

A CONTRACT SYSTEM

The Method Used by Superintendent Davis.

GIVES ROOM FOR MORE WORKERS

How it Applies to the War Eagle and Centre Star Mines - How Men Employed at Higher Wages, Yet the Ore is Extracted Far More Profitably.

There are two ways in which contract work is usually undertaken in a mine; the one is the method of paying for each foot of advance and the other per ton extracted. The first is open to the objection that untrained men will not break away as much rock as men who are better skilled.

On the other hand, the method of payment per ton extracted is open to the same objections, and has another super-added. This is the cumbersome nature of the necessary details and the expense entailing thereunto in order to keep each man's output separate from that of his fellow worker.

At the War Eagle Superintendent Davis has hit upon a third method, which, while retaining all the advantages of contract work, takes away itself the mobility of day labor. Instead of paying contractors per ton or per foot excavated, they are being paid per contract machine.

It will at once be seen that this being done during the third, or last night shift, prevents time being wasted. The air is sweet and wholesome by the time the contractors are again ready to proceed.

Natural ventilation where existent alone will clear the atmosphere of the generated gases. Thus there is less call upon the blowers or suckers to create an artificial draught so as to render the air fit to breathe within a short period.

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Firefly mineral claim. Situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Land Registry Act and the Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1898.

And in the Matter of the Title to Lot 678, Group 1, Kootenay District, known as the O. K. Mineral Claim.

Notice is hereby given that three months from the date hereof application will be made by the Old National Bank of Spokane, Washington, to the Honorable Montague William Tyrwhitt Drake, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, for an Order directing the Registrar General of Titles to register the Old National Bank of Spokane, Washington, as owners in fee of Lot 678, Group 1, Kootenay District, known as the O. K. Mineral Claim, notwithstanding the non-production of the prior documents of title.

And further take notice that any person claiming to have interest in said land and desiring to oppose said application must attend at the Chamber Court, in the Court House, Government street, Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, the 12th day of July, 1900, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place said application will be heard.

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KENNETH MINING AND DEVELOPMENT CO., LIMITED LIABILITY.

Rosland, May 10, 1900.

I beg to give notice that a special extraordinary meeting of the above named company will be held at the offices of the company, Wallace Block, Columbia avenue, in the city of Rossland, on Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1900, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions will be submitted:

1. That it is desirable to reconstruct the Company, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Arthur Marsh, in the City of Rossland, in the Province of British Columbia, Esquire, be, and hereby is, appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding-up.

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3. That the draft agreement submitted to this meeting, and expressed to be made between the Company and its liquidator, of the one part, and "The Tamarac Mines, Limited," of the other part, be and the same is hereby approved; and that the said liquidator be and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 13 of the Companies' Winding-Up Act, 1898, one of the statutes of British Columbia, to enter into an agreement with such new company, (when incorporated), in the terms of said draft, and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as they think expedient.

The transfer books of the company will be closed from June 14th to June 28th, inclusive.

ARTHUR MARSH, Secretary-Treasurer.

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