

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

OF THE

MONTREAL MINING COMPANY,

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.

Submitted at the 18th Annual Meeting on the 17th February, 1864.

Guided by the opinion expressed by the Stockholders, at the last Annual Meeting of this Company, in favor of selling some portion of its valuable Mining Property, and as there were then good grounds for believing that a sale of the "Bruce Mines" Location was in fact effected, your Directors, from the commencement of their term of office, applied themselves to closing up the Store business and Mining operations at the Bruce, and to the reduction of expenditure generally.

This has been in a great degree accomplished, though not without considerable loss, owing to the depreciation of merchandise long held in stock, and to the difficulty of realising debts of old standing at the Mines.

It is also to be regretted that the Ore held over from 1862, as well as that raised last winter, has not been sold as advantageously as was anticipated. The consignees in England did not avail themselves of the discretionary power which was given them to delay sales, if deemed advisable, and the Ore was, in the opinion of your Directors, injudiciously sold previous to the advance which has recently taken place in the English market.

In the face of these drawbacks it is however satisfactory to have to state, that the Company is now wholly free from debt,—that a dividend of fifty-five cents per share has been paid,—that your mines on Lake Huron with your rich and extensive mineral locations comprising over one hundred thousand acres on Lake Superior stand clear and unincumbered,—and that your leased property, the "Wellington Mine," is yielding annually a fair income. These circumstances, coupled with the daily increasing inquiry for metalliferous lands, render the future prospects of the Company very encouraging. The report of your late Manager at the Bruce Mines is on the table