

THE CITY HAS FUNDS

Sum of \$7,900 Was Paid Yesterday For Liquor Licenses.

THIRTY-ONE HAVE PAID UP

There Are Five More Which Will Probably Settle Up With the City During the Next Few Days—Ten Who Paid Were of the Hotel Variety.

The city's revenues received a substantial addition last week, when \$7,900 was collected by Inspector Harp on account of the municipal liquor licenses. All the old licenses expired at midnight of last evening, and the hotel men were busy all day long in arranging to continue business for the coming six months.

The new law, which went into effect Friday, provides for two classes of licenses, for hotels and saloons. Hotels are defined as inns having at least 30 guest rooms of specified size, and a dining room as well. The liquor license for hotels is \$150 per half year. Saloons without any hotel features must be at least 14 feet wide by 30 feet long and 10 feet high, with proper toilet conveniences in connection. The tax for saloons is just twice the same demanded of the taverns, or \$300 per half year. Previous to the enactment of the new law, all saloons were compelled to maintain hotel features, often at a loss, and the saloons were not particularly popular.

In all 31 licenses were paid for yesterday and five more will probably be secured early next week. Ten licenses were of the hotel variety, and \$150 each was paid by the proprietors for the right of doing business until January 15 next. The hotel licenses taken out Friday were for the following establishments: The Allan, the St. Charles, the Windsor, the Kootenay, the International, the Centre Star, the Dominion, the Bellevue, the Hoffman and the Central; total, \$1,500. The saloon licenses taken out were for the Grand Union, the Bellevue, the Montreal, the Grand, the M. & M., the Rossland, the Highland, the Queen, the Clendon, the Exchange, the Brunswick, the Collins, the Spokane, the War Eagle, the Bodega, the Metropolitan, the Clifton, the Pacific, the Columbia, the Alhambra and the Headquarters; total, \$6,300. Total from hotel and saloon licenses, \$7,800.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Poorman. NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., July 8. EDITOR MINER—Sir: As a subscriber of your paper, and a shareholder of the Poorman company, I would take it as a favor to myself and to other minor shareholders here, if you would publish the enclosed letter—copies of which have been received by all.

As we have no Senator Turner on our stock list to fight for the rights of the minor shareholders, we must help ourselves, as far as possible, by means of your friendly press. To say it was a surprise to receive such letters, expresses it mildly, as we were in hopes that we would soon realize something on our investment, basing our price on the report and blue print of mine, which we received during the past winter.

Of what use is it for the people to invest in a few hundred shares of mining stock, if some wealthy company can come along when the mine becomes a paying investment, and take control of the stock, and force the minor shareholders to sell at a certain price, probably, as in our case, for less than what they gave for the stock.

In justice to ourselves we have determined that, if forced to sell at this rate, after paying 1 1/2 cents and 1 1/2 cents per share, more than a year ago, we will forward the different letters and papers in connection with it to the leading English papers, to be published as warning to all future would-be investors of Rossland mining stock.

A SUBSCRIBER. Following is the letter received by Subscriber from the secretary of the company:

SPOKANE, Wash., June 6. DEAR SIR: Through the defection of the president of the Poorman of the British America corporation got possession of a large block of our stock and after a bitter struggle they secured the majority, and secured the mine which is being withheld from them.—Ed.]

A BIG PROPERTY. E. E. L. Brown Has a Permanent Mine in the Whitewater Deep. For several months past considerable development work has been done on the Whitewater Deep mine in the Slocan. The latest decision of the owner is to start soon on a 1,300-foot tunnel. R. E. L. Brown, the owner, came to British Columbia about two years ago, charged with ideas of scientific mining, particularly deep mining, the result of wide experience and plenty of the where-withal to carry out his undertaking. He found the Whitewater a promising mine and bought the ground alongside and now the Whitewater Deep may fairly be listed as one of the country's big mines. The first tunnel from its portal of 300 and at a depth of 1,000 feet from the apex. Above this point and before it is cut off by the Whitewater side line, there is an average of 300 feet the entire length of the ore chute, which has been demonstrated above to be more than 1,000 feet. The average width of clear ore in this block of ground is 12 inches, and grade higher, if anything, than that of the Whitewater. Turning on the lead Mr. Brown has drilled 210 feet in ore the entire distance. No stopping in ore has been done, but from the drift and a few up-raises designed to block out ground, the ore house has been filled, and with such an extent of available stopping ground, steady shipments might be commenced at any time. His plan, however, is to push ahead development with a view to uninterrupted shipping operations from the beginning. To this end he is pushing ahead on an drift with three shifts, making on an average 4 1/2 feet per day, while other shifts are blocking out the ore above as the drift proceeds.

