



### Successful Annual Meeting at Halifax. President Libbey Handles Without Gloves Fake Gold Mining Schemes in Nova Scotia.

The annual meeting of The Mining Society of Nova Scotia was held, pursuant to notice, at the Halifax Hotel, on Wednesday the 10th day of April, 1901, at 10:30 a.m.

President W. L. Libbey occupied the chair.

The following gentlemen were present: Vice-President G. W. Stuart, Truro; Past-President H. S. Poole, Halifax; J. E. Hampson, Halifax; R. H. Brown, Sydney Mines; Charles Fergie, Westville; A. A. Hayward, Waverley; F. H. Mason, Halifax; J. H. Austen, Halifax; G. S. Troop, Halifax; A. McNeil, Halifax; H. M. Wyld, Halifax; F. W. Green, Halifax; G. L. Burritt, Halifax; W. R. Askwith, Halifax; D. Forbes Angus, Treas. I. Co. M. Co., Montreal; T. R. Gue, Halifax; George E. Francklyn, Halifax; C. C. Starr, Halifax; Sydney Smith, Halifax; F. W. Hauright, Halifax; H. W. Weller, Montreal; Hon. S. H. Holmes, Halifax; D. W. Robb, Amherst; Percy Brown, Halifax; C. N. Crowe, Bridgewater; J. W. Pilcher, Halifax; Todd C. Woodworth, Halifax; Harry Piers, Halifax; Frederick Taylor, Boston; G. J. Partington, Hon. Robt. Drummond, Hon. Angus McGillivray and a large number of others.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were read and approved.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The names of the following gentlemen were proposed for membership: F. W. Green, Halifax; J. W. Pilcher, Can. Genl. Elect. Co., Halifax; Marland L. Pratt, Crow's Nest Mining Co., Boston; C. J. Coll, Genl. Manager Acadia Coal Co.; L. F. S. Holland, Waverley G. M. Co., Waverley; Todd C. Woodworth, San Francisco; Sydney Smith, San Francisco; C. N. Crowe, Bridgewater; A. B. Kenyon, Mt. Uniacke; A. J. Moxham, Genl. Manager Dom. I. & S. Co., Sydney; William Bolase, Manager New Egerton G. Mining Co., 15 Mile Stream; E. F. Harvey, St. Johns, N.F.; Sydney Wood, St. Johns, N.F.; Otto Collings; Hon. S. H. Holmes, Halifax; J. C. Mahon, Halifax and D. Forbes Angus, Secy. Intercolonial Coal M. Co., Montreal; C. H. Porter, Halifax; F. A. Huntress, Manager Halifax Elect. Tram Co., Halifax; Fred W. Hart, Halifax; L. J. Hessel, Halifax; E. Howard Hughes, Montreal.

On motion the ballot was dispensed with, and on motion of Mr. H. M. Wyld, seconded by Mr. F. H. Mason the above gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the Society.

#### ELECTION OF AN HONORARY MEMBER.

Mr. ALEX. MCNEIL: I should like to move that Mr. Harry Piers be made an honorary member of the Society. As members are aware, Mr. Piers as Curator of the Provincial Science Library and Museum is doing most valuable work, one that is going to be of importance not only to the mining interests but in our own and those of the Province. I therefore have much pleasure in making this motion.

Mr. H. S. POOLE: In connection with Mr. Piers I would like to remark, as some of our members may not be aware of it, that the bulk of the Library belonging to this society has been placed under Mr. Piers' care, and that he is now looking after most of our books, and the intention is, I believe, to place other volumes as they are bound similarly. A record will be kept of them and they will be systematically looked after. Mr. Piers is an enthusiastic naturalist, and takes great interest in all scientific studies, and as secretary of the Nova Scotia Institute of Science he would bring this Society more in touch with that Society.

Mr. FERGIE concurred.

The motion having been put, Mr. Piers was unanimously elected an honorary member.

#### MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH.

Mr. H. M. WYLD expressed regret at having to call the attention of the meeting to the loss by death of two members of this Society, Capt. A. L.

Howard and Mr. Geo. A. Pyke, as well as that of Dr. G. M. Dawson, one of our honorary members.

The PRESIDENT: It would seem fitting that some resolution be passed by the Society in connection with the loss sustained. Mr. Pyke was a member of the Society for many years, and took a great deal of interest in its proceedings. He was a member of the gold mining branch and a most estimable and whole-souled gentleman, whose loss I think all of us individually deplore. Major Howard was one particularly well known to all of us—of large soul, a citizen of the world, a patriot—who in South Africa has given up his life for the British flag. We certainly all deeply deplore his loss. Dr. Dawson's services as a geologist to Canada will live in history. A Nova Scotian born, his services have been national, and will live long after I am forgotten.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President, Mr. W. L. LIBBEY: Gentlemen of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia—The closing year of the century has gone into history ripe with culminations in the mining records of this province, and of the greatest interest to our Society. Our scientific and practical miners are the men who above all others have in the past and will to a vastly increased extent in the coming century contribute to the enlargement of the industrial and commercial resources of Nova Scotia.

#### COAL AND IRON INDUSTRIES.

The quantity, quality, and availability of coal and iron are questions which weigh against the destiny of nations. Already the products of our matchless coalfields are reckoned in one of the greatest economic questions of the age—that of fuel—and the certainty of iron production is a coming event which casts a most portentous shadow.

#### INCREASED GOLD PRODUCTION.

Our gold output is furnishing an increasing addition annually to the least evanescent form of worldly wealth. On every hand scientific development is taking the place of aimless wandering in recovering earth's treasures; trained thinkers are superseding brute force; and perfected machinery is retiring for ever the crude appliances of the past. It is with no ordinary emotion of pleasure therefore that I greet today this representative gathering of all of Nova Scotia's mining interests.

#### GROWTH OF THIS SOCIETY.

It is good to note that our society is gaining in numbers and influence, and that, as is evidenced by our Secretary's report, we are in a satisfactory financial condition.

#### VISIT OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

As you are all aware, our Society, in conjunction with the Canadian Mining Institute, had in August last the pleasure of entertaining a large delegation of members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers on a most successful and interesting trip from Quebec to Cape Breton, Newfoundland, New Glasgow, Westville, Stellarton, Pictou, and Halifax. To the unceasing labors of Mr. B. T. A. Bell and our Secretary, Mr. H. M. Wyld, are due a large share of the words of praise for the successful outcome. The Government at Ottawa lent timely aid to the Canadian Society, and our local Government, with a ready comprehension of the importance of the visit, came to our aid in so substantial a manner as to enable us, by the use of a portion of the Society's funds, to entertain hospitably this very representative delegation of the leading mining engineers of the world.

In Cape Breton the Dominion Iron and Steel and the Dominion Coal Companies showered every attention and boundless hospitalities upon us. All details of the enormous plants and workings were open for inspection, and fully explained by an untiring corps of able members of their staffs.

The City of Sydney gave the hand of welcome. At New Glasgow, Westville, Stellarton, and Pictou a reception and warm greeting was given which will live in memory. Nature gave good weather in Halifax and Waverley, enabling the days to be filled with excursions and investigations which will be remembered.

The far-reaching effects of this visit of capitalists and agents of capital, to the most of whom the industrial resources of this Province were practically unknown cannot be over estimated. It is regrettable that so few of our own members were able to take the trip.

#### REVISION OF THE MINES ACT.

A revision of the Mines Act has been effected in the past year which it is to be hoped will give general satisfaction. The work of revision having been in most able hands and suggestions and criticisms from mining men being given careful attention.