

tion the necessity of whisky in such a chilling land as the Yukon. For shrewd traders who can continue to get goods into the Yukon in any quantities there are undoubtedly grand opportunities of gain infinitely better than those of the average gold seeker, and if the steamships that are about to leave Seattle, Portland and Victoria take well provided commercial passengers and a big bulk of their goods, results should be well for the Yukon and better for the cities, amongst which Vancouver and Victoria should chiefly benefit, if only the Dominion Government will tardily awaken to a duty, dictated by common sense, and provide, by due customs collection on foreign imports, for the reasonable protection of the Western Canadian trader.

A man, unless exceptionally well provided with cash, supplies, common sense, courage and a good physique, will, therefore, as above hinted, do well to postpone participation in gold seeking in the Yukon until March next. By then the British Yukon Chartered Company, Cassiar Central Railroad and other transport and trading companies will have vastly improved ease and cheapness of access for men and goods. Then would be gold winners can make the Yukon in time for the beginning of summer and and at infinitely less cost and risk than now seek—us seek they must in most cases—new locations.

If even 4,000 or 5,000 men make for the Yukon this winter, it will be so difficult to get in supplies that something like famine is much to be apprehended and if the prediction of the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* be verified and 50,000 make their, starvation will certainly face thousands ere winter ends, unless the warning reports brought home by experienced Yukon men are all unfounded. The Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* for once—shrewd and sensible as it certainly is—seems to have quite lost its editorial balance of mind when it avers that "reasonable expectation will be sadly disappointed if 50,000 people will not reach Seattle en route to the new gold fields within the next few months." A man of humanity, whose common sense has not temporarily left his cranium, should be very, very sadly disappointed, not if 50,000 people don't make for the Yukon shortly, but if even 10,000 do, for if this happen there will be sore trouble and calamity.

Hence the *MINING CRITIC* utters a loud note of necessary warning to the ordinary would-be gold seeker in the Yukon at this juncture, whilst certainly urging B.C. traders, whose work is there urgently needed, to make immediate use of a big but fleeting present opportunity. The more tonnage B.C. sends in necessities the better, the less in scantily provided gold winners the better. The goods will be wanted certainly; the men may find easily themselves starving superfluous. Let, therefore, the C.P.N. steamships be crowded with B.C. goods and fairly filled with commercial passen-

STOCK QUOTATIONS

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COMPANIES.	No. OF S	ES.	PAR VALUE	PRICE
TRAIL CREEK				
Alberta.....	800,000		\$ 1.00	\$ 0 10
B. C. Gold King.....	800,000		1.00	10
B. C. Gold Fields.....	500,000		2.00	11
Beaver.....	500,000		1.00	10
Big Chief.....	1,000,000		1.00	10
Big Three.....	5,500,000		1.00	10
Bluebird.....	500,000		1.00	10
Bruce.....	1,000,000		1.00	10
Butte.....	1,000,000		1.00	02
Calendonian Con.....	500,000		1.00	05½
California.....	2,500,000		1.00	8
C. & C.....	500,000		1.00	7½
Celtic Queen.....	500,000		1.00	7½
Centre Star.....	500,000		1.00	23
Colonna.....	1,000,000		1.00	18
Commander.....	500,000		1.00	50
Crown Point.....	1,000,000		1.00	13
Deer Park.....	1,000,000		1.00	2
Della Colla.....	1,000,000		1.00	12
Delaware.....	500,000		1.00	20
Eastern Star.....	1,000,000		1.00	20
Enterprise.....	1,000,000		1.00	01
Erle.....	1,000,000		1.00	12
Evening Star.....	1,000,000		1.00	16
Georgia.....	500,000		1.00	10
Gertrude.....	500,000		1.00	11
Golden Drip.....	500,000		1.00	22
Golden Queen.....	1,000,000		1.00	8
Great Western.....	1,000,000		1.00	04
Hattie Brown.....	1,000,000		1.00	04½
Helen.....	500,000		1.00	7
High Ore.....	500,000		1.00	05
Homestake.....	1,000,000		1.00	06
Idaho.....	500,000		1.00	15
Imperial.....	1,000,000		1.00	27
Independent.....	1,000,000		1.00	10
Iron Horse.....	500,000		1.00	30
Iron Mask.....	500,000		1.00	55
I. X. L.....	1,000,000		1.00	04
Josie.....	500,000		1.00	7 50
Jumbo.....	500,000		1.00	17
Knight-Templar.....	500,000		1.00	14
K. Tenney-London.....	1,000,000		1.00	19
Le Roi.....	500,000		5.00	12½
Lily May.....	1,000,000		1.00	07½
Mayflower.....	1,000,000		1.00	12½
Monarch.....	700,000		1.00	9
Montana.....	750,000		1.00	10
Monte Cristo.....	1,000,000		1.00	08
Morning Star.....	1,000,000		1.00	10
Nest Egg.....	500,000		1.00	06½
Northern Belle.....	1,000,000		1.00	05
Northern.....	1,000,000		1.00	12
O. K.....	1,000,000		1.00	09
Palo Alto.....	1,000,000		1.00	18
Phoenix.....	500,000		1.00	16
Poorman.....	500,000		1.00	06
R. E. Lee.....	2,000,000		1.00	12½
Red Mountain View.....	1,000,000		1.00	9
Red Point.....	1,000,000		1.00	10
Rochester.....	500,000		1.00	15
Rossland Star.....	1,000,000		1.00	27
Rossland Red Star.....	1,000,000		1.00	06
St. Elmo.....	1,000,000		1.00	8
St. Paul.....	1,000,000		1.00	05
Silverline.....	500,000		1.00	20
Southern C. & W. C.....	500,000		1.00	10
Sultana.....	1,000,000		1.00	10
Trail Mining Co.....	250,000		100.00	12
Union.....	500,000		1.00	09
Virginia.....	500,000		1.00	18
War Eagle Con.....	2,000,000		1.00	16
West Le Roi.....	500,000		1.00	06
White Bear.....	2,000,000		1.00	06
Young British Am.....	1,000,000		1.00	06

