PROSPECTUS OF

# Gold Mining Co.,

OF RAT PORTAGE.
NON-PERSUNAL LIABILITY.

CAPITAL, \$750.000.

in 780,000 Shares of One Dollar each. Head Office, RAT PORTAGE, ONT.

PRESIDENT-R. W. JAMESON, ESQ, Mayor of the City of Winnipeg.

VICE. PRESIDENT-R. H. AGUR, Manager of Massey-Harris Co., Winnipeg.

DIRECTORS.

H. H. BECK, Insurance Manager, Winnipeg P. W. DREWRY, Brewer, Winnipeg. JOHN PLANTON Plander, Winnipeg H. G. WILSON, Solicitor, Winnipeg.

Sec. 17reas. - H. S. CROTTY, Real Estate Agt., Winnipeg Trutees-R. W. JAMESON and C. S. HOARE. Bankers-IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.

The above centlemen have agreed to act as a directorate and the following are identified as promoters of the Company:—

R. W. JAMESON. F. W. DREWRY. H. G. WILSON.
R. P. AOUR. G. H. CAMPERLL. H. H. BECK.
J. PLANTON. E. R. WILLTEURAD. H. S. CROTTT.
D. WILSON.

CONSULTING ENGINEER for British Columbia-Inc.
J. Mayushan, of Mayushan and Campbell, Rossland.

(Incorporated under the Ontario Joint Stock Company and Mining Acts.)

## OBJECTS-

To acquire properties either by purchase or working interest, from prospectors unable to properly develop their claims, develop the same to a stage when they can be placed upo the market as paying mines.

### PROPERTIES-

SNOWBIRD (gold), situated half way between Rossland and Trail, on surveyed line of C. P. R.

QUEEN BEE (gold), situated four miles rom Harrison Lake Sanitarium.

Both fine tunnel propositions.

Eighty acres on steamboat channel, 25 miles from Rat Portage.

Ten options at Rat Portage and Seine River districts for working interest.

## ADVANTAGES-

The investor in shares of this company is not confined to dividends obtained from one claim only, but from a large number, which will be developed and sold by the company, which gives him 100 chances to one over the investor in stocks of ordinary companies

200,000 shares of stock are now offered for sale at 10 cents per share, per value one dolar. No liability beyond the amount actually paid upon stock in the company attaches to the subscribers thereto or to holders thereof.

The practical operations of the company will be carried on under the supervision of the best mining engineering skill that can be procured, so that the stockholders will have the fullest guarantee for the practical as well as the financial management of the company's affairs.

Applications for allotment of shares should be made to the secretary of the company H. S. Crotty, Main street, Winnipeg, when further information can be had.

The company is now securing powers to operate in the Province of British Columbia.

The company has made financial connections in the East and in Great Britain, and its directorate are in a position to float legitimate mining schemes of any magnitude in the financial contres of the world.

Payments on stock can be made to H.S. Crotty, sec.-tress., or to credit off frustees at any branch of Imperial Bunk of Canada.

# Business Openings.

A rising town in Southern Manituba offers good openings for the following: A Chartered Bank, a Physician, a Lawyer, and a Dentist. Address answers to L T C, care The Commercial.

## British Columbia Markets.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such q antities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and tre-subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vanccuver, January 9, 1897.

There is a decline of he in creamery, and 2c in dairy butter to report this week, owing to supplies of fresh coming in from the south. Eggs have declined sharply on increase in receits of fresh. Potatoes are down \$2 per ton.

Butter. — Manitoba Dairy butter, 18c; Manitoba creamery, 23½c; castern creamery, 23½c; local creamery, 28c; Manitoba cheese, 11c; local cheese, 11c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18 cents; breakfast bacon 12½ to 13c; backs 9½c; long, clear 8c; shortrolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per pound; in pails and tubs 9c.

Gamo — Mallarda, 25c, widleau. 25c; tael, 20c; grouse, 85c to \$1,25; Veniseu, 4c; saud sin \$3,85c.

Fish.—Prices are Flounders 3c; smelt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; teamny cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmen 10c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt colachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3 75 and \$3.50; rmoked salmon 10c.

Vegatables — Potatoes, \$23.00 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1c per pound, California unions 14e; cabbago, 4e lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$7.50 a ton.

Eggs.-Ranch 30c; Eistern eggs, 20c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foct ten and a half inches by cleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 8:0 lemons; from 125 to 800 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. Japanese oranges 6 to 7 doz. in box.50 to 60c. California lemous. \$3.50; California temous. \$3.50; navel oranges. \$1; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box, 75c to \$1; Eastern apples \$3.75 to \$1.00 barrel.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb peuches 74c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 43c to 7c; loss Muscatel raisins. 6c; London layor raisins \$1.65 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 74c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13c; filborts, 12he; peavauts, 10c; Brazil, 12he; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb a cks, \$3.10; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.20; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.70.

Flour.—Delivered B C points.— Manitoba patent, per barrel. \$5.70; strong bakers, \$5.80; Oregon, \$5.40.

Grain.—Local wheat, \$35. Oats, \$25 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$23 to \$21 per ton: ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$20.00 ton; bran \$18.00; oil cake meal. \$30 ton: F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.-\$15.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats —Beef. 6 to 7c; mutton, 61 to 74c; pork, 6 to 61c; veal. 7 to 8c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hegs, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 100 lbs; lamb \$3.00 to \$8.50 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, 11c lb., Turkeys, 12½c lb ducks, 12½c lb Geese, 11c lb.

Sugars.—Powdered and using. 632; Paris lump. 54c; granulated. 44c; extra C, 41c; fancy yellows 45c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 17c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 21c; 5gallon kegs, 31.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; 1 gallon tins, \$4.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 114c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

## The Famine in India.

At a meeting of the council at Calcutta on Jan. 7. Sir John Woodburn, revenue member, said the timely rains of November and December have saved India from the greatest calamity of the century, so widespread and severe was the drought, but a large area sown with the assistance of the November rains had been greatly benefitted by further rains last week and additions to food stocks is expected in April. In spite of this, he con inued, the present situation is very grave. Nearly 750 000 persons are already in receipt of reliaf and the task of providing these enormous numbers is gigantic.

# Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending Jan. 7 were 1,515,409: balances, 156,831. For the previous week clearings were 1,353,819. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 1,513,305 and for the week two years ago, were 1,233,158. Clearings for the month of Dec were \$7,736,915, compared with \$1,641,454 for Dec. 1895, and \$5,195,672 for Dec. 1891.

Clearances for all Caustian cities for the week ended January 7 were as follows:

Montreal	\$9,933,593
Toronto	9.428.975
Halifax	1,872,121
Winnipeg	1,515,409
Hamilton	714.281
St. John	589,272

Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the year 1895 were \$51.146.438, compared with \$55,-873,630 for 1895 and \$50,540,647 for 1894,