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A HARD LUCK STORY.

Is That Woven About the Capture of the Sealing Schooner "Aurora."

Marks of the Gaff Declared to Be Shotwounds and Seizure Follows.

Another of the seized sealers, the British schooner Aurora of which Captain Thomas Brown is master, arrived home yesterday afternoon, having been ordered to report at Victoria by Captain Ernest Flett, of H.M.S. Icarus. She had been boarded in Behring sea by the U.S. revenue cutter Rush, placed under seizure, supplied with a prize crew and instructed to run to Ounalaska where the British warship was stationed. The offence charged against her was not—as in the cases of the Beatrice and Ainoka—that of having entered the prohibited zone, but of having used firearms contrary to international law in the Behring sea. The charge was based on the fact that several skins were produced by Captain Brown in which holes had been made with the gaff in drawing the speared seal into the boats. These had been carefully laid to one side when salted and the particulars of how the holes were caused, duly attested by the hunters, entered in the log. As soon as the boarding party from the Rush visited the schooner these skins were submitted for inspection and the information regarding them produced from the log. The cutter's people decided to report back to their commander, taking the skins with them for inspection, and as a result the sealing up of the ship's papers and formal notice of seizure followed. The circumstances of the case as above related, together with the fact that the interruption came just as the schooner was doing fine work among the seals, makes the seizure all the more vexatious.

To quote from a memorandum of the cruise prepared by Captain Brown, the Aurora sailed from here on the 7th of January last, under charter for the sealing season to J. Brombley, G. Brombley, H. Murray, H. Brown and Thomas Brown—the latter being in command. The run across to the Bonin islands was made in 63 days, and sealing was commenced on the 29th of March. Unluckily the weather all through April was most unpropitious, and though many seals were seen, few could be secured. As the schooner's coal and water accommodations are somewhar limited, it was necessary to leave the hunting grounds early, and the Aurora arrived back at Hakodate on June 4 and landed her 325 skins. While in port, Captain Brown arranged with Captain O'Leary, of the Fortuna, to meet him at a point on the Kamschatkan coast and receive the Aurora's firearms, the Fortuna intending to spend some time hunting on the Copper Island grounds and the Aurora's skipper deciding to go to Behring sea direct. This meeting did not take place, however, the Aurora being late in reaching Copper island, and Captain Brown accordingly deemed it advisable to go to Atu and from there run to Ounalaska to land the guns and ammunition if this were found to be necessary.

On the very evening of arrival at Atu, the Aurora received a call from the Second Lieutenant of the U.S.S. Grant, stationed there, his first inquiry being as to how long the schooner intended to remain. The skipper explained that the vessel had gone very foul and he intended beaching and cleaning her before proceeding. At the same time he informed the American officer of the guns being on board and asked if it would be necessary to run to Ounalaska to land them, not wishing to run any risk by carrying them into the Sea.

The officer gave prompt assurance that the trip would not be necessary, and explained that the law did not forbid the carrying, but only the use of firearms in sealing in Behring sea.

After taking a rough estimate of the ammunition aboard and having no appliances for weighing it, the Lieutenant said that he would accept Captain Brown's statement as to quantities. The sealing man had in memory, however, the 1895 experience of the E. B. Marvin, and realizing that it would be better to be on the safe side said that he would prefer to have the American officer take account of everything for himself, counting the wads, primers and shells, and guessing if he could do no better at the weight of powder and shot.

This was done and the subject of skin markings and holes next receiving consideration, Captain Brown was instructed that in the event of a hole being made with the gaff, in hauling a seal into the boats, or if a seal was taken mutilated by previous shot wounds—to make entry of all the circumstances, salt the skins, keep them separate from all the rest and show them to the first boarding officer met with in the Sea, explaining the facts to him.

"You will find all the officers a good common-sense lot of men," he concluded, "and if you do this everything will be all right and quite satisfactory to everyone."

