Lumber A Luxury

Enormous Prices Realized For It at Dawson--Canadian Freight Up Yukon.

Interesting Account of the First Steamer's Voyage on the Stewart.

Dawson papers received in the mail brought by the steamer Tees yesterday report that a combination of lumber interests has been formed by the representatives of the various sawmills of that city. The prices of lumber as agreed upon are as follows: Rough lumber, $85; dressed, two sides, $120; four sides, beaded, etc., for ceiling and such purposes, $125. The price of sluice lumber was fixed at $150. The companies represented at the meeting held in the office of the Yukon sawmill were: The Klondike Mill, Canadian-Yukon Lumber Co., Ltd., Yukon Sawmill, the Ladu Co. and the Hobbs Sawmill Co. When it is said that the prevailing rate has been $70 for rough lumber and $90 for dressed, it will be seen that the rates as quoted under the agreement reached are a material advance.

The steamer Louise, with three barges in tow, arrived from St. Michael at Dawson. She had 1,160 tons of general freight consigned to the A. C. Co. This is the largest single shipment by one steamer ever taken into Dawson. Each barge drew four feet of water and was loaded to its full carrying capacity. The consignment is the complete cargo of the British steamer Manauense, which was unloaded at St. Michael, the merchandise being lightered to the Louise which lay at the mouth of the river to receive her cargo. Every pound of her freight was Canadian goods.

The little steamer Flora has returned to Dawson from the Stewart river, whether she had carried an excursion party of prominent business men. The Klondike Nugget of August 7th says:

"The voyage up the river was accomplished without delay other than necessary stops for wood and on account of darkness. Sand bars were few and far between, and those which were encountered offered no obstacles to the light draught boat. Notwithstanding the fact that neither of the pilots had ever been on the river before, the channel was never lost for a minute, and the destination of the excursion was reached without the occurrence of any incident calculated to mar the pleasure of the voyage. The general opinion among the tourists is that the Stewart river country has bright possibilities before it which must certainly be realized in time. The valley drained by the river is much more open than the territory adjacent to the Yukon proper, and offers thousands of acres of low lands suitable in every respect for agricultural purposes.

"At Mazymay creek a stop was made at Sonnikson and Henry's farm, where a large field of as fine oats and barley as is raised in Manitoba, is rapidly approaching harvest time. Sonnickson has a hay rake, ploughs, scythes and other farm implements, and it was difficult to realize that the farm is located so far distant from the centres of civilization. Immense fields of hay occurs at intervals all along the river which could be cut by the hundreds of tons without difficulty.

"As to the mineral resources of the country little has been accomplished in the way of their development. Between the mouth of Stewart river and McQuesten the country is practically closed. This condition came about by reason of the fact that all the creeks in the territory mentioned were staked and recorded in the stampede of '98. Practically none of the claims were represented and in consequence nearly all have reverted to the Crown, and are closed against relocations.

L. T. Burwash, mining recorder for the Stewart river district, was a passenger on the boat. Mr. Burwash has gone into the McQuesten river country for the purpose of ascertaining the authenticity of several strikes which are reported to have been made there. It is his opinion that some disposition of the reserved ground will be made by the government at no distant date. He expects to go up as far as Haggart creek, a distance of 110 miles from the mouth. Above the McQuesten all creeks are open for location, and in that territory Mr. Burwash estimates that there are at the present time between 300 and 400 men. A recording office for the upper Stewart district has been opened at the forks, a distance of about 60 miles above Frazier falls. Hamilton Fish is the recorder for this new district. Some prospecting has been done on the north fork, particularly on Lansing creek, but with results as yet unknown. A trading post is also located on the same fork about 40 miles above the mouth. Some prospecting is also being done on the south fork. One party of four men, Messrs. Crowley, Johnson, Langlow and McDonald will winter in the country, two of them being engaged on the south fork and the others on Lake creek, which comes into the Stewart 75 miles from McQuesten.

"At Frazier falls a government survey party, consisting of Messrs. McConnell, Johnson and Burdette, was found. They have been engaged in the preliminary work of surveying the Stewart from the mouth to the falls. They expect to complete their work and return down the river shortly.

"At the mouth of McQuesten the Trading & Exploring Company has platted a townsite, which was surveyed in March last. They have erected a large building on the site."

