

THE NEW RED EAGLE

The Property Is Now Owned By the Ottawa Company.

OLD HOLDERS MAY COME IN

Red Eagle Stock Exchangeable For Ottawa Scrip—The Abs Lincoln Officers In Town—Fire at the Payne—Minor Minings.

The people, who recently purchased the assets of the Red Eagle company at sheriff's sale, have reorganized the property under the name of the Ottawa Gold Mining company, with a capitalization of \$250,000, in \$1 shares. The property thus reorganized includes the Red Eagle and the Red Pole claims, in the South belt, beside the Mayflower.

The officers of the Ottawa are: President, P. McL. Forin; vice-president, Dr. D. E. Kerr; secretary and treasurer, Archibald Cameron. The officers, with J. W. Boyd, John Harris and Ner Smith, comprise the directorate.

The treasury stock consists of 122,000 shares, while the promoters' holdings are the balance, 128,000 shares. The new company has arranged to offer exclusively to the holders of Red Eagle stock shares in the new company, in the proportion of one share of Ottawa for five shares of Red Eagle, on payment of five cents for every surrendered share.

The directors have had an examination made of the property by an expert, and the report is favorable. With considerable work done and the necessary machinery on hand for continuing operations everything is in readiness to renew work at any time. The directors feel confident that the property will make a good record for itself within a reasonable time after operations have been resumed. Prospectuses and circulars will be mailed to the Red Eagle shareholders containing the details. This will be done just as fast as they can be gotten from the printer. Harris & Kennedy are the official brokers for the company.

WORK ON THE ABE LINCOLN

The President of the Company in Town on Business.

"While I am not enough of a miner to speak authoritatively, yet I am well satisfied with the development and the showing on our property, the Abe Lincoln," said A. A. Phillips Thursday. Mr. Phillips, who is from Olympia, is the president of the Abe Lincoln company, and with A. E. Barrett of Puyallup, the vice-president, he was in the city inspecting the company's holdings. He returned home yesterday.

"Financially the company is in good shape," continued Mr. Phillips. "About half of our treasury stock remains on hand, and we have cash available sufficient to sink the shaft more than 150 feet deeper. It is now down about 115 feet, so that even with no addition to our resources we can reach the 275-foot level. What shall we do after that?"

"Our manager, W. T. McDonald, seems to have been doing excellent and economical work, and we are well pleased with his conduct of the property," concluded Mr. Phillips.

The stock of the Abe Lincoln is largely held in Chicago and St. Paul among railroad men, who are personally acquainted with the promoters of the company. The claim lies on the east slope of Deer Park mountain, near the Sunset No. 2. It is comfortably fitted with a large cabin, a shaft house, powder house and the like, while a wagon road leads to the workings. The shaft has disclosed an interesting lead, showing no little copper ore in a variety of forms.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL

The Trades and Labor Council Files a Protest Against It

James Wilks, John McLaren, Christopher Foley, J. P. Birkdall, N. A. Bell and John E. Taylor, of the Trades and Labor Council, held a meeting Thursday, and considered the redistribution bill. The consensus of opinion was that Kootenay district in general and Trail Creek division in particular, will not be properly represented, provided the redistribution bill is passed in its present shape. The meeting filed its protest against the injustice in the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The present arrangement known as the Redistribution Act, submitted by the government to the provincial legislature for approval, provides in some cases for increased representation in sparsely populated districts and only unfair and extravagant representation for the Kootenay district in general and Roseland city and the Trail Creek division in particular, and

Whereas, The said Kootenay district having contributed upwards of \$310,000 to the provincial exchequer for the fiscal year 1896-7, an increase of 200 per cent over the previous year, and aggregating over one-fourth of the whole revenue of the province, a very large proportion of which was contributed by the Trail Creek mining division, and

Whereas, Roseland being generally regarded in point of population and commercial importance as the third city of British Columbia ought by right under a fair and equitable basis of representation to have a member, as her voting strength at the present time exceeds that of several constituencies that have two and many others that have one representative; therefore be it resolved, That the Trades and Labor Council of this city condemns the said redistribution bill as unjust and antagonistic to the principle of representation according to population, and in view of the superior importance of the business interests and the exceedingly great wealth producing and tax paying power of the Trail Creek mining division (the voting strength of which will in all probability on election day be 1,500) we demand at the hands of the government that the said mining division be created a provincial electoral district; be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Hon. J. H. Turner and the representative of this district immediately, and that the secretary of this committee be directed to correspond with the city council, the board of trade and the political clubs of Roseland and the Trail board of trade with a view of securing their endorsement of these resolutions.

SUMMIT CLAIMS SOLD

The Management of the B. C. Mine Acquires More Properties.

GRAND FORKS, April 20.—[Special.]

Superintendent Hanson of the B. C. mine in Summit camp, has just purchased the London claim as well as the Portland and Astoria fractions in Summit camp, from F. T. McCann, J. P. These claims are near the B. C. and are valuable properties. The purchase price of these claims is not known, but it is understood it was up in the thousands.

