

**Omineca Consolidated.**

THE shareholders of the Omineca Consolidated Hydraulic Company, Limited, capitalized \$100,000, met the other day, the president of which is Mr. William Munsie, and the secretary, Mr. J. F. Bethune. The other directors of the company are Dr. G. L. Milne, Messrs. Thomas B. Hall, J. W. Ladd, R. T. Williams, J. W. Moore and Capt. C. E. Clarke.

When Mr. T. B. Hall took the chair there were about forty shareholders present, and Capt. C. N. Black was called upon to read his report.

Each location has been prospected by drifts, and good pay found in them all; ranging from 25 cents per cubic yard to \$1 to the pan. Where I intend to turn on the water next spring I prospected by hand-slucing this season, and it paid over \$3.50 per day to the man. \* \* \*

With one monitor and 1,000 inches of water, as the ground is easy to work, I expect to be able to move at least 800 cubic yards of gravel per day of 10 hours. At the very lowest estimate of 25 cents per cubic yard, this would yield \$200 at a cost of \$50 per day. If a small electric plant was added, so as to be able to run for the 24 hours, the income would be greatly increased. Should you decide on taking water from Germansen Creek, where there is an unlimited supply, and start a number of monitors to work, you can imagine what the income might be, and as I think you can safely estimate the gravel at 70 cents to the yard, you can see what may be realized from the property. \* \* \*

In organizing this company, I favoured capitalization for the amount it would probably require to develop the mines, and not capitalizing for a large amount to speculate on.

Captain Black, in reply to a question, explained the proposed plan of operations for next season to the entire satisfaction of those present.

Questions were also asked about water rights and privileges, and it was explained that in this respect the company's position was absolute and undoubted.

The question of finance came up, and Mr. M. McGregor took occasion to congratulate the directors on their prudent and successful management. He said he was a believer in paying cash and taking all the advantages that cash payments bring. A long but extremely friendly discussion followed, after which it was resolved that Captain Black's report be adopted, and that the management of the company be heartily endorsed.

**Held Over.**

WE regret exceedingly that the following interesting articles were received too late to appear in this issue of the RECORD. They will be published in the January number:

"A Few Suggestions on Co-Operative Mining,"  
"Relations of Farming and Hydraulic Mining,"  
"Interesting Notes From Kaslo."

**Henry Croft, Esq.**

IT will be seen by our advertising columns that Mr. Henry Croft of Victoria has opened offices in Rossland. Mr. Croft intends giving particular attention to that and other camps in Kootenay, and will be a valuable addition to the mining fraternity of Rossland. For some time past, Mr. Croft has given his attention to the mining resources of Vancouver Island and the Mainland, and the knowledge and experience he

possesses makes him a valuable man to consult on such matters. He has filled in a professional way a number of high positions, one of which was Inspecting Engineer for the Government of New South Wales, a post which he held for nearly fourteen years. Mr. Croft is therefore a thoroughly practical man, and we wish him success in his new field.

**Table of Stage Distances.**

	Miles.
Alberni from Nanaimo.. . . .	57
Aldergrove from New Westminster.....	22
Alexandria from Ashcroft . . . . .	185
Barkerville from Ashcroft... . . . .	280
Beaver Creek from Nanaimo.. . . .	16
Bonaparte Valley from Ashcroft.. . . .	20
Bridge Creek from Ashcroft... . . . .	85
Cache Creek from Ashcroft. . . . .	6
Clayton from New Westminster. . . . .	9
Clinton from Ashcroft. . . . .	32
Clover Valley from New Westminster.. . .	13½
Coultee from Spence's Bridge.....	40
Cranbrooke from Windermere... . . . .	87
Dog Creek from Ashcroft.. . . .	132
Duck & Pringle from Savona.....	40
83-Mile House from Ashcroft.....	68
Elgin from New Westminster.....	12
Empire Valley from Ashcroft.....	18
Fairmont Springs from Windermere.....	15
Fort Steele from Windermere.....	75
Hanceville from Ashcroft.....	220
Hall's Prairie from New Westminster.....	19½
James Island from Victoria.....	12
Lac La Hache from Ashcroft.....	100
Lansdowne from Enderby.....	6
Lillooet from Clinton.. . . .	47
Mamette Lake from Kamloops.....	60
Saanich from Victoria.....	16
Okanagan Mission from Enderby.....	61
Okanagan from Enderby.....	18
150 Mile House from Ashcroft.....	135
Pavilion from Ashcroft.....	45
Quesnelle from Ashcroft.. . . .	230
Quilcher from Kamloops.....	50
Rockford from Kamloops.. . . .	35
Rockford from Spence's Bridge.....	75
Rocky Point from Victoria.. . . .	22
70-Mile House from Ashcroft.....	55
Soda Creek from Ashcroft.....	165
Sooke from Victoria.. . . .	26
South Saanich from Victoria.....	13
Stanley from Ashcroft.. . . .	265
Surrey Centre from New Westminster.. . .	11½
Vernon from Enderby.....	26
Wasa from Windermere.....	64

**Incorporated Mining Companies of B.C.**

NAME OF COMPANY.	Capital Stock.	Date of Registration.	Office.
Alpha Milling & Mining Company	120,000	22 May, '89	Victoria
Anglo-American "	3,000,000	15 " '90	Yale
Alberta & British Columbia Exploration Co. Ltd.	£ 20,000	22 April, '91	Victoria
American Development Co.	\$ 100,000	17 Sept. '94	New Denver
Antler Creek Mining Co. Ltd.	1,000,000	10 Feb. '96	Vancouver
Allison Ranch Hydraulic Mng Co.	250,000	1 May, "	New Westminster
Alberni Mountain Rose Gold Mining Co.	250,000	13 Jan. "	Vancouver
Alliance Prospecting Syndicate B.C.	100,000	13 " "	"
Alhambra Gold & Copper Mng. Co.	600,000	5 Aug. "	Victoria
Athalasca Gold Mining Co.	\$1,000,000	13 Sept. "	New Westminster