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This month the REVIEW sends to British Columbia a special correspondent to write up the important mineral developments now taking place in the Cariboo, Trail Creek, Slocan and other mining districts of that province. Our correspondent is an eminent English mining engineer, with a wide experience in the production of the precious metals and his contributions to these pages, copiously illustrated, will doubtless be of value to our readers interested in British Columbia mining investments.



Kootenay Consolidated Mining Co., Ltd., has been registered with an authorized capital of \$500,000 to purchase and operate mines in the Province of British Columbia. The directors are:—George D. Scott, Vancouver; A. J. Scott, Vancouver, and W. J. McGuigan, Vancouver. Head office: Vancouver.

St. Elmo Gold Mining Co., Ltd., has been registered under the Foreign Companies Act, B.C., with headquarters at Spokane, Wash., and an authorized capital of \$1,000,000.

Iron Horse Mining and Milling Co., Ltd.—Registered 10th August, 1895, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, and headquarters at Spokane, Wash. To carry on mining in the Province of British Columbia.

Western Prospecting and Promoting Co., Ltd., has been incorporated at Victoria, B.C., with an authorized capital of \$100,000 and headquarters at Vancouver, B.C. Directors: Richard E. Leonard, T. H. Tracey, George Geary, Alfred A. Smith, and Edward C. Taylor.

The Nanaimo Alberni Gold Mining Co., Ltd., has been incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, to acquire certain mineral claims held by William Leslie Jones and Alfred R. Hyland, respectively, situated at China Creek, in the district of Alberni, and to pay for the same either in cash or fully paid up stock of the company. The authorized capital is \$300,000. Directors: Andrew Haslam, President; W. E. Morris, Secretary, and Wm. K. Leighton, Treasurer. Head office at Nanaimo, B.C.

Kootenai Mining and Milling Co., Ltd.—Registered 10th August, 1895, with headquarters at Spokane, Wash., and an authorized capital of \$1,000,000. To carry on mining and milling in British Columbia.

Spokane Ore Co., Ltd., has been registered under the Foreign Companies Act, with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000, and head office at Spokane, Wash., to carry on mining and milling in British Columbia.

Columbia Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.—Registered at Victoria, B.C., 19th July. Authorized capital, \$100,000. Head office: Chicago, Ill.

British American Mining Co., Ltd.—Registered 1st August. Authorized capital, \$500,000. Head office: Butte, Montana.

Phoenix Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—Incorporated in the United States, 12th August, 1895. Registered at Victoria, B.C., 3rd September, 1895. Authorized capital, \$500,000. Incorporators: J. W. Wetherop, David Herman, J. F. Reddy, Jas. Cronan, J. H. Bench, J. K. Riordan, D. C. Newman. Head office: Spokane, Wash.

High Ore Gold Mining and Smelting Co.—Incorporated at Spokane, 14th June, 1895; registered, B.C., 3rd September, 1895. Authorized capital, \$500,000. Directors: Cyrus Happy, President; D. M. McLeod, Secretary; Robert Russell, J. H. Griffith, H. L. Rogers, W. G. Estess, J. H. Kitcham, George H. Hughes, J. D. Findlay, A. B. Railton. Head office: Spokane, Wash.

Van Winkle Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co.—A meeting of the shareholders is to be held at the company's office, Vancouver, B.C., this month, to authorize the company to dispose of the whole of their assets to another company for the purpose of working their mining claims conjointly with others.

Centre Star Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.—Registered 16th July, 1895, at Victoria, B.C., under the Foreign Companies Act, to carry on mining in the Trail Creek division, West Kootenay mining district, and to develop the Centre Star mineral claims, etc. Authorized capital, \$500,000. Head office: Butte, Montana.

Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.—Advices up to 23rd ulto. report that everything is going on satisfactorily and there is nothing of importance to mention.

Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.—Recent advices state that the supply ditch was completed on 19th ulto., and the supply of water from Polley and Bootjack lakes made available for the company's purposes. The ditch was found to work satisfactorily, while the quantity of water it will deliver will be ample for the company's requirements. Unless some unforeseen accident should occur, there should be nothing to prevent the company from running continuously to the close of the season. With average weather active hydraulic operations should be possible until the middle of October, and, perhaps, even for a week or two beyond that date.

War Eagle Gold Mining Co.—Last report from this claim says:—The mine has resumed shipments after a suspension of several days, chiefly caused by the fact that the power for the two drills at work in the mine being obtained from the Le Roi compressor plant, the alterations being made in the machinery at the latter mine prevented power being given to the War Eagle. This work, however, being now completed, operations at the War Eagle are resumed. Connection has now been made between the upper tunnel and the west shaft and stoping has again been started. As soon as the 20-drill air compressor plant, which is now on the way to the mine, is on the ground, the new tunnel will be started and pushed forward and the immense body of ore between the first and second levels opened up and mined.

Hall Mines, Limited.—This company has let a contract to the well known firm of Fraser & Chalmers, of Chicago, for a smelting plant of the capacity of 100 tons of ore per day. The contract provides that the smelter is to be completed by December 15th next. The company is pushing on with the aerial tramway between the Silver King mine and Nelson, and such progress has already been made on this that it will very shortly be ready for operation. Large ore bins are being constructed at Nelson, and the company will soon have every facility for economically and expeditiously getting its ore down to the shipping point or smelter.

Horsefly Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—This company is making preparations for extensive hydraulic mining on its property next season. The litigation which has hampered its operations for the last three years has been brought to a conclusion and there appears no reason to anticipate further delays in the profitable development of the rich ground which the company has in its leases of what is known as the old "Harper claim." It expects to be able to handle 2,000 yards a day with the machinery which it intends to put in.

Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Ltd.—A special meeting was held in London, England, on the 18th instant, when resolutions were proposed increasing the capital from £50,000 to £300,000; raising the board of directors from five to nine members, and appointing as additional directors the Hon. Forbes George Vernon, M. Henri Rosenheim, Baron de Machiels, and Dr. Jules Goldschmidt, the last three being resident in Paris; and appointing Mr. F. S. Barnard, M.P., as managing director. In reference to this meeting and the proposals to be submitted, the directors have issued a circular to the shareholders from which we take the following:

The directors having, in pursuance of the powers vested in them for carrying out the objects of the company, secured throughout the Province of British Columbia many mines, mining rights and claims, and having selected from them six properties as the most promising, which have, by extensive works, shafts, tunnels, etc., and repeated and elaborate assays, been proved to contain gold in large quantities and to be of great value, they are of opinion that the time has arrived for the company to alter its operations from those of a Prospecting and Exploration Syndicate to those of a large Development Company.

For the purpose of doing this it will be necessary to largely increase the capital and strengthen the executive of the Company.

With a view to securing expeditiously a portion, viz., £200,000, of the additional capital which it is proposed to create, the Company's brokers in London and Paris have organized a syndicate, in which they themselves and the directors have taken a considerable share, and which will be managed by the Company's Paris brokers (the senior member of whose firm is proposed as one of the additional directors), to guarantee the subscription of half the new issue, viz., £100,000, if it should not be subscribed forthwith by the present shareholders or warrant-holders, on condition of the syndicate having the option for one year to take at par the remainder of the new issue.