BLOCK PAVING.

Workmen Commence This Morning on Broad Street.

The work of laying the wooden blocks on the concrete foundation commenced this morning on Broad street. The blocks are being laid close together, without any strip between the rows, and the work is being done more rapidly on that account. Excellent progress is being made with the whole work, and the pavement when completed will make Broad street the finest in the city. The council is doing the work by day labor, under the experienced foremanship of Mr. John Bell, and it is expected that a material reduction will be made in the cost as compared with the cost of paving Fort street. When Broad street is finished, the question of paving the entire business portion of the city will be solved, as there will be little difficulty in inducing the property owners on Government, Douglas, Johnson and other leading streets to submit to the necessary taxation under the local improvement plan for the purpose of paving those streets. The work will also demonstrate, it is expected, that first-class paving can be laid at a minimum of cost under the day labor system.

The Town Of Bennett

Much of Its Former Glory and Business Activity Has Departed.

Prices for Provisions and Clothing Are Maintained--Boat and Scow Building.

(Special correspondence of the Times.)

Comparisons are odious—Mrs. Partington once remarked that they were "odorous"—both descriptions being singularly applicable to Bennett. To compare Bennett with the busy bustling town of the spring of 1898 would be an unfair comparison. Then the white tents of the hardy argonauts lined the shores of the lake for miles around. Now numbers of modest board buildings are spread over the townsite with a delightful disregard of symmetry or order. The "odorous" comparison lies in the sweet perfume that arose over the town from the hundreds of decaying horses two years ago, while to-day the heaps of bones and skulls lying around give strong evidence of the exacting conditions of Bennett as it once was.

It is hardly fair to write of Bennett as "the Deserted Village," yet the population is not a tenth of what it was in the palmy days of 1898. One thing is certain, that Goldsmith's description of "Sweet Auburn" would need the vivid imagination of a newspaper reporter to note any similarity in Bennett.

The white tents have mostly disappeared, some of the frame buildings used for stores are tenantless, the shacks are not greatly in demand, and some of the merchants and hotel keepers have either removed or are removing to White Horse or Dawson. Still there is a fair amount of activity in the lumber mill and the boat and scow building industry of the town.

The cause of the declension is the completion of the railway to White Horse, removing to a certain extent the White Pass & Yukon railway interests from Bennett. Yet inasmuch as Bennett lake is the navigable head waters of the Yukon, it must for some time at least retain considerable importance as an outfitting and trading point. Further the trade to Atlin is quite a factor in estimating the value of Bennett, and its likelihood as a permanent depot.

As a place of residence—either as a winter or summer resort—Bennett is an excellent place to keep away from. Walled in by inaccessible mountains, with a lake whose waters are treacherous and deathly cold, with a climate cool in summer and Arctic in winter, without schools, roads, decent amusements, or the ordinary surroundings of civilized life, Bennett cannot be regarded as an earthly paradise. I feel certain that the original site of the Garden of Eden was not in this section. In the remote ages past it might have been a "land flowing with milk and honey," but its glory must have departed, for I have not drank of the milk nor tasted its honey.

There is no arable nor pasture land, nor any herbage suitable for cattle or sheep upon the mountain side, nor in the occasional valleys around which the track winds. It would be with the utmost difficulty that a garden plot could be formed, if any settler should endeavor to make a home.

Prices for provisions and clothing are exceedingly high. The advent of the railway has undoubtedly diminished the cost of the necessaries of life, yet the old prices are largely maintained.

Presbyterian energy has supplied the church privileges of the town, and has with commendable generosity permitted the building to be used daily as a reading room.

My conviction, however, is that any man settling in Bennett or vicinity deserves not only to be financially well rewarded in this life, but such endurance should, like charity, "cover a multitude of sins."

CONVINCING TESTIMONY

Of the High Qualities of the Late Pte. Whitley From His Colonel.

The folowing self-explanatory letter has been received by H. W. Sheppard from Col. Otter, commanding the Canadians in South Africa:

"Springs, Near Johannesburg,
"14th July, 1900.

