

MR. LORING: An important point is with regard to this indefiniteness of location. Many men make what they call blazing locations—the line is blazed so indefinitely that to-day a prospector may have a location here and to-morrow somewhere else. One man in Rossland made from 15 to 20 snow locations on which he realized a handsome profit and is now in Europe. There was no valid discovery. He blazed the ground, and that is all there was to it. The mining inspector should have some facts with regard to where the location is made. Another important objection to the British Columbia law is the size of the claim. I do not think that any man can properly prospect 30 acres of land. The location should not be over 1,000 feet square. I would advocate less than that. In some parts of Colorado the claims are only 150 feet wide and 1,500 feet long. I do not believe that anyone can properly prospect on these mountains.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your opinion as to the size of the location?

MR. LORING: 1,000 feet square. At present it is 1,500 feet square or 50 acres. The theory, to my mind, is that mining property is different from other property. If you cannot work your claim you have no right to keep it. You are preventing an increase to the wealth of the country.

THE CHAIRMAN: What time limit would you give to the miner?

MR. LORING: I would say a twelve months' limit, and I do not believe that \$100 worth of work within twelve months is enough.

MR. INGALL: I understand that for some years the law of the apex was the law of the location.

MR. LORING: Yes.

MR. LATIMER: I think there are cases in which the law should allow one to follow the vein, and there are others where it should not.

MR. LORING: The apex law is the best. If I owned a vein I would prefer the old law.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think it would be well for us to put ourselves on record.

MR. LORING: Yes; now that legislation is contemplated in British Columbia.

DR. GOODWIN suggested the appointment of a committee to draw up a resolution.

THE CHAIRMAN appointed the following to report at a later session: Messrs. F. C. Loring, W. Blakemore, Dr. Goodwin, Hamilton Merritt.

The session then adjourned.