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THE SEMI-WEEKLY "COLONIST". Changing the weekly edition of the COLONIST to a semi-weekly edition is a considerable advantage to subscribers in many ways.

THE HEALTH LAW. The News-Advertiser finds fault with the Government for putting the Act Respecting the Public Health, of 1893, in force.

Experience should have convinced every intelligent man in the Province that it is too late to proclaim a Health Law when disease has made its appearance in the country.

It is important that the people of the Province should be kept free from alarm with respect to the introduction of contagious diseases and that its neighbors should have no cause to suspect that its authorities are lax and neglectful in matters in which the public health is concerned.

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be kept in a good sanitary condition, absolutely necessary. The Provincial Legislature did a wise thing at its last session in appropriating a considerable sum for the preservation of the public health.

We do not think that the News-Advertiser will make any political capital for its party by its attempt to bring discredit on the Government because it is desirous to preserve the public health and because it has taken in time the precautions necessary to effect this important purpose.

Some misapprehension appears to exist as to an advertisement lately published by the Minister of Mines, stating that an examination would be held for competency in assaying and that those who passed the examination successfully would receive a Government certificate of competency.

In point of fact not one official in a thousand ever asks an assayer for an assay of any other metal. Now that the mines of the Province are being developed, each mine owner employs an assayer on his spot, and many appointments are open to well qualified young men in that direction.

We believe that the Hon. Colonel Baker contemplates instituting a course of instruction in assaying during the winter, to be followed by an examination and the granting of honor certificates, as well as ordinary certificates to the successful candidates, and that he has already had numerous applications to join the course of instruction.

A misrepresentation of the action of the Government which certain cranks will persist in flourishing before the public is the salary and allowances to the Agent General for British Columbia in London.

Namely, that \$5,000 goes to the Agent-General in London and the other \$4,000 for immigration purposes in the Province—in point of fact not a cent of the \$4,000 under miscellaneous goes to the London office, but it suits some opponents of the Government to pretend to believe that it does.

To THE EDITOR:—A person signing himself Passenger wrote a letter to the Province complaining of the accommodation on board the Danube. He finds fault with the food, the condition of stateroom, and the bedding.

Mr. Wm. Woodruff has addressed the following to the editor of this paper: VANCOUVER, Oct. 4. Editor Victoria Colonist, Victoria, B.C. Deny having made the alleged statement concerning Texada Mining property as published in issue of 4th inst.

B. C. MINES IN ENGLAND.

Shareholders' Meeting of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold-Field Co.

Increase of Capital Authorized to Develop the Properties of the Company.

It being among the first of the mining companies of this province to be capitalized in London the following report of the extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold-Field Company, Limited, is condensed from the extended report published in the Financial News (London) of the 19th ult:

"An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Goldfield, Limited, was held yesterday at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, C.E., for the purpose of increasing the capital of the company, appointing additional directors and altering the articles of association; Mr. R. M. Home-Payne presiding. The Secretary (Mr. Edgar A. Bennett) having read the notice convening the meeting.

"The chairman said: Gentlemen, I very much regret that there are not more of our directors present; but the other members of the board are, as you know, resident in British Columbia. Some of them have been over here recently, but they are unable to be present especially Mr. Barnard—in order to look after the company's business. I am aware that many of you have been taken by surprise at being called here to-day for the purpose of increasing our capital to such a very large extent as that of which we give you notice in the prospectus which you attended to some time ago.

"It is interesting to note that in these days the whole of the transit arrangements of the province, every port, every road, and every article of clothing that went up to the thousands of miners at that time engaged in this industry, were conveyed by the celebrated Barnard's Express, one of the few enterprises that have ever had the permission of Her Majesty's government to transport their passengers at a rate which was founded by your present vice-chairman's father, was practically owned and managed by your vice-chairman from the time that he was twenty-one years of age until the establishment of the Canadian Pacific railway. You will, therefore, see that your present vice-chairman, who they will congratulate themselves on the opportunity of electing and securing the services of men of such calibre and European reputation as those to whom I have already referred as being proposed as the new directors.

"I am sure also that the shareholders will feel that it is only just that we directors, who have hitherto acted for you with no salary or recompense whatever, saving only the large interests which we have in the shares of your company, should ask for some definite remuneration henceforth, considering the fact that we shall now be called upon to give a great deal of our time and our very best services to the direction of a large enterprise. I shall, therefore, ask you to vote a resolution granting us a minimum salary of £200 each per annum. As this, in itself, will be a very small recompense for the time and work which we shall be called upon to give to your affairs, we shall ask you to give us, to divide amongst us, 10 per cent of all the profits we shall make for you after a dividend of 10 per cent cumulative has been paid on the shares. In conclusion, I may say your directors consider that the company now requires every element of success, and every element necessary to enable it to become one of the great enterprises of the day. It has a vast field of practically unlimited mineral wealth, the sympathy and support of the province, great railway facilities, ample and cheap water, coal, timber, and labor, an invigorating and good climate, ample capital for its present necessities, and a directorate containing some of the most experienced and successful local men; whilst, from the

"The Provincial Government was opened to any appreciable extent, and the local companies were formed with considerable success—one or two with enormous success. One mine alone, which twelve months ago changed hands at \$75,000, has within the year been purchased by a syndicate of United States capitalists for \$1,500,000, and it is in the local newspapers a rumour that it has now been formed into a company, of which the purchase price is \$2,000,000. This looks like a very big jump, but in the case in point I have reason to believe it is one which is amply justified by the output and production of the mine in question. These local companies are only just commencing now to make a regular output, and it was not until the end of this year that, attracted by the success of these preliminary companies, large amounts of United States capital and capital from Eastern Canada were sent into British Columbia for investment.