"Dear Sir:—I beg to enclose you my cheque for $8, being six weeks' allowance due by me to your stepson, the late Pte. Whitley, who had been for that period looking after my horses. Any moneys due him by the government will be duly sent you by the captain of his company; also any other property he may have had at his death. I cannot tell you how sorry I was to learn of his death, as he had while with me proved himself such a willing, obliging and reliable man, and such, indeed, was his character throughout the regiment.

"He had been ailing for some time, and though I wished and advised him to go to hospital he pluckily persisted in remaining at his duty until nature refused to hold out any longer, and then, unfortunately, he had not strength or vitality to fight against the disease, enteric fever. I most sincerely sympathize with the family, and can easily understand how he will be missed.

"Yours very truly,
"W. D. OTTER,
"Colonel Commanding Royal Canadian Regiment."

Refugees From Honan

Party's Thrilling Adventure in Fleeing From Country Overrun by Boxers.

Forced to Fight Their Way Till Reaching a Place of Safety.

Copies of the Shanghai Mercury, just to hand, contain interesting accounts of the arrival at that city of sixteen adult missionaries and five children and three engineers of the Pekin Syndicate from Changtefu, in Honan, close to the borders of Chihli. The party left Changtefu on the 28th of June, having been ordered to do so by wire and special courier from the British and American consuls. They had no trouble with the people until the 7th of July. The party had been divided into two lots, for convenience in travelling, but had been keeping well in touch, sleeping in the same villages but at different inns. On the evening of the 7th both parties arrived at Hsintien, a market town thirty li from Nanyangfu. The reported restlessness of the surrounding country led the party headed by the mining engineers to push on the same evening to Nanyangfu, in order to ask for adequate protection for the whole party through that territory. Almost as soon as the remainder of the party had settled down in their inn, a demand for silver was sent in by the leader of a band said to number about 100 men. This was refused, and about 11 p.m. three Chinese were sent on to Nanyangfu to inform Mr. Jameson, the head of the Pekin Syndicate party, and to ask the magistrate for a good strong escort, but this was refused.

Preparations were at the same time made for defending the inn as well as possible, as an attack was openly threatened. It became necessary for the party to leave their place during daylight. The mayor of the place, who had visited them during the night, came in the morning again, and urged, almost to the point of demanding, that the party should leave the town. He promised an escort of thirty men to see them safely for thirty li. A start was at last made, after the carters had been guaranteed any losses. The party had to pass through an immense number of sightseers, who must have numbered 10,000. While inside the city no particular hostility was shown, but as the party got outside the south gate the mob there began throwing stones and missiles. This was followed by a rush with swords and other weapons. The carters tried to rush through, but soon the carts were in confusion, and some of the leading mules were killed, thus stopping the advance. Fierce attacks were made upon the foreigners, who were unable to offer much armed resistance, and they were soon almost at the mercy of the crowd. Fortunately at this time the looting of the carts began, and the desire to share the spoils seems to have drawn off those who desired to murder.

Taking advantage of the lull, the foreigners escaped in little parties as best they could. Four had been wounded with swords, and a large number with stones and blunt weapons. Mr. Goforth and Dr. Leslie were most severely wounded. The former and most of his family were fortunate in being taken in and cared for by some Mohammedans in a village close by. Fortunately also one cart left the scene of trouble and brought Dr. Leslie and four or five of the ladies a distance of five li toward Nanyangfu. The remainder of the party got together as best they could, but had not got far from the cart when men and boys armed with swords and dirks compelled them to wait while they took from their persons whatever small remaining articles took their fancy. Not long afterwards the last group of the party got news of the cart in front in which Dr. Leslie was, and managed to join it. The carter refused to go further, and Dr. Leslie had to be carried into a wretched little guard house by the roadside. It was not until the afternoon that they succeeded in begging a little water and a dry Chinese bed. Later a troop of mounted soldiers from Nanyangfu appeared on the scene, but they refused either help or protection. A little later all the carts came along, bringing Mr. Goforth and family.

The party then proceeded to Nanyangfu safely, but there mobs on the streets and at the inns caused an evening of anxiety. Shortly after arrival an official appeared from the Hsien's Yamen, and bluntly declared that he would not afford them any protection, and that they must leave the city as soon as they had eaten a little food and carts could be prepared. The party refused to move unless money and an escort was given them, and finally the sum of 19,000 cash was brought and an escort of twenty foot soldiers and forty mounted men promised. This promise was only a ruse to get them on the road, and after three times refusing to leave the inn until the escort actually appeared, they at last consented to leave with about a dozen foot soldiers who were on hand. With these they managed to effect their escape, although attacked and maltreated the greater part of their journey.