A. C. Sutton, barrister, has just returned from Nelson, B. C., where he has succeeded in clearing the title of the Boy's claim in the county court. The Boy's claim is owned by Robert Clark, and was jumped some months ago by one Creelman.

A DAWSON BRANCH

It Is to Be Established by the Bank of B. N. A.

It is announced that the Bank of British North America is opening an office in Dawson City, and that the other branches of the institution are now prepared to sell drafts and letters of credit payable at that point.

In opening this, its latest branch, the Bank of British North America is keeping up its reputation of being a pioneer bank in the west. It was the first bank to do business in British Columbia, having established an office in Victoria in 1858, and it had two offices in Cariboo during the period of the gold rush to that district. At a later period branches were established in Vancouver and later still at several points in West Kootenay when the latter began to attract the attention of the world. And now it is the first bank to establish itself in the last-recovered mining center.

It is to be hoped that in doing so it will meet with the success that its enterprise deserves.

WAS ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Pleasantly Celebrated in This City Saturday.

A Silken Banner Raised—This Was Followed By Literary Exercises and a Lunch at the Allan.

As previously announced the ceremony of hoisting the silken banner took place Saturday morning at the head of Trail creek. The day was unusually fine. There was a clear sky and a breeze sufficient to show the flag to advantage.

The banner was made by Mrs. H. P. McCraney of Roseland. It is silk and measures 9 x 4 feet. It is of fine white twilled silk with the blood red cross of St. George artistically executed.

About 50 ladies and gentlemen assembled to witness the ceremony, which was successfully carried out. The exact locality where the flagstaff was erected was near the wagon road, close to the railway cut, on the San Francisco mineral claim, about on a line with the west side of the California mineral claim.

W. B. Townsend, Esq., J. P., the chairman of the celebration, was early on the ground. His veteran medals were worn for the occasion, as he is a past master of the Sons of England. The banner was hoisted by the standard bearer, W. Shivlock, who was assisted by Mr. Bayne as a volunteer, and whose assistance is gratefully acknowledged by the committee.

On the hoisting of the banner a royal salute of 21 guns was fired under the direction of J. Carlyle. The chairman read letters from Hon. J. H. Turner, and Hon. T. Mayne Daly, regretting their inability to attend and assist, but wishing success to the celebration. Rev. H. Irwin gave a short and humorous address, and then the party returned to the Hotel Allan and partook of a superb luncheon. Mrs. King having as usual furnished a most acceptable menu.

The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Townsend, Miss Townsend, Mayor Wallace and Mrs. Wallace, Rev. Mr. Irwin, John Kirkup, Mr. Edcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Saucier, Mr. and Mrs. McClymont, H. F. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlyle, Rev. Mr. Gaudier, Mrs. McCraney and Mrs. Margaret McCraney, T. Elgie, Prof. Blockberger, U. E. Conroy, Mrs. J. G. Egan, Mrs. Emma McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, N. F. Townsend, Richard Plewman, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock, W. T. Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. Lilejegan, A. B. Irwin, Mr. Bayne, Sampson F. Hall, A. B. Olabon.

At the last course the chairman, W. B. Townsend, J. P., read letters of regret from Hon. Mr. Turner, Hon. Mr. Daly, Oliver Drummond, Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh and from others.

The chairman gave a short historical address, which comprised about 40 years' experience in British Columbia, including his experience as mayor of New Westminster. He was supported on his left by Mayor Wallace and on the right by Mrs. Wallace.

Mr. Blockberger, United States consular agent at Roseland, was then called upon by the chairman and read an historical and statistical paper on this portion of the continent, having special reference to the mining industry.

Rev. Irwin followed with a short historical address on St. George. The reverend gentleman was in his usual happy vein and gave an entertaining account of the Crusaders.

He was followed by an excellent paper on the geology of the district prepared and read by E. W. Liljegan of Roseland.

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THE MINING REVIEW

The British America Will Be In Full Swing In A Month.

THE LE ROI ACCIDENT

Work Will Start In The Property This Morning—A Tremendous Cave-In—News From All Over The Camp—The War Eagle Is Shipping Steadily.

"Operations on the properties of the B. A. C. will be in full swing within a month," said Governor Mackintosh last evening. "We have secured the services of Mr. Palmer, one of the best known mining surveyors in eastern Canada, and he will have charge of the underground engineering of the corporation's properties. All our mining development will be under the direction of the advisory mining board, headed by Mr. Carlyle, our engineer-in-chief, and including Messrs. Long, Haskins and Macdonald, the superintendents of our most important properties, together with Mr. Palmer. Later on the staff may be augmented by the addition of a well known English mining man.