The Sea was reached in good time and August 1 dawned bright and clear with perfect sealing weather. The boats were sent out at 5 a.m. but returned at 10 as the wind had commenced to blow fresh from the northeast. They brought back four seals, one of which was found to have a gaff hole in it. The hunter explained that the seal was unusually wild and that it had been necessary to gaff it in order to hold it. This information was duly entered in the log and attested by the hunter and the skin was salted and put to one side in compliance with instructions. Later in the season three other skins were laid aside under similar circumstances, and at 8 a.m. on the 11th the cutter Rush steamed alongside, having boarded the Macdonald (with 50 skins at that date) only the day before.

The boarding party included Second Lieut. Daniels, a petty officer and two seamen, to the first of whom Captain Brown exhibited the four reserved skins and the entries in the log concerning them, briefly explaining the matter. The entries were duly endorsed correct, the count of ammunition checked and verified, and the lieutenant and his party returned to the cutter saying that everything appeared to be quite satisfactory.

Shortly afterwards Officer Bellinger came on board the schooner and asking for the mutilated skins took them back with him to the Rush. This was about 9:30 a.m., and at noon a demand was made for all the ship's papers. At 4, a boat with Lieut. Daniels, Petty Officer Ross and two seamen came alongside, with them also being the four sealskins neatly done up in a box and secured with red tape and plenty of sealing wax. The Lieutenant passed a letter to Captain Brown from Captain Roberts of the Rush saying that he had seized the schooner for having on board four skins of seals that "had unmistakeably been shot in Behring sea," and ordering the vessel to Dutch harbor (Ounalaska), direct.

The cutter's officer then informed the sealer that nine holes had been found in the one skin and from one to five in each of the others. Captain Brown replied that each skin contained but one hole when it came aboard, and that if the number had grown rats must be responsible, as no gun had been touched since entering the sea.

At about 5 p.m., another of the boats returned with eight seals and the officer was called to see that there were no firearms in the boat; in skinning the seals two were found to have holes made with the gaff. The officer took them on board the Rush and showed them to Capt. Roberts, explaining that the boat contarned no firearms, only four spears and a gaff. Officer Bellinger next took the skins and remarked that they looked very much like shot holes. It was useless to say they were not, the Aurora had to go to Ounalaska.

This port was made on the 17th, one of the Carrie C. W's. canoes being spoken en route and that schooner reporting 200 skins—for the Sea. The Rush and H. M. S. Pheasant both were found in port and the hunters of the Aurora learned on going ashore that the seizure had been made primarily through one of the marines, a sealer himself last year, passing the remark that he "knew what a shot hole was." Bellinger at this informed the captain that if he did not seize he (Bellinger) would report to Captain Hooper so soon as Dutch Harbor was reached.

Capt. Brown wasted no time in calling upon the commander of the Pheasant before whom he laid all the facts. The Naval man said he would "see about it next day," and the sealer's crew looked hopefully forward to release. Their hopes were crushed, for the order when it came was "proceed to Victoria."

The Aurora had on the whole a very unsuccessful season, and her charterers' hopes were to make up in the Sea for the light Japanese coast catches, as they were doing fairly well despite the blustery weather. The schooner arrived home with 35 skins on board from the Japan side and 77 for the Sea, making 437 in all for the season. The seals were thick in the locality in which the seizure was made and the chances were very favorable for securing six or seven hundred by the end of the present month, had the vessel escaped molestation.

The sealer Viva, which was a few days ago reported to have been seized, is, in view of the news brought from the sealing grounds by the Aurora yesterday, believed not to be in trouble.

THE CITY

THE Victoria group of mines on Texada island have been taken hold of by a company who are taking steps to proceed with development work on an extensive scale for the purpose of thoroughly opening up the property. The ore is free milling, rich and of a most promising character.

ROBERT HAMILTON, of the Robert Hamilton Co., is in town. This company have just sold a ten-stamp mill to the Golden Cache Mining Co. of Lillooet, and it will be erected as soon as possible. The ore continues to maintain its richness as development proceeds, the latest report being that the bottom of the shaft is in solid ore.

PROF. SAUNDERS, director of the Dominion experimental farms, who is making his annual tour of inspection, arrived from Ottawa last night accompanied by his son, W. E. Saunders. Prof. Saunders reports that he found the different farms under his department in a satisfactory condition. He remains here a day and then returns to the Mainland.

