

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE ORPHAN BOY.

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There is a general impression that the sale of the Orphan Boy was a swindle, and there are many people who think the sooner we have the truth told the better, not only for the shareholders, but for the credit of British Columbia. Is it true that Messrs. Templeton, McDonnell, Davidson and Haskins were acting for the benefit of shareholders, or only for the benefit of themselves? There is one fact known, that after judgment Mayor Templeton bought Haskins interest. This shows that the mayor believed in the value of the claim. The three Vancouver names are well known, and hitherto respected in our midst, as well as in eastern Canada, and the mining interest of British Columbia cannot afford to have the things said of how the shareholders have been treated in the Orphan Boy. There are large numbers of influential capitalists in Toronto and Montreal, who are disgusted already, so the sooner the truth is known the better for the interests of the mining world.

Yours truly,

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## DESERVING OF CHARITY.

Several gentlemen are canvassing for subscriptions to aid the widow and large family of R. W. Scott, who was drowned last month at Rivers Inlet. The breadwinner of the family having accidentally lost his life, his wife and family are destitute. This is a case for charity, for the deceased was a hard working man, who had played in poor luck. Lists have also been placed in the banks and donations will be thankfully acknowledged.

## EXPERT AT FAULT.

Last fall a Lake of the Woods property offered to an Ontario development company for \$500, but on the advice of an expert it was refused. Mr. C. Markell of Duluth sold the same mine the other day for \$70,000. "Sometimes," says the *Rainy Lake Journal*, commenting on this sale "a tenderfoot has better judgment than an alleged experts. In fact, the history of mining goes to show that nearly all the great mines have been in their early stages condemned by experts. For instance, experts say you never would find gold in limestone, but the finds at Mercur, in Manitoba, and in the Black Hills in that formation show that the experts did not know what they were talking about. In other words gold is where you find it, and all the expert testimony in the world cannot controvert this plain proposition."

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