AINSWORTH.

Delia.....	700,000	1.00	13
Ellen.....	1,000,000	1.00	07½

BOUNDARY

Old Ironsides.....	1,000,000	1.00	05
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CAMP MCKINNEY

Cariboo.....	800,000	1.00	50
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CAMP FAIR VIEW

Occidental.....	600,000	1.00	5
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NELSON.

Exchequer.....	1,000,000	1.00	10
Hall Mines.....	2,000,000	21.00	6 50

NORTHPORT.

Red T.....	1,000,000	21.00	10
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SLOCAN.

Athabasca.....	1,000,000	1.00	25
Alamo.....	500,000	1.00	1.00
Ben Diablo.....	75,000	1.00	06
Bondholder.....	1,000,000	1.00	25
Buffalo.....	150,000	1.00	18
Camberland.....	500,000	1.00	10
Dardenelles.....	1,000,000	1.00	48
Grey Eagle.....	750,000	1.00	50
Idler.....	1,000,000	1.00	48
Kootenay-Columbia.....	400	100.00	50
Noble Five Con.....	1,200,000	1.00	50
.....	1,000,000	1.00	50

COMPANIES.	No. OF SHARES	PAR VALUE	PRICE
Reco.....	1,000,000	1.00	1 50
Slocan Star.....	1,000,000	.50	2 30
Sunshine.....	500,000	10.00	
Washington.....	1,000,000	1.00	25
Wonderful.....	1,000,000	1.00	08
TEXADA ISLAND			
Texada Proprietary.....	1,000,000	\$ 25	\$ 0 25
Van Anda.....	5,000,000	1.00	05
Victoria-Texada.....	600,000	25	25
ALBERNI DIST.			
Alberni M'n Rose.....	250,000	1.00	05
Alberni Con.....	1,000,000	1.00	20
Mineral Creek.....	500,000	1.00	05
Mineral Hill.....	750,000	1.00	10
Quadrant.....	500,000	1.00	10
CARIBOO			
Cariboo Gold Fields.....	250,000		
Cariboo Hydraulic.....	300,000		
Columbia & Cariboo.....	1,000,000	1.00	15
Horsely Hydraulic.....	200,000		
Horsely Gold M. Co.....	1,000,000	10.00	1 50
Slough Creek.....	500,000	1.00	50
LILLOOET DIST.			
Golden Cache.....	500,000	1.00	1 15
Lillooet Gold Reefs.....	200,000		25
Dom. Development.....	25,500		25
Alpha Bell.....	500,000	1.00	50
Cayoosh Creek Mines.....	500,000	1.00	50
B. C. Mining Pros- pectors' Exchange.....	1,000,000	25	25

Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, \$175,000; War Eagle, \$217,500; Rambler, Cariboo, \$40,000; Reco, \$150,000; Slocan Star, \$350,000; Cariboo, \$156,000.

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.....	152,000	Noble Five.....	50,000
Poorman.....	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 Roy.....	25,000	Last Chance.....	50,000

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