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THE HIDDEN TREASURE,

OSOYOOS DISTRICT.

From all accounts, more particularly from recent developments, we are lead to believe that a new Era of promise is about commencing in this well known mine. The history of the Hidden Treasure for the last 30 years, (for it is thirty years since it was first located,) has been, about the same as the history of many mines in Montana, Colorado and other mining states and territories of the United States. The different changes that have taken place in the ownership of it, are paralleled by hundreds of other mines. In nearly all good locations, it is observed, that every change as a rule, brings new and stronger owners to the front. The Hidden Treasure, though it has passed through many stages, and several of its part owners in the past have made snug little fortunes out of it, is now in stronger hands than ever, and men whose connection with it is the best index of its value. The president, J. S. Chase, Esq, a wealthy American, and first-class business man, is not likely to be connected with any mine, or anything, having the semblance of weakness about it. The other Directors of the company, from their experience and well known financial standing, are also a further guarantee to the shareholders of the mine, that there was a good deal in sight before they bought in to it. The manager, Mr. John Morrison, who by the way, is well known to the writer, as a miner of long experience, and a shrewd, calculating man of business, is not likely to

go very far astray in his opinion, as to the value of mining properties, and he has the most implicit faith in the hidden treasure. The ore taken from this mine is high grade, it assaying nearly a thousand dollars per ton. An assay made by one of the most eminent assayers in America, E. E. Burlingame Esq., of Denver, reaches eight hundred and sixty-nine ounces per ton. Another excellent authority, Mr. Sutton of this city, has made different assays, the last of which is, seven hundred and sixty. Within the last few weeks, eleven inches of solid Ore has been struck in one of the cross cuts.

The manager, very recently reports finding a lead of white chloride in the other cross cut, and in it are encased pellets of silver ore, very few mines at the same stage of development, have shown richer Ore than this one. It is stocked for \$100,000,00, and when in the market its shares are taken freely at par. We do not consider it too much to say, that the hidden treasure is one of the very best properties in the province, and its prospects at present are of a nature, calculated to inspire confidence, not only in it, but in other properties throughout the province. We are looking for large returns from this mine, and if we did not believe fully in it, and in the men controlling it, this paper would not have been written.

DUTY ON MINING MACHINERY.

We print below and in full an article from one of the ablest journalists in the Dominion of Canada, Henry Lawson, Esq., editor in chief of the *Victoria Colonist*, and the trenchant, lucid, and logical manner with which Mr. Lawson gives expression to his views and the views of the people of British Columbia should certainly have some effect in the quarter which it is necessary to reach. If it be necessary to go to the Polls upon this question, the wants and rights of the people being systematically disregarded—then it will not be our funeral, but the keynote to the requiem of those who will not hear. It is an open secret that if the duty be not taken off mining machinery a requisition will, later on, be got up asking the Delegation from B. C. to resign with the view to testing the Province upon this question of such vital importance to every man, woman and child in British Columbia. We are prepared to make the statement that a Plebiscite upon this question would result in returning candidates, every one of whom would vote against any government opposing