THE annual meeting of the San Joaquin Mining Co., was held yesterday, the reports read of work done on the Palo Alto mine being considered very satisfactory. The shaft is now down 30 feet and a contract has been let to proceed with the sinking as fast as possible, a double shift being at work. The old officers were re-elected and Mr. J. T. Bethune continues as secretary treasurer.

IN compliance with telegraphic instructions from Sheriff Parker, of Pierce County, Washington, Detective Perdue last evening placed under detention two Tacoma girls giving the names of Gertrude and Stella Wayne, who came over from the Sound by Wednesday's Kingston. They give no common sense explanation as to why they ran away from their homes, nor have any particulars been received as yet from Tacoma.

THE incorporation during the past week of five new mining companies is officially announced in the Gazette of yesterday, these being the Copper Belle Mining Co. of Rossland, with capital stock of $1,000,000; the Delaware Mining and Milling Co. of Spokane ($1,000,000); the Elkhorn Silver Mining Co. of Spokane ($1,000,000); the Ida Queen Gold Mining Co. of Rossland ($1,000,000); and La Regina Gold Mining Co. of Rossland ($750,000).

THE Revelstoke Water Works, Light and Power Co. will seek incorporation by private bill at the next session of the provincial legislature, Messrs. W. Cowan, J. Abrahamson, W. M. Brown, and T. Downs being the promoters. Mr. Cowan has also given due notice of a bill to incorporate a company to build and operate telephone lines within the townsites of Revelstoke, Illecillewaet, Trout Lake City, Big Bend, and all districts and places between these townsites.

POLICE authorities at Victoria and other points on the coast are keeping a lookout for a bow-legged German, who while quartermaster of the North German Lloyd steamer Hohenzollern last July deserted from his vessel with $13,000 in gold. The money was shipped at Yokohama, on July 12, on the Hohenzollern for London. At Hongkong the gold was missed, and it is supposed that the quartermaster, who deserted at Nagasaki, took the treasure with him.

FOUR DAYS' COMPANY.

The "Evandale" and "Hupeh" Meet at Sea and Travel Side by Side.

Small Budget of Oriental News—U. S. Warship "Monterey" in Esquimalt.

It is seldom that two large steamships keep company for four days on a voyage across the Pacific, but such was the report of the N. P. liner Evandale, Capt. Buyers, which arrived here from Japan yesterday morning. The Evandale overtook the Hupeh, also bound for this port, after leaving Yokohama and for nearly one hundred hours both steamed side by side. Finally the pace set by the Northern Pacific liner got too hot for her companion and the latter, being under charter to the C. P. R. to bring a special cargo of tea from the Orient, and having no mail aboard, began to disappear aft. After this the Evandale lost no time and came on uninterrupted by weather until the Cape was reached. There she was obliged to lay to in a fog for 24 hours. Including this delay the ship's passage from Yokohama occupied 18 days. On the trip a steamer's smoke was seen in the distance and was taken to be that of the Victoria, while in lat. 160 W. and long. 49 N. a four-masted schooner was seen, apparently bound for San Francisco from Ounalaska. The Evandale's cargo amounted to less than one-third her carrying capacity, and consisted of 1,600 tons of freight principally for Tacoma, and 50 tons for San Francisco and Victoria. There were 35 passengers brought by the steamer and these, Japanese, all landed at this port. The Evandale after discharging all her freight takes on ballast at Tacoma and sails for San Francisco, where she loads wheat cargo for England. Very few Oriental papers were brought by the vessel, but by the few received it is learned that a deplorable accident took place in a match factory at Himeji on the morning of August 15. While a number of girls were busy at work, fire suddenly burst out from a bundle of matches which was being handled. Four tons of matches scattered about the room soon took fire, enveloping all the girls. Six of them escaped without much injury. The day being a holiday there were few hands in the building, and considerable time was lost before the fire could be got under control. One of the girls died the same day and another is beyond recovery. Eight other girls received severe injuries. Concerning the damage done by the typhoon of August 18, an exchange says: "A number of the villages which escaped the ravages of the great tidal wave of June last, were the chief sufferers. About 500 feet of embankment along the river Sakawa gave way and the villages of Matouda, Kanedu and Soga were completely submerged. At nine o'clock in the evening the force of the typhoon was doubled and in two or three places the railway embankment was destroyed and several bridges were carried away."

