

LOCAL COMPANIES IN LONDON

The adjourned first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Rossland Great Western Mines, Ltd., was held in London on March 17th, Mr. Tyndale White presiding.

The chairman in his address said in part as follows:

"My colleagues have now left the board and I regret to say that I am alone. Mr. Deatry, I may say, has handed in his resignation since we last met. (Applause). Of course I do not wish in view of that expression of opinion, to say anything. Personally I have a very high opinion of Mr. Deatry. We, however, thought it our duty to issue certain proxies, and it only remains for me to give you the results which were obtained in response to the circular sent to all the shareholders. One hundred and nineteen proxies for 821 votes were given for the directors; 13 proxies for 21,885 votes were given for Mr. Lionel Harris; 177 proxies for 12,725 votes were given for Messrs. Flower and one proxy for 2770 votes was given for Mr. L. H. Powell. There were also 15 late proxies, representing 1062 votes, in favor of the directors. The proxies given to the board were, of course, in accordance with the statement in the circular, handed over to the gentlemen representing the large shareholders. (Applause.)

"There are one or two matters of interest about the mine which came in this morning, and which, I think, you would like to know. Mr. Thompson writes by this mail that he can ship 60 tons of ore a day, going from \$15 to \$17.50, but that he is waiting the arrival of Mr. Bernard Macdonald to say whether that will be a proper policy to ship in view of the present low price of copper. That is so far satisfactory. What is not satisfactory to me, I confess, is that since our last meeting we have received Mr. Bernard Macdonald's resignation by letter, which I have in my pocket and which was written on board the Deutschland. He has an engagement with us up to December, and therefore he cannot, and would not wish, I am sure, to absent himself from his duties. It is not necessary for me, in view of what has passed to dissent upon the resignation which I have caused him to hand in his resignation. It is sufficient to say, perhaps, that he did not welcome the advent of a new board of directors, and that one of the directors, whose resignation you have accepted, is his warm and personal friend. I hope you will not think that either the resigning directors or myself—and up to Friday I quite expected to go with the rest of my colleagues—have done anything to land you in a hole. Nothing was further from our wish or thought; I will do my very utmost, even if it comes to going out to British Columbia, to endeavor to get Mr. Macdonald, if you wish it, to reconsider his decision. I am not without hope. He is personally acquainted with one of our large shareholders, Mr. Lionel Harris, and Mr. Labouchere, and I know him very well. I think the proposed directors consider he is a very valuable man, and that we ought to spare no effort to retain his services."

Mr. E. T. Holloway was called upon by the chair and spoke as follows: As chairman of the committee appointed by you at the last meeting to consider the advisability of reconstituting the board of directors, and nominating gentlemen to fill that position, it becomes my duty to address you. I need not detain you in as great length; I will tell you in as few words as possible what has happened since the last meeting. Your committee, consisting of Mr. Lionel Harris, Mr. Flower and myself, although we were only three, you can depend upon it we were not acting upon our own responsibilities. We have sought the advice and guidance of all the large shareholders of the company with whom we were able to come into contact, and as a result of our deliberations we have come unanimously to the conclusion that the present condition of our property, so far as it is reflected on the market, is not satisfactory; that although there is no justification for the high hopes and promises that were held out when the company was first formed, we still think that there is no justification for the low value which people seem to attach to the property at the present moment. Therefore it is thought by the largest shareholders that something ought to be done to restore the falling fortunes, not only of the Rossland Company but of the Kootenay Company. The gentlemen working with the committee have come to the conclusion that it would be advisable in the interests of all those schemes for the amalgamation of both these companies, upon fair and equitable terms in the shareholders in each, should be brought about, and as speedily as possible. (Applause). There is a community of interest in the list of shareholders, because it is very seldom that you find one shareholder in the Rossland who has not another interest more or less in the Kootenay Company; and there is also community of interest in the properties themselves. They are within easy distance of each other, and are at present controlled by joint managers. One object of the committee—the primary object, I think—and those gentlemen who advised the committee is to secure proper control and efficient management with the greatest measure of economy. (Hear, hear). At present, you know, you have two boards of directors, and the fees have come to about \$2500 for the fifteen months. The management expenses have been unnecessarily duplicated, and your committee, and those acting with them think it is advisable that this state of things should be put to an end, and for that purpose your committee have suggested that the resignations of Mr. Deatry and Mr. Sinclair, Macleay should be accepted. But in order to insure—and there a great many shareholders of the same opinion—continuity of experience it is deemed desirable that Mr. Tyndale White has been connected with this company, I think, from the beginning, and, of course, it is very desirable that

