

equipment is complete with the exception of a mill and includes ore bins, electric light and water plants, two compressors, assay office and superintendent's dwelling.

"A. W. Allen, re-elected assistant secretary, will spend the next several weeks at the Lucky Jim mine, Zinco, where the office will be maintained during his stay."

Bringing an assurance from Ottawa that the Federal Government will provide \$100,000 this year for an experimental plant for the treatment of complex ores, Hon. William Sloan, Provincial Minister of Mines, returned from the East. Hon. Mr. Sloan announced that the plant would be constructed within the next few months. He had sought a Dominion grant of \$200,000, and while failing to obtain the complete sum this year, is satisfied with the reception which his request received from Hon. Martin Burrell, Federal Minister of Mines.

The Vancouver Province of June 3rd says with regard to the Dolly Varden Mine: A cheque for \$134,500, covering the whole of the wage claims due on the construction of the Dolly Varden Railroad, was paid over Monday afternoon by President A. J. T. Taylor of the Taylor Mining Company and the Taylor Engineering Company to Mr. Hal C. Chiene of this city. The transaction marked the actual taking over of the Dolly Varden mine at Alice Arm by the Taylor Engineering Company, and was followed by the despatch of a party of fifteen officials and workmen to take over the property and commence operations.

The property, which is regarded as one of the richest silver properties in North America, was formerly owned by the Dolly Varden Company of Delaware. Development work to the value of over \$1,200,000 has been done on the property, but the Dolly Varden Mines Company found itself unable to pay a sum of \$462,500 balance due to the Taylor Engineering Company on a contract to construct and equip a line of railway down the Kitsault River, connecting the mines with tidewater at Alice Arm on the Portland Canal.

A legislative committee which dealt with the matter at the request of both parties recommended the renewal of the charter for the railroad, giving the Dolly Varden Mines Co. ten days in which to pay off the wage claims and thirty days after full accounts had been taken in which to pay off the balance of the Taylor Company's claim.

Failing these payments the Taylor Company was given leave to pay off the wage claims for the Dolly Varden Company and take over the property, paying off \$200,000 of floating charges and the creditors of the company out of the proceeds of the mine, and afterwards indemnifying the shareholders of the Dolly Varden Company for their investment out of the net profits. Before the legislative enquiry the property was valued as high as \$3,000,000, there being nearly a million dollars worth of high-grade ore already blocked out and large reserves proved up by diamond drilling.

The Dolly Varden Company simplified matters by admitting the Taylor Company's claim to \$462,500 but defaulted in making the payments. Accordingly the Taylor Mining Company was incorporated and the necessary capital raised to take over the property. The payment of yesterday's cheque accordingly marked the actual taking over of the property.

The money was paid to Mr. Hal C. Chiene of Buttar & Chiene, chartered accountants, because Mr. Chiene was named in the act of the Legislature as the trustee for all the creditors. Mr. Chiene, who gave the Taylor Mining Company his certificate for the amount, will disburse the sum as fast as the wage claims are proved.

Included in the staff who went north on the Grand Trunk flyer last night were Major Angus W. Davis, M.E., who will act as superintendent of mines, and Major D. D. Young, D.S.O., who will act as manager and controller at Alice Arm; Lieut. J. W. Smith, M.C., son of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, is accompanying Major Young as his assistant.

Other members of the party included Mr. H. B. Brown, who will be in charge of the office and stores; Mr. Tom Dalrymple, construction engineer for the railway; an assayer, a location engineer and a mine surveyor. Two complete locomotive crews were also included in the party and workmen to commence work on the aerial tram and bunkers. A consignment of rails to complete the track work and an aerial tram are leaving by freighter today for Alice Arm.

The American Counsel General George N. West, advises us that for the month of April, 1919, there were shipped to the United States from British Columbia, 89,347,000 shingles, valued at \$414,654.

# BRITISH COLUMBIA

## The Mineral Province of Western Canada

TO END OF DECEMBER, 1917

Has produced Minerals valued as follows: Placer Gold, \$75,116,103; Lode Gold, \$93,717,974; Silver, \$43,623,761; Lead, \$39,366,144; Copper, \$130,597,620; Other Metals (Zinc, Iron, etc.), \$10,933,466; Coal and Coke, \$174,313,658; Building Stone, Brick, Cement, etc., \$27,902,381; making its Mineral Production to the end of 1917 show an

**Aggregate Value of \$595,571,107**

**Production for Year Ending December, 1917, \$37,010,392**

The Mining Laws of this Province are more liberal and the fees lower than those of any other Province in the Dominion, or any colony in the British Empire.

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