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

Weekly Announcements of Incorporation of Companies and Other Matters.

In the official Gazette published last evening, to-day is proclaimed a public holiday in Kamloops, and Monday, September 3rd, Labor Day, a holiday throughout the province.

A court of revision for the purpose of hearing objections and corrections to the register of voters for Revelstoke riding of West Kootenay, will be held at Revelstoke on November 5th.

J. F. Armstrong, official administrator, has filed a declaration to the effect that the estate of the late Thomas Richardson, of Illecillewaet is not sufficient for the payment in full of the liabilities. A meeting of the creditors will be held at Fort Steele on September 24th.

John Keen, of Kaslo, has been appointed a court of revision and appeal to hear and determine the objection taken by the Le Roi Mining Company in regard to the assessor's valuation, under the provisions of section 16 of the Assessment act, of the ore produced by the Le Roi mine for the quarter ending the 30th June, 1900.

Sittings of the Supreme court for the trial of civil cases will be held at Rossland on Monday, October 29th, 1900.

Courts of assize will be held at 11 o'clock a.m. in the court house at the places and dates following: Richfield, September 28th; Victoria, October 2nd; Vancouver, October 2nd; Clinton, October 5th; Nanaimo, October 9th; Westminster, October 16th; Nelson, October 16th; Vernon, October 16th; Kamloops, October 23rd; Revelstoke, October 25th.

Notice is given that the order-in-council of March 1st, 1893, allowing a rebate on all lumber exported from the province has been rescinded, and the payment of the allowance ceased on July 1st last.

The following companies have been incorporated: St. Joseph Gold Mines, Ltd., of Rossland, capital $100,000; Nelson Mining Company, of Nelson, capital $10,000; Eldorado Mines, Ltd., of Rossland, capital $150,000; Tamarac Mines, Ltd., of Rossland, capital $1,000,000; Nelson Mines Trust and Investment Company, Ltd., of Nelson, capital $50,000; Carter Rivers Power Company, Ltd., of Vancouver, capital $25,000; The Victoria Finance, Real Estate and Insurance Brokerage Company, of Victoria, capital $10,000; Goldsmith Copper Company, Ltd., of Vancouver, capital $500,000; The De Keyser Gold Amalgamate Syndicate, Ltd., of Vancouver, capital $50,000.

The following extra-provincial companies have been granted licenses: Frank & Bryce, Ltd., of Scotland, capital £10,000; Rossland Great Western Mines, Ltd., of England, capital £500,000; Temperance and General Life Insurance Company of North America, of Toronto, capital $100,000; Kootenay Mining Company, Ltd., of London, England, capital £400,000.

A certificate of incorporation has been granted the Anglo-Lardeau Mining Syndicate, Ltd., of Rossland, capital $1,000,000.

Ton of Gold From Dawson

Arrived at Seattle To-Day on th Steamer Dirago--Many Passengers Aboard.

Late News From Nome--Seventy-One Deaths Reported Since the First of June.

(Associated Press.)

Port Townsend, Wn., Aug. 24.—Steamer Tacoma has arrived with $600,000 in gold dust and 65 passengers from Nome. Most of the gold came down the Yukon from Dawson to St. Michael. While on the way a shooting occurred on the Tacoma, on August 15th, which came near ending the life of Angus McDonald, of Dawson. McDonald, while intoxicated, threatened to cut William Keenan, of New York, who shot him in the shoulder.

Among the passengers returning on the Tacoma was Regno Dahl, who is credited with having a small fortune aboard. Dahl went north in charge of Dr. Jackson's Laplanders to take charge of the reindeer sent by the government to relieve reported distressed miners along the Yukon two years ago.

The steamer Dirigo has arrived from Skagway, bringing 100 passengers and one ton of gold from Dawson.

Deaths at Nome.

Seattle, Aug. 24.—The number of deaths at Nome since June 1st is 71, of which 29 were natives. There was one death from smallpox. Most of the deaths were from pneumonia.

