

# Big Three Gold Mining Company.

Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Washington and Registered under the Laws of British Columbia.

THE COMPANY OWNS **THREE BIG MINES.** "MASCOT," "SNOWSHOE,"  
"SOUTHERN BELLE."

**CAPITAL** - In Trail Creek District, Rossland, B. C.  
**3,500,000 SHARES. PAR VALUE, \$1.00 EACH.**  
SHARES FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE.

**Treasury Stock** - 1,000,000 Shares.

TO BE SOLD FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

## OFFICERS:

*President:* R. H. POPE, M. P., Cookshire, P. Q., *Vice-President:* O. G. LABEREE, Spokane, Wash. *Secretary and Treasurer:* R. DALBY MORKILL, JR., Rossland, B. C.

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## DESCRIPTION.

The "Mascot" is situated on Columbia Mountain, and adjoins the famous "Kootenay" mine. Work done: 150 feet on the vein, the whole face of tunnel in ore; 40 feet shaft, five feet of ore in bottom of same. 100 feet from mouth of tunnel a winze has been sunk 15 feet in ore. The vein is exposed for a width of 14 feet with neither wall in sight. Two strong veins on the claim, with good grade ore like the "Kootenay" mine. The "Mascot" is the most promising mine for the work done in Trail district. Buildings, roads and trails all completed.

The "Southern Belle" is located on Red Mountain, and adjoins the "Cliff" and "View" mines. Has a shaft 75 feet deep, sunk on the footwall side of the vein, and about 2½ feet of good ore. Assays taken were: \$35.00 to the ton, and as high as 20 per cent. in copper, one of the best copper ores in the camp. A crosscut tunnel, 92 feet in length, cutting the vein at a vertical depth of 110 feet; a drift on the hanging wall side of the vein 32 feet, with the face all in ore, having an average assay value of \$23.50 per ton. Has numerous open cuts and two short tunnels.

The "Snowshoe" adjoins the "Southern Belle" and the "Northern Belle." It has a tunnel 80 feet long, shaft 20 feet deep; good surface showing and ore values increasing with depth.

The "Big Three" has a bright future, and the stock is a good investment. All three properties are developing very fast into mines.

The present treasury stock is offered to carry on further and rapid development work. Development under the able supervision of W. Y. Williams, a gentleman of sound ideas and wide experience in mining.

Fifty thousand shares of Treasury Stock offered at 12½ cents a share. Shares will advance. In ordering shares, send draft, money order, or express order, to

**A. L. White & Co., 259 St. James St., Montreal, P. Q.**

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## A BIG SLOCAN TRANSACTION.

A long red ride about seven miles away on the glacier I declared that if the problem of where the ruby sand came from was left to me it would remain unsolved forever.

"I gave it up and went to work washing the sands on the beach. After about two months I determined to pay Mount Fairweather a visit, which involves a journey of fifteen miles, more or less, across the glacier. After I had got about half-way across the rocks and stones disappeared and the glacier looked like a great frozen lake. The same black veil covered a considerable portion of it that I had seen on the Brady glacier and on the dead part of the Perouse glacier, but I noticed that it was not as black as it appeared at a distance, and that it consisted principally of ruby sand, exactly like what I had seen on the beach. With some difficulty I gathered up about a quart of it and washed it in the gold pan, and there I found about twenty colors, exactly like those found on the beach.

"The problem was now solved. I had found where the ruby sand came from and how it found its way to the ocean beach. I was so far back on the glacier that I could look behind the foothills and could see the level of the glacier behind them was not far from their tops, and it was certain that, not very long before, the glacier extended over the foothills and down to the ocean. This would constitute an inclined plane about forty miles long and eight miles wide, or about 300 square miles of an inclined plane of ice, and all the ruby sand and gold that it contained would find its way to a moraine along the beach, where the glacier was melted by the sea water. This gold certainly never came from quartz veins, as it was found in meteoric dust, and heaven is the only place that I can think of that it could come from, or the ethereal blue vault above us, or wherever meteoric dust comes from."

Le Roi's new ore body has widened to five feet of pay ore.

It was learned yesterday upon good authority, says the Spokesman-Review, that negotiations are now pending for the sale of the Alamo, Cumberland, Slocan mill and tramway and the famous Idaho mine, all in the Slocan district, to an English syndicate at a price approximating \$750,000. The manager of the company, J. D. Farrell, declined to discuss the matter, although not denying the statement. The presence of A. E. Humphreys, W. H. Yawkey, N. D. Moore and his associates in the city at this time gives color to the rumor.

These properties are all well known. Since they came into the hands of the present owners the Alamo and Cumberland have earned over \$300,000. The Idaho has already paid in dividends to its owners the sum of \$125,000 and is paying a dividend of \$20,000 monthly, and the fourth dividend of the same amount in four months was declared and paid on the 15th instant.

The recent development in the lower levels has exposed immense bodies of ore assaying between 220 and 300 ounces of silver and 60 per cent. lead. The concentrates will run 200 ounces in silver and 40 per cent lead. There has been a large amount of development done on the property, and this development is kept in advance of the stoping.

It will be remembered that several phenomenal assays were made from the crude ore a short time ago, one of them running 7026 ounces of silver per ton.

## PROSPECTING PAYS.

The question is often asked, "Does prospecting pay?" This question can be answered by an emphatic "Yes!"

For the amount of capital required, there is probably no business in the world that pays better. The "plant" of the prospector, while it is somewhat more elaborate than the dress suit of a Texan—a shirt collar and a pair of spurs—is seldom more than a \$5

broncho, pick, shovel and grub enough to last him three months. On this "capitalization" there are scores of prospectors who have multiplied their venture thousands and tens of thousand. They have not only enriched themselves but they have enriched the state as well by adding to its mineral wealth. The Journal knows two instances where prospectors started on their journey in June last with an outfit that cost not exceeding \$60, that now have their discoveries bonded at \$80,000 and \$120,000, and it could name dozens of men who have refused offers of \$5,000 and \$10,000 for good prospects that cost them but two months' labor in the mountains.

While the prospector has his trials and tribulations, he also has his joys. He never leaves hope behind him, and there is always prospect of fortune and reward before him. His task is one that is filled with sunshine and hope.

It is a business that is not overdone and the field a boundless one, open to all who wish to enter it.

## CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

### VICTORY MINERAL CLAIM.

Where located: On Sophie Mountain, in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay, District of British Columbia.

TAKE notice that I, A. R. Macdonald, acting as Secretary of Victory-Triumph Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, free miner's certificate number 77276, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that action under section thirty-seven must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1896.  
12-2-96

A. R. MACDONALD.

## CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

### TRIUMPH MINERAL CLAIM.

Where located: On Sophie Mountain, in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay, District of British Columbia.

TAKE notice that I, A. R. Macdonald, acting as Secretary of Victory-Triumph Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, free miner's certificate number 77279, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section thirty-seven must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this first day of December, 1896.  
12-2-96

A. R. MACDONALD.