

We would go farther than this and suggest that investors who have a fancy for this class of mining enterprise should leave "locally registered" companies severely alone, for it is obvious that those who acquire interests in these concerns are entirely at the mercy of the local officials. In the case of English registered companies, on the other hand, those who participate can find out the whereabouts of the company's office, the extent of its property, and the amount of its capital issued and unissued, while they are free from that question of "assessibility" which hangs over the heads of those who buy local "B. C." shares issued at a discount.—Ex.

TEXADA ISLAND.

Considerable development work is being prosecuted all over the Island, and the prospects are very encouraging. On the Van Anda the shaft is down 110 feet. From the 60-foot level a winze is being sunk on the vein to connect with the lower level. At 80 feet depth a strong body of purple copper ore has been met with, being three feet wide in the solid, showing free gold, and is undoubtedly continuous. This strike is most important, as the grade of the ore is very high and will return large profits to the shareholders.

The Raven mine has a large staff of men at work, both driving on the lode and sinking. The shaft is down 75 feet in eight feet of good ore, with only one wall; this body of ore is rich in free gold and carries 20 per cent. copper, and is traceable through several properties.

The Kirk Lake company have sunk a shaft 100 feet, and have a body of high grade ore four feet wide carrying carrying considerable gold. Machinery will be put on the ground immediately and fifteen men will be employed in the erection thereof. The treasury stock has been taken up in large blocks and plenty of cash is available for development, this property bids fair to attract much attention in the near future.

The Surprise company has sunk a shaft 111 feet and driven a tunnel from the 70 foot level a distance of 80 feet, sinking will be resumed at once to the 200 feet level, when driving will be commenced on the Silver Tip lode which passes through the Surprise. Mr. Jell, the Manager, is here making the necessary arrangements for a whim and horses to expedite sinking. This Company possesses four claims, all of which have very large surface shows, going from a few dollars to \$25 in copper and gold. This property is being energetically worked and reflects credit on the management.

The Texada proprietary's claim, the Silver Tip, is a property that has come much into prominence. A shaft has

STOCK QUOTATIONS
In Vancouver of British Columbia
Mining Companies.

COMPANIES.	NO. OF SHARES.	PAR VALUE	PRICE
TRAIL CREEK.			
Alberta.....	1,000,000	\$ 1 00	\$ 0 13
B. C. Gold King.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
B. C. Gold Fields.....	2,500,000	2 00	40
Beaver.....	750,000	1 00	10
Big Chief.....	1,900,000	1 00	10
Big Three.....	3,500,000	1 00	12
Bluebird.....	600,000	1 00	10
Bruce.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Bute.....	1,000,000	1 00	05
Caledonian Con.....	500,000	1 00	07
California.....	2,500,000	1 00	15
C. & G.....	500,000	1 00	05
Celtic Queen.....	750,000	1 00	04
Centr Star.....	500,000	1 00	10
Colonia.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
Commander.....	500,000	1 00	22
Crown Point.....	1,000,000	1 00	51
Deer Park.....	1,000,000	1 00	18 1/2
Delta Colla.....	1,000,000	1 00	04
Delaware.....	1,500,000	1 00	12
Eastern Star.....	500,000	1 00	12
Enterprise.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Eric.....	1,000,000	1 00	04
Evening Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	11 1/2
Georgia.....	1,000,000	1 00	16
Gertrude.....	500,000	1 00	08 1/2
Giant.....	2,500,000	1 00	15
Golden Drip.....	500,000	1 00	15
Golden Queen.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Great Western.....	1,000,000	1 00	14
Hattie Brown.....	1,000,000	1 00	07 1/2
Helen.....	500,000	1 00	05
High Ore.....	600,000	1 00	04
Homestake.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Idaho.....	500,000	1 00	10
Imperial.....	1,000,000	1 00	05 1/2
Independent.....	1,000,000	1 00	06
Iron Horse.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Iron Mask.....	500,000	1 00	46
I. X. J.....	1,000,000	1 00	12
Josie.....	700,000	1 00	53
Jumbo.....	500,000	1 00	70
Knight-Templar.....	500,000	1 00	04
Kootenay-London.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
La Roi.....	500,000	5 00	7 50
Lily May.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Mayflower.....	1,000,000	1 00	12
Monarch.....	700,000	1 00	10
Monita.....	750,000	1 00	18
Monte Cristo.....	1,000,000	1 00	14
Morning Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	07 1/2
Nest Egg.....	500,000	1 00	08
Northern Belle.....	1,000,000	1 00	15
Northern.....	1,000,000	1 00	06 1/2
O. K.....	1,000,000	1 00	28 1/2
Pato Alto.....	1,000,000	1 00	06
Phoenix.....	500,000	1 00	11
Poolman.....	500,000	1 00	07
R. E. Lee.....	2,000,000	1 00	15
Red Mountain View.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Red Point.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Rochester.....	500,000	1 00	10
Rossland Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	15
Rossland J. Red M'En.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
St. Elmo.....	1,000,000	1 00	06 1/2
St. Paul.....	1,000,000	1 00	12 1/2
Silverline.....	500,000	1 00	08
Southern C. & W. C.....	500,000	1 00	20
Sultana.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Trail Mining Co.....	2,500	100 00	10
Union.....	600,000	1 00	10
Virginia.....	500,000	1 00	12
War Eagle Con.....	2,000,000	1 00	1.03
West La Roi.....	500,000	1 00	27
White Bear.....	2,000,000	1 00	16
Young British Am.....	1,000,000	1 00	06
AINSWORTH.			
Dellie.....	700,000	1 00	17
Ellen.....	1,000,000	1 00	07 1/2
BOUNDARY			
Old Ironsides.....	1,000,000	1 00	05
CAMP MCKINNEY			
Cariboo.....	800,000	1 00	40
CAMP FAIR VIEW.			
Occidental.....	600,000	1 00	10
NELSON.			
Exchequer.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Hall Mines.....	2 000	£1 00	6 10
NORTHPORT.			
Red Top.....	1,000,000	\$1 00	10
SLOCAN.			
Athabasca.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
Alamo.....	600,000	1 00	10
Bon Diable.....	75,000	1 00	1 00
Bondholder.....	1,000,000	1 00	06 1/2
Buffalo.....	150,000	25	25
Cumberland.....	50,000	10 00	10