ALL QUIET AT AKRON.

A Number of Rioters Will Probably Be Arrested.

(Associated Press.)

Akron, O., Aug. 24.—There was no trouble of any kind in the city during the night, the streets being practically deserted, except by the soldiers who patrolled all the thoroughfares.

The authorities, having secured the names of about 30 of the rioters, were expected to-day to take into custody some of the leaders of the mob before night. The 4th and 8th Regiments will be held here for several days, the mayor fearing that the friends of the men to be arrested might attempt to rescue them if a large force was not on hand.

BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED.

A Number of the Crew, Who Took to Boats, Are Missing.

(Associated Press.)

Aden, Aug. 24.—The British steamer Indra, Capt. Burkell, from Passaroang July 23rd for the United States, is ashore 28 miles southwest of Guardafu, and will prove a total wreck. Capt. Burkell and 8 Europeans and 20 native members of the crew were picked up and landed here. The rest are missing, having taken to the boats. The natives are plundering the wreck.

ONTARIO LAWYER KILLED.

Thrown From a Horse and Had His Neck Broken.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Alexander Ferguson, Q. C., one of the best known Ontario lawyers and parliamentary agent, was thrown from his horse this morning near Billings bridge, while out for his customary exercise. He was found on the roadside, and died a very few minutes after, his neck having been broken.

EVERY WEAK MAN

SHOULD send for a Descriptive Treatise on the Modern and Successful Treatment of Nervous Diseases and Physical Weakness in Men, including Premature Exhaustion and Loss of Vital Energy, with other allied affections by local absorption (i.e., without stomach medicine). Revised and in progress with the most advanced researches in the subject, together with numerous recent testimonials showing successful cures. Write at once and grasp this opportunity of being quickly restored to perfect health. Sent in a plain sealed envelope, free of charge.—E. NORTON, 39 and CHANCERY LANE, LONDON, Eng. Estabd. ore 30 years.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be offered for sale

BY PUBLIC AUCTION

At the Mining Recorder's Office, Clayoquot, on

Saturday, the 1st day of September, 1900

By Walter T. Dawley, Mining Recorder, Clayoquot, under the provisions of Sect. 67 of the "Mineral Act," the undivided half interest of Barclay Bonthrone, of Vancouver, British Columbia, in the following mineral claims, viz.: Nimrod, Sapphire, Brown Jug, Brown Jug No. 2, Frankfort, Frankfort Fraction and the Jennie Fraction, all situate on Hesquiot lake, West Coast V. I., and known as the Brown Jug Group, all which claims are held jointly by the said Barclay Bonthrone, Arthur Norris, A. L. Smith, Thos. Fletcher and Geo. A. Smith.

Section 17, Range 2, Cowichan District, B. C.

NOTICE.

Whereas the Crown Grant, No. 1189, for the above named land was on the 8th day of September, 1871, issued in error to one Modeste Demers as therein described:

And whereas application has been made for the issue of new Crown Grant to the said land in favor of August Brabant, the present owner:

Now notice is hereby given that the said August Brabant intends three months after date to apply for the cancellation of the said Crown Grant No. 1189, and for a corrected Crown Grant to be issued to him in place thereof.

All persons claiming adversely are hereby notified to file their claims with the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria, B. C., on or before the 9th day of November, 1900.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 8th day of August, 1900.

AUGUST BRABANT.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I intend to apply to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut timber on Crown lands, hereinafter more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a stake or post at the mouth of a creek on the north shore of Boat Passage, Barclay Sound, near Julia Island, thence north eighty (80) chains, thence west one hundred and twenty (120) chains, thence due south to the northeast corner of section nineteen (19), thence continuing along the east boundary of section nineteen (19) to the shore line, thence east following the shore line in a southerly and westerly direction to the point of commencement.

The above described tract to contain as nearly as possible one thousand acres.

Dated this 4th day of August, 1900.

ELLEN DIER.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date we intend to make application to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for cannery purposes 40 acres of land or thereabouts, described as follows: Commencing at a stake at the head of a small bay at the mouth of Inverness Slough, marked "F. R. and H. McK., N. E. corner," thence 10 chains south, thence along the shore 10 chains west, thence 10 chains north, thence 10 chains to point of commencement.