The Companies' Act. EDITOR MINER—Sir: "The Companies' Act," which appeared in this morning's Miner, for the subject, it seems to me, is one of grave importance to every one dealing in the stocks or the mining district. It must be conceded that to

THE MINING REVIEW

The Ore Shipments Pass the 2,000-Ton Mark.

THE DEER PARK MEETING

The Shaft Is Now Down 250 Feet—The Le Roi Again Shipping—The Development of the Giant—General Mining Notes.

(From Sunday's Daily.) The ore shipments, which to the outside world form one of the surest guides of a camp's prosperity, show a continued gratifying increase this week, for the total passes the 2,000-ton mark, and reaches the comfortable figure of 2,140 tons, or 4,280,000 pounds. This enormous output was reached with all the mines of the district closed yesterday, while the Le Roi was handicapped for want of cars. By the way, the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, which hauls the Le Roi ore to the Northport smelter, has contracted to supply self-propelled cars, and the mine management hopes they will soon be put into service.

The output was accounted for as follows: War Eagle, 930 tons; Le Roi, 900 tons; Centre Star, 200 tons; Iron Mask, 50 tons; Monte Christo, 60 tons. It is a notable coincidence that every shipper in the camp at the present time has a double name.

The following summary shows the development in some of the principal properties of the camp during the past week: THE DEER PARK—The shaft has now reached the 250-foot level, and much quartz continues to be met, although it is as yet uncertain whether the ore body is for the present dipping away from the workings. Since operations were resumed in November last the shaft has been deepened 110 feet, besides a large amount of drifting, and the showing is most satisfactory.

The Deer Park company had its annual meeting on Monday in Toronto, when the old directors were re-elected, with the addition of H. J. Scott, Q. C., and Melton Boulton. The other directors are John R. Barber, M. P. P., president; L. W. Mulholland, vice-president; A. E. Plummer, J. Lorne Campbell, R. L. Patterson, Donald Cameron and F. A. Mulholland.

Over \$12,000 has been expended on the property, and there is some \$4,000 cash on hand, while the treasury contains between 150,000 and 200,000 shares unsold. At the meeting an offer of 17c, net to the company for 50,000 shares, made by a syndicate of Toronto men, was refused, but subsequently a small amount of stock was sold at 20c. There are over 1,000,000 shares now in circulation, divided among 475 shareholders.

A report was read from Roy H. Clarke recommending the installation of machinery, and the necessary machinery for \$5,500, the old plant to be bought for \$1,500, making the net cost to the company \$5,000.

Le Roi—Although there was some difficulty in getting ore cars, and shipments were made for only five days, yet the Le Roi scored the very creditable total of 900 tons shipped to its smelter last week. This week it is expected that the old time output of 200 tons daily will be maintained and from 23 to 24 machines will be employed. While the improvements that will be completed today and Monday will be completed tomorrow, it will be possible to raise ore economically from the 700-foot level. In the past week the output has come from the workings above that point.

MONTE CHRISTO—There were 75 tons of ore shipped from the Monte Christo during the week. The showing in the class of machinery is in first order, and the property will be shut down for a couple of days this week in order that the necessary repairs may be made. It is thought the repairs can be completed on today and Monday, and the work will be resumed in the mine on Tuesday.

THE JOSIE—The final payment has been made for the Josie by the British America corporation, and the money has been divided among the shareholders. The payment was \$214,000, equivalent to 30.57 cents per share. All the debts of the company have been paid and it has been discontinued. At the mine, which is now in charge of the B. A. C., work is proceeding steadily.

THE BIG FOUR—A small force is employed on the Big Four. The showing in the shaft improves with each shot fired, and the property was recently constructed across the property under the direction of John Kirkup. At one point there is quite a cut and this uncovered the vein and brought to light some four feet of rather nice looking ore.

THE GLANT—The shaft on the easterly ledge, which is to be deepened 100 feet, is down about 18 feet, and some mineral is met. The upper tunnel has not yet been commenced, but preliminary work is under way.

WHITE BEAR—The shaft is now down 195 feet, and progress is being made in sinking it at the rate of about a foot per day. Fifteen men are at work. The showing continues unchanged.

THE HOMESTEAK—The property is being freed from water, preparatory to an examination previous to the meeting of the company on the 29th of the month to consider the formation of a new assessment company.

EVENING STAR—A crosscut is being driven from the lower tunnel to open a new ore body. Stringers of low grade ore are met.

THE MASCOU—In the upper tunnel good copper ore continues to be met, and the showing is excellent. The crosscut in the tunnel is being pushed.

NICKEL PLATE—The new copper smelter house is being rapidly completed.

SOUTHERN BELLE—The tunnel is being pushed ahead.

ARE LINCOLN—Ore is met in the shaft.

LARDO-DUNCAN COUNTRY.