COMPANIES.	NO. OF SHARES	PAR VALUE	PRICE
Reco.....	1,000,000	1 00	1 50
Slocan Star.....	1,000,000	50	2 55
Sunshine.....	50,000	10 00	10
Washington.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
Wonderful.....	1,000,000	1 00	08
REVELSTOKE.			
Orphan Boy.....	700,000	1 00	10
TEXADA ISLAND.			
Texada Proprietary.....	1,000,000	\$ 25	\$ 0 25
Van Anda.....	6,000,000	1 00	05
Victoria-Texada.....	600,000	25	25
ALBERNI DIST.			
Alberni M'En Rose.....	250,000	1 00	05
Alberni Con.....	1,000,000	1 00	12
Mineral Creek.....	500,000	1 00	05 1/2
Mineral Hill.....	750,000	1 00	10
Quadra.....	500,000	1 00	10
GARIBOO			
Cariboo Gold Fields.....	100,000	1 00	10 25
Cariboo Hydraulic.....	500,000	5 00	10 25
Columbia & Cariboo.....	1,000,000	1 00	15
Horsely Hydraulic.....	200,000	1 00	10
Horsely Gold M. Co.....	100,000	10 00	1 50
Slough Creek.....	500,000	1 00	50
LILLOOET DIST.			
Golden Cache.....	500,000	1 00	1 65
Lillooet Gold Reefs.....	200,000	25	25

Dividends paid to date are as follows: La Roi, \$375,000; War Eagle, \$187,000; Rambler, Cariboo, \$40,000; Reco, \$100,000; Slocan Star, \$800,000; Two Friends, \$30,000; Cariboo, \$141,410. It is estimated that the profits of the mines subjoined have returned the sums placed opposite their respective names:

Payne.....	\$250,000	Goodenough.....	\$35,000
Idaho.....	132,000	Noble Five.....	50,000
Poolman.....	50,000	Northern Belle.....	20,000
Ruth.....	50,000	Antoine.....	10,000
Whitewater.....	40,000	Surprise.....	20,000
Washington.....	20,000	Monitor.....	15,000
Slocan Bov.....	25,000	Last Chance.....	50,000

surface, showing little or no variation. This lode is not only one of the best defined and most valuable on the Island, but will compete with any on the coast. Of the ore body two feet is solid metal and three feet being mixed with quartz the whole five being worth about \$40 in copper, gold and silver. The ore is of an exceptional character and is the first of its kind discovered in British Columbia. There is still much doubt as to its actual component parts, but the fact remains that the smelting value is very good. A few tons of ore is being sent for treatment and active development work is to be commenced at an early date, both sinking and driving on the lode. Two other lodes traverse the property and from the very surface over \$20 has been obtained in copper and gold.

Victoria Texada Company have seven men working and the prospects are of the best.

The Clara B. is another valuable property giving great results in copper and gold.

Several other claim have started work and, for legitimate work, Texada Island ranks second to none on the Coast as a mining centre.

There have been no startling discoveries made recently in the West Kootenay, but on the whole the news from the mines is encouraging. The O. K., which has closed down owing to a change of management, is to resume on Monday,