Dated July 22, 1900.

F. RUDGE.
H. McKENZIE.

THE MILES CANON & LEWES RIVER TRAMWAY COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Miles Canon and Lewes River Tramway Company will be held at the office of Bodwell & Duff, 2 Broughton street, Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, the 6th day of September, A.D. 1900, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 4th day of August, A.D. 1900.

L. P. DUFF,
Secretary.

THE MILES CANON & WHITE HORSE TRAMWAY COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Miles Canon and White Horse Tramway Company, will be held at the office of Bodwell & Duff, 2 Broughton street, Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, the 4th day of September, A. D. 1900, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 4th day of August, A.D. 1900.

H. G. LAWSON,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be offered for sale by public auction at the Mining Recorder's office, Alberni, on 15th of October, 1900, by Mr. Thomas Fletcher, mining recorder for the Alberni mining division, under the provisions of section 67, chap. 135, of the Mineral Act, the undivided one ½ interest of W. S. Harris, of Rossland, B. C., in the "Nil Desperandum," situated in Snug Basin, Uchucklesit Harbor.

T. H. KNIGHTS BAYNE.

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to apply to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut timber on Crown lands, hereinafter more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a stake or post on the west shore of Effingham Inlet, Barclay Sound, about half a mile north of a small stream or brook, thence west one hundred (100) chains; thence south one hundred (100) chains, crossing Pipestem Inlet; thence east one hundred (100) chains more or less to Effingham Inlet; thence in a northerly direction, following the shore of Effingham Inlet to the point of commencement.

The above described tract to contain as nearly as possible one thousand acres.

Dated this 19th day of July, 1900.

W. A. DIER.

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to apply to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut timber on Crown lands, hereinafter more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a stake or post on the east shore of Vernon Bay, Barclay Sound, thence east forty (40) chains, thence north sixty (60) chains, thence west twenty (20) chains, thence north forty (40) chains, thence west to the eastern shore of Effingham Inlet, thence following the shore line of the Inlet in a southerly direction one hundred and twenty (120) chains, thence east to Vernon Bay, thence following the shore line of Vernon Bay in a northerly and easterly direction to the point of commencement.

The above described tract to contain as nearly as possible one thousand acres.

Dated this 20th day of July, 1900.

GEORGE OKELL.

WANTED—We will pay $12.00 a week salary to either a man or woman to represent the Midland Monthly Magazine as a subscription solicitor. The Midland is the same size as McClures or the Cosmopolitan. It is now in its sixth year and is the only Magazine of this kind published in the great Central West. A handsome premium given to each subscriber. Send 10 cents for a copy of the Midland and premium list to the Twentieth Century Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the whole of the island known as Parker Island, situate at the mouth of Barclay Sound, and containing one hundred (100) acres more or less.

Dated this 16th day of July, 1900.

MURRAY O. POTTS.

LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

Canada: Province of British Columbia.

No. 184.

This is to certify that "The Vital Creek (B. C.) Mining Syndicate, Limited," is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth, to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £12,000, divided into 240 shares of £50 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in the City of Victoria, and Israel Wood Powell, Doctor of Medicine, whose address is Victoria aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are:

(a) To locate, peg off, or otherwise acquire any mining claims, mines, mining rights, and metalliferous land in British Columbia or other parts of America, or elsewhere, and to explore, work, develop, and turn to account the same, and in particular to acquire certain properties, options and rights in British Columbia, and with a view to the acquisition thereof, to enter into and to carry into effect, with or without modification, an agreement made between The Wilkinson Exploration Syndicate, Limited, of the one part, and The Vital Creek (B.C.) Mining Syndicate, Limited, of the other part, the draft of which has already been prepared, and has, for the purpose of identification been initialled by two of the subscribers hereto:

(b) To search for, prospect, examine and explore any territories and places in British Columbia or other parts of America, or elsewhere, and to employ and equip expeditions, explorers, experts, and other agents:

(c) To acquire any concessions, grants, decrees, rights, powers, privileges, or contracts from any state, company, or person in British Columbia or other parts of America or elsewhere, which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same:

(d) To crush, win, get, quarry, smelt, calcine, refine, dress, amalgamate, manipulate, prepare for market and deal in ores, metals, diamonds, and other precious stones and mineral substances of all kinds, and to carry on any other metallurgical operations which may seem conducive to any of the Company's objects.