It Is Sustaining Its Reputation For Large Ledges and Rich Veins. Messrs. Miller & Chesnut, president and secretary of the Old Gold Quartz & Placer Mining company, have just returned from a two weeks' trip in the Lardo-Duncan country, where they have been inspecting the properties of the company.

They report a great deal of development work going on in that part of the country, and signs of prosperity in a mining way on all sides. The government has a large force of men repairing the roads and trails already established, and building new ones up both the north and the South Forks of the Lardo, as well as in many other directions.

There are 65 men at work on the Duncan river building roads and trails, and within the next 60 days they will have completed the road to the West Fork of the Duncan.

The Lardo-Duncan country is sustaining its record for large ledges and great veins. Messrs. Miller & Chesnut have brought to the Mining office splendid showing of ore from the Old Quartz company's property. A number of assays taken from same are exhibited in our window, running all the way from \$104.17 to \$1,234.40.

Out of many assays taken from this property the company claims the distinction of never having an assay as low as \$100 in value. These assays were taken from near the surface of the ledge and may—as is the case throughout that country generally—increase in value as depth is attained.

There are several ledges on the property. The one from which this was obtained is between 25 and 30 feet in width and will undoubtedly carry a pay streak of at least three to five feet. This lead is on the lime and slate contact and carries five times the value the famous Silver Cup carried at the same depth.

The company has a good force of men at work and is taking out high grade quartz ore from the surface. The company expects to begin shipping in the near future.

IS IN GOOD CONDITION. Annual Meeting of the Tom Payne Consolidated Mining Company. At the annual meeting of this company, held on the 13th of July, the following board of directors was elected: A. McBride, John Harris, A. J. Shirley, Ross Thompson, Wm. Haskins, G. A. Hoyt, J. W. O'Connell and B. G. Gillespie, with A. McBride as president, A. J. Shirley, vice-president; J. W. O'Connell, secretary-treasurer, and B. G. Gillespie, general manager.

The president's report was in substance as follows: "In the fall of 1897 a shaft was sunk on the Tom Payne mineral claim to a depth of 12 feet, from which the following assays were obtained: No. 1, on surface, \$2 in gold; No. 2, 2 feet from surface, \$3.40 in gold. During the month of June of this year we have sunk the shaft to a depth of 30 feet, which shows the vein to be strong and well mineralized, carrying iron, copper, silver and gold. Two assays taken from the shaft, gave the following results: No. 1—Gold, \$43.20; silver, \$2.57; copper, 16.9 per cent; total value, \$56.33. No. 2—gold, \$34.80; silver, \$1.46; copper, 2.04 per cent; total value, \$42.02.

"I consider the showing fully warrants the proposition of further development—I would especially call attention to the increasing values as depth is attained—and I feel confident the expectations of the shareholders will be fully realized with a comparatively small outlay of money."

On the Myrtle the only work done so far has been the assessment work last fall, which proves that a strong gold bearing quartz vein cuts through the claim, and I believe that we can shortly work the mine to the already long list of valuable properties in the Ymir district. The prospects on both properties are most gratifying.

(Signed) B. E. GILLESPIE, the retiring secretary-treasurer, was then read a synopsis of which is as follows: "Total receipts in treasury, \$856; expenditures, registration, books, office, etc., \$126.93; purchase of tools and work on claims, \$704.51; total of the expenditures, \$831.39. There is a small cash balance owing to the credit of the company in the bank and 241,000 treasury shares remaining unsold." The offices of the company appear to be working on most economical lines and conserving the funds in using the proceeds of the properties. The promoters' shares are pooled and so cannot come in competition with the treasury shares.

A Promising Mining Section. Smith Curtis has returned from a visit to the Lardo-Duncan country, whither he went for the purpose of examining the properties of the Lardo-Duncan Gold Mines, limited, which are located on Poole creek. He reports that two shifts of men are at work on the properties of his company. They are driving a tunnel and are now in a distance of 16 feet from the ore hanging wall. The drifting toward the hanging wall. The vein is from 50 to 60 feet wide and it is thought the ore chute will be found next to the hanging wall. Stringers of ore have already been encountered which carry considerable gray copper. The Boucher considerable gray copper. The Boucher considerable gray copper. The Boucher considerable gray copper.

Some Deep Mining. The Quincy mine at Houghton, Mich., will install a plant of hoisting machinery capable of raising rock from a depth of 8,000 feet—over a mile and a half. At present the deepest shaft in the Lake Superior copper district, or in the world for that matter, is the Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet and Hecla, which has a vertical depth of 4,000 feet. Shafts Nos. 3 and 4 of the same mine, which are about 4,500 feet in depth each, and the Calumet and Hecla and Quincy's each have secured several incline shafts nearly a mile deep.

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