported to own both mines and mill when it failed, but Mr. Walker emerged from the wreck with the mine still in his hands.

Another company was formed, chiefly with English capital. It is said \$63,000 was put in by this concern. This company's money, whatever it was, also disappeared, but Mr. Walker still seemed to have control of the mines. Latterly Mr. Hammond of Toronto, had been Mr. Walker's chief backer, and he is out \$73,000, for it is not thought the estate will realize much.

Mr. Walker's ability and energy were shown by the remarkable fight he made to get paying graphite and the present failure seems to be the first complete surrender of a financier, who might have been a big star had he pitched upon a richer field of operation.

OPENING OF COURT

County Judge Forin Presented With an Address by the Bar.

HIS HONOR'S NEAT REPLY

Reference Made to His Distinguished Career as Citizen, Lawyer and Soldier—Government Asked to Appoint a Clerk of the Peace.

At the opening of the January term of the county court, Judge Forin presiding, at 10 o'clock Tuesday, before the general routine was commenced, on behalf of the Rossland bar, John S. Clute, the well-known barrister, read a congratulatory address, this being the first session of the county court of Kootenay held in Rossland since Judge Forin's elevation to the bench. After felicitating the judge and the country on his appointment the address touched upon the judge's honorable and useful career as a citizen, lawyer and soldier. The members of the bar knowing that the judge, while at practice, was an able and fearless, and at the same time a champion of the rights of the bar felt assured that they, individually and as a body, would receive every courtesy and consideration at his hands.

The judge replied at some length in a suitable and interesting manner. He thought instead of the use of the word Canadian in the address that the word British was perhaps more appropriate. Referring to that part of the address which referred to his services as a volunteer during the Riel rebellion the judge said that he only did his duty and stated, to show Canadian loyalty, that there were ten volunteers at that time to every soldier needed for actual service.

The judge also briefly referred to imperial federation, his duty to the public and the relative positions of the bench and bar, and in conclusion, thanked the members of the Rossland bar for their kindly address.

No Irregular Practitioners.

During the progress of some of the cases before the court Judge Forin intimated that he would not suffer any but properly qualified legal practitioners to practice in his court. So far as he could he would endeavor to carry out the provisions of the statutes in this respect. This will exclude the irregular practitioners and students at law.

Will Wear Their Gowns.

Judge Forin hinted to his registrar that he would be pleased to see the gentlemen of the bar appear before him in proper court costume. So henceforth, it may be expected that practicing lawyers will appear in their gowns in deference to the judge's request. The full court cos-

tume consists of a wig, Geneva bands and stuff gowns for barristers and silk ones for Q. C.'s. But a gown is de rigueur.

H. R. Townsend, son of W. B. Townsend, J. P., has been appointed deputy registrar of the county court of Kootenay holden in Rossland.

The Criminal Cases.

The judge telegraphed to the deputy-attorney-general at Victoria, asking him to appoint at once a clerk of the peace for Kootenay in order that he may hold a Speedy Trial court. It is expected that this will be done at once and in all probability Judge Forin will dispose of the criminal cases on next Friday. Among these cases will be Regina vs. Vincent Capobianco, the Italian harp player, charged with assault with a deadly weapon; Regina vs. Dave Goggin, charged with assaulting Dan Murphy, and Regina vs. Michael Sullivan, charged with housebreaking.

The criminal case against Henry Eagles and Gus Englishmen, charged with malicious destruction of property in tearing down the foundation of the Baptist church parsonage, which was being constructed last week on Paris Belle ground, was continued for eight days by mutual consent of counsel.

THE TIMES ON THE TREATY.

If United States Refuses to Ratify England Will Be Absolved.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Times comments editorially this morning upon the fears expressed by a correspondent in the United States, that the general arbitration treaty will perhaps be not ratified by the senate. The Times finds it difficult to believe that the treaty will be rejected after having found the approval of the executives of both countries.

"England, however," it continues, "has done her part and no blame will fall on our shoulders if it lapses."

To Prohibit Pelagic Sealing.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Chronicle announces this morning that there is reason to believe the United States Behring sea commission's report will urge the prohibition of pelagic sealing. The Chronicle advises the United States in these circumstances to compensate the Canadians for the loss of the industry.

NELSON MAN IN TROUBLE.

Bookkeeper West Arrested in Spokane. Short in His Accounts.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 19.—[Special.]—Geo. S. West, a hitherto respectable citizen of Nelson, B. C., was arrested in this city by Captain Coverly last night and booked at the police station as a fugitive from justice. The arrest was made at the instance of J. P. Russell, constable at Nelson, who last evening came down from the north in search of West.

Russell declined to give any particulars concerning his prisoner, except that he was prominent and that his friends were prepared to settle the matter up for which West was wanted. From other sources it was learned that West, who was a bookkeeper for some firm at Nelson, was short in his accounts.

CASCADE CITY.

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THE DOMINION FINANCES

The Deficit For the Year Just Closed Was Only \$350,951.

The Total Debt Now Stands at \$255,497,432—Note Circulation and Savings Bank Deposits Increased.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 19.—The public accounts for the Dominion for the financial year ending January 30 last were distributed today. The receipts on account of the consolidated fund were \$36,618,590 and the expenditures \$36,869,541, leaving a deficit of \$350,951. There was a total expenditure on capital account of \$3,716,184, with \$68,667 paid to the Canadian Pacific railway. The subsidies to railways were \$84,745. The net debt was increased during the year by \$5,422,505, and amounted on June 30 to \$255,497,432.

The average rate of interest on the gross debt was 3.23 per cent, against 3.29 per cent the year previous, while the net rate was 2.90 per cent, against 2.87 per cent in 1894-95.

The circulation of Dominion notes was about \$21,000,000, an increase of over half a million in the year. The amount at the credit of depositors in the savings banks during the year was \$46,794,918, an increase of over two millions during the year.

The drift on the rich ore body in the Jumbo is now nine feet wide. The drift has been run north and south over 30 feet, with pay ore all the way.

Canadian Pacific Nav. Co.

(LIMITED.)
Time Table No. 28, taking effect March 1st, 1896.

VANCOUVER ROUTE.
Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday at 2 o'clock.
Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday at 12:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C. P. R. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.
From Victoria for New Westminster and way landings—Sunday at 2 o'clock; Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.
From New Westminster to Victoria and way landings—Monday at 12:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.
Steamships of this company will leave for Port Simpson and intermediate ports via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. When sufficient inducements offer, will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.
Steamer Maude leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound ports the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month.

The company reserves the right of changing this time table at any time without notification. JOHN IRVING, Manager. G. A. CARLETON, General Agent. Victoria, July 1st.

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