(e) To acquire by grant, selection, purchase, lease, or otherwise, and to develop the resources of and turn to account any lands, and any rights over or connected with land belonging to or in which the Company is interested, and in particular by laying out townsites and preparing the same for building, letting on building lease or agreement, advancing money to or entering into contracts with builders, tenants, and others, clearing, draining, fencing, planting, cultivating, building, improving, farming, and irrigating, and by promoting immigration and the establishment of towns, villages and settlements:

(f) To carry on business as merchants, storekeepers, miners, farmers, stockmen, graziers, carriers, builders, contractors and brickmakers, and to carry on all kinds of agency business, and any other kind of business which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to further the working and development of any concessions, rights, or property of the Company, or otherwise to benefit the Company:

(g) To carry out, establish, construct, maintain, improve, work, control, and superintend any roads, ways, tramways, railways, steamers, ferries, bridges, reservoirs, watercourses, wharves, embankments, telegraphs, telephones, sawmills, smelting and other works, furnaces, factories, warehouses, hotels, transport and postal arrangements, stands, stores, shops, stations, and other works and conveniences for the working and development of any concessions, rights or property of the Company, and to contribute to, assist in, or contract for, the carrying out, establishment, construction, maintenance, management, improvement, working, control or superintendence of the same:

(h) To purchase, hire, or otherwise acquire, use, maintain, sell, exchange, or otherwise deal with or dispose of and turn to account plant, machinery, live and dead stock, implements, stores, and materials of every kind requisite for any of the purposes of the Company; and to acquire, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, any lands or buildings, real or personal property, easements, rights or privileges which the Company may think suitable or convenient for any purposes of its business:

(i) To acquire and carry on all or any part of the business or property, and to undertake any liabilities of any person, firm, association, or company possessed of property suitable for any of the purposes of this Company, or carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or which can be conveniently carried on in connection with the same, or may seem to the Company calculated, directly or indirectly, to benefit this Company, and as consideration for the same to pay cash, or to issue any shares, stock, or obligations of this Company, and to enter into working arrangements, contracts and agreements with other companies and persons:

(j) To promote or concur in promoting any other company or companies for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property or liabilities of this Company, or of advancing, directly or indirectly, the objects or interests thereof, and in connection therewith to remunerate and pay commissions to any person or persons for services rendered in the formation of any such Company, and the placing of its share capital, debentures, debenture stock, or other securities or obligations or otherwise, and to purchase, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, and to hold the shares, stock, or obligations of any Company in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and upon a distribution of assets or division of profits to distribute such shares, stock or obligations amongst the members of this Company in specie:

(k) To distribute among the members any property of the Company in specie:

(l) To borrow or raise money for any purposes of the Company, and for the purpose of securing the same and interest, or for any other purpose, to mortgage or charge the undertaking or all or any part of the property of the Company, present or after acquired, or its uncalled capital, and to create, issue, make, draw, accept, and negotiate perpetual or redeemable debentures or debenture stock, bills of exchange, promissory notes, or other obligations or negotiable instruments:

(m) To sell, let, develop, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the undertaking or all or any part of the property of the Company, upon any terms, with power to accept as the consideration any shares, stock, or obligations of any other company:

(n) To pay out of the funds of the Company all expenses of and incident to the formation, registration and advertising of the Company and the issue of its capital, including brokerage and commissions for obtaining applications for or placing shares, debentures or debenture stock:

(o) To make donations to such persons and in such cases, and either in money or kind, as may seem expedient:

(p) To carry out all or any of the foregoing objects as principals or agents, or in partnership or conjunction with any other person, firm, association, or company, and in any part of the world:

(q) To procure the Company to be registered or recognized in any foreign country or place, or in any colony or elsewhere:

(r) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

And so that the word "Company" in this clause shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons, whether incorporated or not incorporated, and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and the objects specified in each of the paragraphs of this clause shall be regarded as independent objects, and accordingly shall be in nowise limited by reference to any other paragraph.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of June, one thousand nine hundred.

(L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.