"The corporation will proceed as soon as possible with the assessment work on its properties all over the Kootenays." Notwithstanding the accident to the Le Roi, which prevented the progress of the work, the mine sent to the smelters last week totaled 956 tons, a most encouraging figure when it is considered that the formidable Le Roi was not included.

The work of cleaning out the debris caused by the cave-in at the 300-foot level of the Le Roi has been completed, and operations will be resumed today at full blast. The accident was the biggest thing of the kind that has ever occurred in the history of the camp. The break occurred in the hanging wall, just at the station of the 300-foot level, and a huge section of the wall, 60 feet long, 40 feet high and 15 feet deep fell in with a thunderous crash that awakened the men asleep in the cabins on the surface. By a most fortunate chance the accident occurred when the men were getting supper, so that no one was hurt by the collapse, although two of the miners who happened to be under ground at the time saw the cave-in from a place of safety. They describe it as a most awe-inspiring spectacle. For some minutes previous to the final collapse huge boulders were shot out of the wall with the velocity of cannon balls, and the ominous creaking of the timbers was appalling. At last the strains on the stulls were too great and the huge section of the wall fell forth with a thunderous, irresistible crash. The whole gigantic mass of rock started forward in one solid block but as it fell it broke in two, leaving the point of division as sharp as a razor edge, which played havoc with the timbers in the level. Big 10-inch stulls were cut in two as if they were matches and not a stick came out unscathed. It is estimated that fully 10,000 feet of timber was destroyed.

The removal of the debris was a disheartening task, but Nick Tregear, the foreman, put all the men available at work, and excellent progress was made. The big mass of rock had to be broken up before it could be raised, and as the accident had broken the air pipes and it was impracticable to put machines at work, hand drilling was resorted to in blasting the debris.

Mr. Tregear says that he is altogether unable to explain the accident as the wall bore no indications of cracking and the timbering was first-class. The mine was of course shut down during the week, and no shipments consequently were made.

The break practically disabled the pumps and there is 60 feet of water in the shaft.

The Esquimalt. Development work on the Esquimalt proves the vein to cut the diabase dyke east of the shaft. The rim comes within a few feet of the surface, and widens rapidly with depth. At the top of the drift the lead comes to an end, but the bottom of the drift shows the lead 3 1/2 feet wide, while values from a trace to \$12h have been obtained.

The Iron Mask. Good results are following the development of the recent strike in the main tunnel level, and two feet of good ore, assaying \$30 gold and 11 per cent copper, has been discovered on the hanging wall. The winze continues to produce an excellent quality of ore, giving high values. The shipments last week were 90 tons.

The War Eagle. Shipments commenced Monday morning, and the ore sent to the smelters last week aggregated nearly 700 tons. The reduction works at Trail get 65 tons daily, while Nelson receives 35 tons. The ore body in the 500-foot level of the mine continues to look well.

The Deer Park. Drifting is in progress in the workings at the 200-foot level. The south drift is in about 45 feet, and a crosscut from it to the hanging wall has been run 10 feet. Both show good quartz veins. Excellent ore was seen in the drift recently run from the 150-foot level.

The Waverly Group. Two shifts of men under the direction of James J. Lawler, have begun work on the Waverly group on Sophie mountain. The intention is to open this property to a considerable extent during the good weather.

The Gertrude. Work is being industriously prosecuted preparing for the development of the Gertrude, but mining has not yet been commenced.

Minnie No. 2. Work has been started on this property by crosscutting a large pyritic cropping, some of which shows considerable iron sulphide and some oxide.

The Columbia & Kootenay. The work in hand is principally getting the property in shape for more extensive development.

The Velvet. A good body of ore is being met in the drifts, where work is confined on account of the surface water that has interfered lately with work in the shaft.

The Big Four. The surface water has run into the workings of the Big Four group and operations have ceased. They will be resumed just as soon as all the snow is gone, so that there will be no more surface drainage into the shaft.

The Coxe. Crosscutting for the second ledge continues, as does also drifting along the ledge. No eventual developments are reported.

The Santa Rosa. The tunnel, which is in 225 feet, has disclosed a ledge of good looking quartz. Values have not yet been determined.

The Jumbo. The lower tunnel has recently disclosed some three feet of good ore, giving shipping values.

The Victory-Triumph. Work is continuing along the accepted lines of development, but there is no recent change.

The Sunset No. 2. Work in the shaft continues to be prosecuted, and some good looking mineral is being met.

The Evening Star. Work continues in the main tunnel level in an excellent body of white iron ore.

The Buckeye. Surface work is being done in the Buckeye.

The Royal George. The surface of the property is being sluiced to disclose the ledge.

The Abe Lincoln. The shaft is down 115 feet, in some promising copper-bearing mineral.

The Good Hope. Work in the shaft is being discontinued on account of surface water.

The Great Western. Work in the shaft continues to show some excellent ore.

The Red Point. The tunnel is being pushed to the 500-foot station.

The Josie. Drifting is continuing in the 200-foot level.

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