any scheme propounded by the committee would be forced either upon the shareholders of this company or the Kootenay. A shareholder expressed regret that Mr. Macdonald had not handed in his resignation when he was present at the last meeting. The chairman answered: "I should like you to understand that the directors are not responsible in any way for Mr. Macdonald's resignation. Would you like me to read his letter to the meeting? (Cries of 'No, no.') I think I have given you the substance of his remarks." A shareholder asked: "Is it not a fact, Mr. Holloway, that we, the Rossland shareholders, are between the devil and the deep sea? It is simply a question of providing money for the working of our mine, and using what money the Kootenay have in hand?" Mr. Holloway replied: "I think not, sir, because the Rossland can stand alone. They have resources sufficient to carry them on for months."

The shareholder responded: "Why should we water the shares of the company?" Mr. Holloway: "That has not been done yet. The largest shareholders have considered it advisable to bring forward a scheme of amalgamation, and they will make an appeal to you before you approve of it that it is to your benefit. One naturally supposes that when gentlemen hold, say 8000 shares in one company and have a very large holding in another that they will not propound a scheme which will injure them in either company. I think you will have ample opportunity of judging upon the merits of any scheme the committee are able to propound."

The chairman then submitted: "That the directors or committee do cause meetings of the shareholders in such companies, to be called to consider such scheme at the earliest possible moment." The resolution was agreed to and the meeting adjourned.

The adjourned general meeting of the Kootenay Mining Company, Ltd., was held in London on March 17th, under the presidency of Mr. Tyndale White. The chairman said: "This is an adjournment from the meeting held about three weeks ago, and I may tell you that during that time a great deal has happened; but my duty today is a very simple one, being simply to tell you the result of the circular which, the remaining directors, thought it our duty to send out to the shareholders to ascertain what amount of support we might expect. The result of that circular was that 125 proxies, representing 9,458 votes, were given to the directors, and 14 proxies, representing 6,405 votes to Mr. Lionel Harris, six proxies, representing 145 votes, to Messrs. Flower, and one proxy, representing 1,081 votes, to Mr. L. H. Powell, and the late proxies were 22, representing 1,400 votes, in pursuance of the promise contained in the circular, we have handed over our proxies—I say 'we,' but I am the only surviving director. Mr. Deatry has handed in his resignation, and Colonel Hartopp has resigned. It is the duty of the committee that Colonel Hartopp should be re-elected—not that they have anything against him, but that they have their own views in the matter, and, therefore, by my advice he has handed in his resignation. It is our duty, therefore, to make, we have given our proxy to the representative of the largest shareholder, Mr. Harris, who, I believe, is the representative of Mr. Worthington Evans. With that very brief statement as to how the matter stands, I will leave the matter in the hands of the committee."