It is reported that Dr. W. Wykeham Myers, an Englishman, has been appointed adviser to the Formosa government. The doctor has been in Formosa for seventeen years, was attached to the Tokao customs and speaks the dialects of the native tribes fluently.

THE "MONTEREY" IN PORT.

It was not, as generally supposed, the testing of the fortification guns that caused the thundering noise heard from the neighborhood of Esquimalt about noon yesterday. The cannonade announced the arrival of the warship Monterey from Port Angeles, which as customary saluted the British fleet with 21 guns, the flagship replying with 13 at the entrance to Esquimalt harbor. The Monterey with other American men-of-war had been paying Port Angeles a visit and, as usual on such occasions, came over to the Canadian side to make a friendly call. She will be here until Saturday, and will be joined during her stay by Admiral Beardslee's flagship.

MARINE NOTES.

Yesterday the Quadra went out to the Race with a fresh supply of water for the fog alarm station there, which, having done extra work during the last few weeks, had run short of the customary provisions.

All formal regulations having been complied with, the seized Ainoka has been shifted to Captain Grant's wharf, while the Beatrice will, it is understood, be tied up at the outer wharf.

The American tug Wildwood came in from Port Angeles yesterday with a boom of logs amounting to 240,000 feet of timber.

Before returning to Victoria from service between Nanaimo and Vancouver, the Princess Louise will go North for salmon.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

TO THE EDITOR:—In to-day's COLONIST I noticed an article on the "Duncan Show," wherein it is stated that the first agricultural show held in the province was at Maple Bay in 1869, etc. This statement, no doubt, is quite correct so far as the Cowichan show is concerned. But what I wish to point out is this, that the first agricultural show held in Saanich was also in the year 1869, on the late Robert Brown's farm in North Saanich; the late George S. Butler, of Saanich, was the first secretary. The following year the show was held on Mr. Thompson's farm, South Saanich, and the show has been annually held ever since, having been incorporated in 1873.

The first agricultural show in Victoria that I have any distinct recollection of was held in the fall of 1865, on the Caledonia picnic grounds, Cook street; one of the distinguished visitors present was Admiral Denman, at that time on this station in H.M.S. Sutlej. If I am not very much mistaken an agricultural show was held in 1869 on Fort street at J. P. Davies & Co.'s cattle sale yard, and for several years afterwards. No doubt you will excuse me for correcting the article of this day's date. R. F. J.

September 10, 1896.

MR. HENRY BARBER, of Toronto, has been appointed a commissioner under the Oaths act of 1892 for taking affidavits for the British Columbia courts.

☞The Semi-Weekly Colonist leads.

No. 243.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN COMPANY.

"Companies' Act," Part IV, and Amending Acts.

"Big Valley Creek Gold Mines, Limited," (Foreign.)

Registered the 18th day of August, 1896.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Big Valley Creek Gold Mines Limited" (Foreign), under the "Companies Act," Part IV., "Registration of Foreign Companies," and amending Acts.

The head office of the said Company is situated at 6, Great Saint Helens, London, England.

The objects for which the Company is established are:—

(*a.*) To enter into a contract expressed to be made between Major C. T. Dupont of the one part and the Company of the other part, a draft of which has been prepared and is, for the sake of identification, endorsed with a memorandum signed by the said C. T. Dupont and by the first signatory of this memorandum:

(*b.*) To acquire property, real or personal, corporeal or incorporeal, and rights of any and every description in or to be exercised in British Columbia, North-West Territories, Canada, and all or any other part of Nbrth America and the adjacent islands, whether the same shall be from time to time part of the British Empire or not, and to associate with, subsidise or assist companies, partnerships, corporations or associations for the purpose of acquiring any such property or rights, and to deal in, improve, develop, work and dispose of any such property or rights, and to carry on business of any description in connection therewith, but especially mining business, and generally to do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the purposes aforesaid. And it is declared that the property to be acquired and the business to be carried on by the Company shall be property situate in or arising from one or more of the districts hereinbefore mentioned, and business in or in connection therewith, except so far as the acquisition of property and the carrying on of business elsewhere shall be reasonably incidental and conducive to the due prosecution of the Company's undertaking and objects.