"Reference having been made to the 'Gold Boom in British Columbia' and the encouraging prospects, the chairman went on to say: 'Before, however, going into such a great enterprise as the development of the 'MINING RESOURCES OF B.C.' 'or even before committing themselves to the large development which your present necessities require, and the expenditure on machinery necessary for the profitable working of them, your directors have felt that they must have sufficient capital at their backs to know that they can carry through this work to a successful issue, and that they have a sufficient financial backing to guarantee them large additional capital if the results which they obtain justify them in asking for it. They have, in the scheme which they to-day lay before you, accomplished these ends. They have succeeded in obtaining the guarantee of amply sufficient capital to back their present proposals, and they have also succeeded in obtaining, perhaps, the strongest financial backing which it is possible to have in all Europe. Amongst the new directors whom we ask you to elect to-day will be seen the names of certainly two of the best known European bankers and financiers. They need no words from me to recommend them to your favorable consideration. The position of the company which Mr. Rosenheim directs, or assists to direct, viz., the Anglo-French Exploration Company, and his equally successful connection with other companies, have proved an

"For his name to the British market, Baron de Meville's name is sufficiently well known throughout Europe to make it unnecessary for me to refer to him. In Dr. Goldschmidt we have a scientist and a geologist of the very highest order, and in Mr. Forbes George Vernon, the present representative of the British Columbia government in this country, to whose zealous and indefatigable efforts as Agent-General we largely owe the fact that we ever came to consider the extension of our enterprise and the development of British Columbia resources, and who was for seven or eight years Minister of Public Works in British Columbia, we have one of the very best men of local experience and judgment. But if amongst our new directors we have men of great financial position and name, I can assure you that they are merely types of the gentlemen who have put together their money to subscribe our new

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capital, and there are many other names on the list of equal celebrity. When your directors had made up their minds that it was for your best interests that we should extend our operations on a large scale, they consulted their brokers in London and in Paris as to how this might be done, and your brokers organized a syndicate to guarantee a new capital, in which they, themselves, showing their good faith in the enterprise, have taken a very large share, and in which your directors have also taken a very large share. I wish particularly to draw your attention to this fact.

"GREAT MINERAL BELT. "of America, the southern half of which, situated in the United States, has given to the world during the last half century something like three quarters, or probably even more, of its total gold supply. A glance at any map of the American continent will describe the Rocky mountain range, which is practically the mineral belt of the American continent, to be about one-half in the United States and one-half in British Columbia and Canada. The gold of British Columbia first commenced to be exploited in 1858, and since then has yielded an output of about \$500,000,000; but this has not been merely the result of the efforts of individual miners working with their hands and such primitive machinery as could be conveyed to the mines on mules' backs for some 400 miles from Vancouver over the world-famed Cariboo road, which might well be described as the world's longest and most precipitous cliff of the Fraser canon. Such were the conditions of transit that it is recorded that all commodities were practically of one value in the mines, and were sold as so much per pound, the freight of transport entirely obliterating the original cost of commodity, and making tobacco and nails of the same value per pound.

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"POWERFUL FINANCIAL CONNECTIONS. "represented on its board, it has the assurance that it will always have ample means at its disposal to continue successfully its operations. Finally, your directors have reason to believe that the legislature of British Columbia, being fully aware of the keen competition of other countries to secure capital for the development of their industries, will recognize the efforts of this company to open up the mineral resources of the province, and to extend to it every encouragement and legitimate assistance. I am confident, therefore, that when the time again comes round to have the pleasure of meeting you, assembled together here, which will be at no very distant date, I shall have the gratification of asking you to vote the payment of a substantial dividend on your shares. I shall now be very happy to answer any questions which any shareholder may wish to put to me, and shall then proceed to move and explain the resolutions which we ask you to agree to to-day. (Applause.)

"RESOLUTIONS. "The Chairman then moved the following resolutions, which were seconded by Mr. E. Northall-Laurie and carried unanimously: (1) That the capital of the company be increased to £300,000 by the creation of 250,000 shares of £1 each. (2) That each of the present shareholders and warrant-holders shall have the option, to be exercised by him or her on or before twelve o'clock on September 25 next, of subscribing for and having allotted to him or her for payment in cash, by such instalments as the directors may determine, such a number of new shares in the company as such shareholders or warrant-holders may think fit, but not exceeding two new shares for each share now held by such shareholder or warrant-holder. (3) That the directors having reported that a syndicate in Paris, which had been organized by the company's brokers, and in which the directors of this company and the brokers had 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), had offered to guarantee the subscription at par of £100,000 of the new issue, if it should not be

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PROSPECTS OF ALBERTA. ALBERTA, Oct. 5.—(Special)—An opposition stage line has been put on the road between here and Nanaimo. A hotel is to be built at Cameron lake and another here. No new discoveries have been reported during the last few days but several claims have been bonaded. Yellow Oil used internally relieves and cures cough, sore throat, asthma, bronchitis, and similar complaints. Used externally it cures rheumatism, lumbago, sprains, bruises, galls, chilblains, frost bites, cuts, wounds, insect bites, lambs lock, scurraige, etc.

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