Mr. Holloway then addressed the meeting and said in part: "During the labors of the committee we have called into consultation the largest shareholders; we have consulted with how many of them we have put forward, and that is some scheme having for its object the benefit of both companies should be promoted and brought to the notice of the shareholders of both the Rossland and Kootenay companies, that some form of amalgamation, in which is suggested amalgamation between these two companies. It is thought by the gentlemen bringing this proposition forward, that it is highly desirable that the expenses of management, which have been certain, should be reduced. As you know, there is a considerable community of interest so far as the shareholders are concerned, because most of the shareholders in the Rossland company also have a holding in the Kootenay company, and that is a community of interest in Rossland, because both these mines are within easy distance the one to the other, and at present they are under the same management. I think it may be convenient to make one or two points, because it also affects in a large measure the Rossland company. Mr. Tyndale White said something about Mr. Macdonald at that meeting, and I would like to say that there is a gentleman, Mr. Thompson, in whom Mr. Macdonald and your late directors, I think, reposed a considerable amount of confidence. Mr. Thompson is the acting manager of Le Roi No. 2, and of the Rossland and Kootenay companies. Therefore, I suppose he is always on the spot, and is thinking the actual work in connection with these mines. Mr. Macdonald occupies the position, not of working manager, if I may use the phrase, but of consulting engineer, of these three companies. Therefore, you see we have two strings to our bow, and if Mr. Macdonald carries into execution the terms of a letter which he addressed to Mr. Tyndale White, you would still have Mr. Thompson to fall back upon, but I do not think you need have any fear of that. Mr. Tyndale White will use his influence to retain the services of Mr. Macdonald so long as they are needed by those companies."

"Now, the resolution that the committee have come to in consultation with the largest shareholders, is that there should be three directors added to the present board. Now, the gentlemen named as directors are Mr. Williamson Milne, Mr. E. E. Surrige and Mr. Sinclair, Macleay will have to be adopted by them. As our friend Mr. Walker knows quite well it can only be adopted by special resolutions, and they will require the approval of three-fourths of the shareholders present at the meeting of both companies. Therefore, Mr. Walker need have no fear that

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"It is proposed that the directors be ex-officio members of the committee, because it is desirable that they should consult with the committee and have a voice in matters. The names of the other gentlemen who are to serve are Messrs. Lionel Harris, Norman Paine, H. C. Browne, S. Hirsch, C. Paul, John Flower, B. Jewell and Lewis H. Powell. This is a large and representative committee, and I have no doubt that they will see that justice is done to both the Rossland and the Kootenay shareholders. I have, therefore, on behalf of the committee, to move formally this resolution: 'That the report and accounts of the directors be adopted; that the resignation of Mr. Sinclair Macleay, Colonel Hartopp and Mr. Deatry be accepted, and that Messrs. C. Williamson Milne, Holloway and E. E. Surrige be and are hereby appointed directors of the company; that a committee be and is hereby appointed; that the committee be and is hereby instructed to prepare a scheme for the amalgamation of the Rossland Great Western Mines, Ltd., and of the Kootenay Mining Company, Ltd., into one company; that the directors of the committee do cause meetings of the shareholders of such companies to be called to consider such scheme at the earliest possible moment; that the committee be and are hereby authorized to inspect all records, reports, accounts, books and papers belonging to the company, and to employ at the expense of the company such professional assistance as they may require; and that the gentlemen forming the committee be—those whose names I have read.' I hope that when this committee get to work—I will say nothing about the new directors, for we will wait and see what they are able to do—and are able to formulate some scheme such as is foreshadowed, it will tend to the prosperity of both companies, and that we shall find ourselves very much better off in three months' time than we are today." (Applause.)

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LATE NEWS FROM THE SMELTER CITY (Special to the Miner.) TRAIL, B. C., March 25.—Word comes from Ottawa that the Kootenay delegation has been accorded a hearing by the Dominion government, and that the delegates have much encouragement and assurance that their requests for the adjustment of the tariff on lead products, and the modification of the terms of the lead bounty, will be granted. This means that the duties on the raw materials of paint, now manufactured in Germany and other foreign countries from the product of the Canadian mines, will be increased, so as to offer encouragement for their manufacture in Canada. Chief among these is white lead, red lead and orange lead, on which the duty is at present only 5 per cent, less the preferential. Other articles of lead, such as sheet lead, pipe, shot and the like, are protected by a duty of 35 per cent, and they can therefore be manufactured in Canada. But with the materials of paint, it has been impossible to induce any investments toward their manufacture in competition with foreign countries, so long as there was no tariff safeguard. An industry of this kind will mean an additional market in Canada for about 7500 tons of Canadian lead.