4. Subject to but without restriction of the purposes aforesaid, the objects for which the Company is established are as follows:—

(*a.*) To purchase, take on lease, or otherwise acquire lands, easements, and rights to water, timber, and otherwise in connection with lands, together with houses, buildings and appurtenances to lands, to acquire or erect houses, buildings and works; to construct, lease or otherwise acquire in connection therewith, or separately, roads, canals, lakes, irrigation work, waterways and wells, and generally to work, improve and develop the Company's property, and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof:

(*b.*) To purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire colleries, mines and quarries, deposits or accumulations of oil, petroleum, ores or minerals, gold, silver, copper, lead, precious stones and other metals and substances, deposits of guano, nitrates, coprolites or other fertilisers, and any licences, rights or privileges in reference thereto, and any interest therein; and to work, develop, sell, lease or otherwise deal with the same.

(*c.*) To search for, seek, explore, win, open and work collieries, mines, quarries, oil wells, and mineral and other deposits:

(*d.*) To carry on the business of colliery mining and quarry prospectors, metallurgists, melters, refiners and manufacturers of oil and other substances from ores, minerals and other natural products;

(*e.*) To treat, make merchantable, transport and trade in ores, metals, metallic substances and minerals of every description, and the products thereof, and to trade in substances used in getting, reducing, treating or making merchantable ores, metals, metallic substances, minerals and precious stones, or in manufacturing products therefrom:

(*f.*) To acquire, manufacture, work, let on hire or otherwise dispose of plant, machinery, apparatus and materials of every kind for the production and distribution of electricity, and for the application of electricity to the separation of metals and ores, as well as for lighting, motive power and other cognate and subsidiary purposes, whether in connection with any of the businesses hereinbefore mentioned or not, and to supply electricity:

(*g.*) To acquire from the Governments of Canada, United States, or any other Sovereign State or authority in America or elsewhere, any charters, monopolies, concessions, grants, decrees, rights, powers and privileges whatsoever which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to acquire, let, sell and otherwise dispose of patents, patent rights, trade marks and other similar rights:

(*h.*) To prospect, examine and explore any territories and places in North America or elsewhere, and to employ and equip expeditions, commissions, experts and other agents:

(*i.*) To develop the resources of and turn to account any lands or any rights over or connected with land belonging to or in which the Company is interested, and in particular by cleaning, draining, fencing, planting, cultivating, building, improving, farming, irrigating, grazing and by promoting immigrations and emigration, and the establishment of towns, villages and settlements:

(*j.*) To carry out, establish, construct, maintain, improve, manage, work, control and superintend any roads, ways, tramways, railways, bridges, harbours, docks, piers, reservoirs, water-courses, wharves, embankments, irrigation works, fortifications, hydraulic works, telegraphs, telephones, saw-mills, smelting works, furnaces, factories, warehouses, hotels, viaducts, exchanges, mints, transport and postal arrangements, stores, shops, churches, chapels, stations and other works and conveniences, and to contribute to or assist in the carrying out, establishment, construction, maintenance, improvement, management, working, conrol or superintendence of the same:

(*k.*) To grant monopolies, patents and other special rights, whether as regards the carrying on of any particular trade or business, or the use of any invention or process, or the growth, preparation, manufacture or sale of any particular article, or as regards any of these operations or matters, and to grant the same for a term of years, or in perpetuity, or otherwise:

(*l.*) To buy, sell, import, export, manipulate, prepare for market, and deal in merchandise of all kinds, and generally to carry on business as merchants, importers and exporters:

(*m.*) To carry on business as miners, storekeepers, farmers, cattle breeders, stockmen, carriers, provision preservers, mechanical engineers, builders, contractors and shippers:

(*n.*) To promote the establishment, carrying on and development of trades and businesses of all kinds within any territories in which the Company is interested, and to subsidise, grant special rights to, or otherwise assist, support, protect and encourage all persons and companies engaged or proposing to engage therein:

(*o.*) To undertake, transact and execute all kinds of agency business, and also trusts of all kinds:

(*p.*) To carry on the business of an international agency for all purposes, including treaties, negotiations, contracts, passports, copyrights, patent rights and protection for inventions, discoveries, writings, musical or dramatic compositions, works of art or photographs, and international relations generally whether, personal, political or otherwise:

(*q.*) To carry on all kinds of guarantee and insurance business, except life insurance, and all kinds of banking and financial business and operations:

(*r.*) To form, constitute and promote companies, syndicates, associations and undertakings of all kinds:

(*s.*) To enter into partnership or into any arrangements for sharing profits, union of interests, reciprocal concession or co-operation with any partnership, person or company, and either in perpetuity or otherwise:

(*t.*) To lend or advance money, and to issue, place, acquire, hold, sell and deal in any stocks, debentures, bonds, shares or securities of any government, sovereign, state or company:

(*u.*) To make donations to such persons in such cases as may seem expedient, and to subscribe for any purpose, whether charitable or benevolent, or for any public, general or useful object:

(*aa.*) To do and concur in whatever may be necessary to give the Company, or its nominees, correspondents, representatives or agents, a legal domicile and status in British Columbia, or in any other part of America where it shall be desirable:

(*bb.*) To purchase the goodwill of, or the whole or any interest in, any company, undertaking, trade or business of a character similar to any undertaking, trade or business which the company is authorised to carry on:

(*cc.*) To issue shares as fully or partly paid up for property or rights acquired by the Company for work done or services of any kind rendered to or on behalf of the Company, or for any valuable consideration other than the actual payment of cash:

(*dd.*) To borrow or raise money on the security of the undertaking and assets, or any part thereof, of the Company, and to make and issue mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, bills, promissory notes, obligations and other securities:

(*ee.*) To do all or any of the above things as principal, agent, contractor or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others:

(*ff.*) To distribute any of the property among the members in specie, so that no distribution amounting to reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court if possible:

(*gg.*) To procure subscriptions for the Company's capital, and to pay brokerage, commission and other expenses in connection with such subscription:

(*hh.*) To invest or expend, whether temporarily or permanently, any moneys not immediately required for the company's purposes in the purchase, or on the security, of any trustee security in the United Kingdom, or any property or rights, real or personal, in America, or in the stocks, shares, debentures, obligations or securities of any company or corporation carrying on or interested in business or property situated in America:

(*ii.*) Subject to a special resolution of the Company first passed in this behalf, to amalgamate with any other corporation or company, or to transfer the whole undertaking, or any part thereof, to any other corporation or company for such consideration in cash shares fully or partly paid up, or securities, as may be agreed on, and to apply to the Government of the United Kingdom and its Colonies for any Act of Parliament, Royal Charter or other authority, power or privilege:

(*jj.*) Generally to undertake and carry out any operations or transactions whatsoever, except life assurance, which may lawfully be undertaken and carried out by capitalists and which the Company may think it expedient to undertake and carry out.

The capital stock of the said Company is one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds, divided into one hundred and twenty-five thousand shares of one pound each.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of August, 1896.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
se7 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No. 242.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN COMPANY.

"Companies' Act," Part 4, and Amending Acts.

"Golden River Quesnelle, Limited," (Foreign.)

Registered the 18th day of August, 1896.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Golden River Quesnelle, Limited," (Foreign), under the "Companies Act, Part IV., "Registration of Foreign Companies, and amending Acts.

The head office of the said Company is situated at 6, Great Saint Helens, London, England.

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(*b.*) To purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire collieries, mines and quarries, deposits or accumulations of oil, petroleum, ores or minerals, gold, silver, copper, lead, precious stones, and other metals and substances, deposit of guano, nitrates, coprolites or other fertilisers, and any licenses, rights or privileges in reference thereto, and any interest therein; and to work, develop, sell, lease or otherwise deal with the same:

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(*d.*) To carry on the business of colliery, mining and quarry prospectors, metallurgists, melters, refiners and manufacturers of oil and other substances from ores, minerals, and other natural products:

(*e.*) To treat, make merchantable transport, and trade in ores, metals, metallic substances and minerals of every description, and the products thereof; and to trade in substances used in getting, reducing, treating or making merchantable ores, metals, metallic substances, minerals and precious stones, or in manufacturing products therefrom:

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(*k.*) To grant monopolies, patents and other special rights, whether as regards the carrying on of any particular trade or business, or the use of any invention or process, or the growth, preparation, manufacture or sale of any particular article, or as regards any of these operations or matters, and to grant the same for a term of years, or in perpetuity, or otherwise:

(*l.*) To buy, sell, import, export, manipulate, prepare for market, and deal in merchandise of all kinds; and generally to carry on business as merchants, importers and exporters:

(*m.*) To carry on business as miners, store-keepers, farmers, cattle breeders, stockmen, carriers, provision preservers, mechanical engineers, builders, contractors and shippers:

(*n*) To promote the establishment, carrying on and development of trades and businesses of all kinds within any territories in which the Company is interested, and to subsidise, grant special rights to, or otherwise assist, support, protect and encourage all persons and companies engaged or proposing to engage therein:

(*o.*) To undertake, transact and execute all kinds of agency business and also trusts of all kinds:

[*p.*] To carry on the business of any international agency for all purposes, including treaties, negotiations, contracts, passports, copyrights, patent rights and protection for inventions, discoveries, writings, musical or dramatic compositions, works of art or photographs, and international relations generally, whether personal, political or otherwise:

[*q.*] To carry on all kinds of guarantee and insurance business, except life insurance, and all kinds of banking and financial business and operations:

[*r.*] To form, constitute and promote companies, syndicates, associations and undertakings of all kinds:

[*s.*] To enter into partnership or into any arrangements for sharing profits, union of interests, reciprocal concession or co-operation with any partnership, person or company, and either in perpetuity or otherwise:

[*t.*] To lend or advance money and to issue, place, acquire, hold, sell and deal in any stocks, debentures, bonds, shares or securities of any government, sovereign state or company:

[*u.*] To make donations to such persons and in such cases as may seem expedient, and to subscribe for any purpose, whether charitable or benevolent, or for any public, general or useful object:

[*aa.*] To do and concur in whatever may be necessary to give the Company or its nominees, correspondents, representatives or agents a legal domicile and status in British Columbia or any other part of America where it shall be desirable:

[*bb.*] To purchase the goodwill of, or the whole or any interest in, any company, undertaking, trade or business of a character similar to any undertaking, trade or business which the Company is authorized to carry on:

[*cc*] To issue shares as fully or partly paid up for property or rights acquired by the Company for work done or services of any kind rendered to or on behalf of the Company, or for any valuable consideration other than the actual payment of cash:

[*dd.*] To borrow or raise money on the security of the undertaking and assets, or any part thereof, of the Company, and to make and issue mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, bills, promissory notes, obligations and other securities:

[*ee.*] To do all or any of the above things as principal, agent, contractor or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others.

[*ff.*] To distribute any of the property among the members in specie:

[*gg.*] To procure subscriptions for the Company's capital, and to pay brokerage, commission and other expenses in connection with such subscription:

[*hh.*] To invest or expend, whether temporarily or permanently, any moneys not immediately required for the Company's purposes in the purchase, or on the security, of any trustee security in the United Kingdom, or any property or rights real or personal, in America, or in the stocks, shares, debentures, obligations or securities of any company or corporation carrying on or interested in business or property situated in America:

[*ii.*] Subject to a special resolution of the Company first passed in this behalf, to amalgamate with any other corporation or company, or to transfer the whole undertaking, or any part thereof, to any other corporation or company for such consideration in cash, shares fully or partly paid up, or securities as may be agreed on, and to apply to the Government of the United Kingdom and its Colonies for any Act of Parliament, Royal Charter or other authority, power or privilege:

[*jj.*] Generally to undertake and carry out any operations or transactions whatsoever, except life assurance, which may lawfully be undertaken and carried out by capitalists, and which the Company may think it expedient to undertake and carry out.

The capital stock of the said Company is three hundred and fifty thousand pounds, divided into three hundred and fifty thousand shares of one pound each.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of August, 1896.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
se7 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.