FATHER PAT MEMORIAL The Father Pat memorial fund increased substantially in size yesterday by contributions from the outlying towns in the Kootenays. The fund has now passed the thousand dollar mark. The list of contributors from Penticton and other towns are extremely large and show how popular Father Pat was with the rank and file and the inhabitants of this entire section. The contributions from people in this vicinity have nearly ceased, but outlying towns are still keeping up the good work. Nelson—J. N. Poff—\$1.00. New Denver—Le B. de Veber, A. E. Taylor, Julius Wolf, R. L. Kirkwood, W. S. Drewry—\$5.00. Cascade City—Geo. C. Rose, Geo. K. Stocker, F. Aspinwall, C. H. Thomas, W. Pratt, J. W. Bell, A. P. Hunter, David P. Barber, R. Kelman, C. Williamson, A. Gunnison, Ed. G. Galt, J. A. Bertois (25 cents), F. E. Tebo (50 cents), W. Forrest (50 cents), G. S. Curtis (25 cents), Angus Cameron, E. H. Buch, B. W. Larson, A. W. Dalglish, B. W. Bear (50 cents), J. D. Ferguson (50 cents), R. Ralph (50 cents), J. G. McMillan—\$20.00. Greenwood—D. W. Morgan, Jno. McCormick, J. E. Hooper, F. Bradshaw, P. W. Munn, M. Angus, W. H. Collins, Geo. D. Leyson, Arthur H. Lawder, J. R. Jacobs, G. B. Taylor, D. McIntosh, J. McCreath, O. S. Floyd, Evan Morgan, John Doe (20 cents), Theo. Witte, A. C. Cameron, E. R. Ridpath, Jno. Wildcombe, A. N. Pelly—\$29.00. Penticton—Thomas E. Hill, Violet E. Ellis, F. G. Ellis, Elsie Ellis, W. Hine, Fred M. Wells, Alfred H. Wade, W. D. McMillan, J. E. Brown, M. Hayden, J. C. Barnes, E. Richardson, Kathleen Ellis, Eva Ellis, Jas. A. Shubert, Wm. Smythe, Parker, C. Vacher, Richard Russell, Samuel Vela, R. E. Erks, Laura E. Atherton, M. C. Kendall, J. A. Macdonald, Fred R. Gartrell, Jas. Campbell, R. J. Edmund, Geo. Kirby, Rev. Thos. Greene, Wm. McCulloch, Fred A. Richardson, Jas. A. Nesbitt, Richard M. H. Turner, A. Basil Lawrence, Val. V. Haynes, H. G. Burnyeat, Geo. N. Barclay—\$38.00. Camp McKinney—Henry Main, V. Swanson, Chas. E. Betts, H. Cameron, A. McGraw, J. Proudfoot, L. H. Shattford, Henry Nicholson, C. J. Cosens, Friend, W. Johnson—\$11.00. Nicola Lake—Rose Chapperton, John Clapperton, A. E. Howse, Jas. Pooley, J. R. A. R., S. J. Solomon, E. Dalley, Geo. McCulloch—\$48.00. Previously acknowledged, \$983.05. Total to date, \$1040.05.

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AN ANARCHIST PLOT. Wanted to Give the Appearance of a Boer Revenger. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 1.—The members of the family had retired with the exception of one son, who was away. In the house at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, the children who were burned and three other children. Mrs. Mitchell endeavored to save the children and gathered them in a room above the kitchen. They were frightened, and as fast as she got them into this room they ran out. Finally she was compelled to abandon her efforts to save all of them. Mitchell perished in trying to save the lives of his children. Mrs. Mitchell was seriously burned, but not fatally.

BURNED TO DEATH. Philip Mitchell and His Five Children Perished. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 1.—News has just reached this city that a man named Philip Mitchell and his five children were burned to death tonight in their home in Prosser Hollow, a secluded settlement about three miles from here. Mrs. Mitchell was carried to a neighbor's house very seriously burned.

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