legislation. A schedule is attached to the Bill setting out the property mentioned, which includes Dolly Varden claims numbers one to seven, inclusive, and numbered 3192 to 3198 inclusive; the following claims, "Dougall," being district lot 3638; "Waterfront," being district lot 3639; "Dougall Fraction," being district lot 3642; "Wolf No. 2," being district lot No. 3794; the "Wolf," being district lot No. 3795; "Wolverine," being district lot No. 3797; "Beach," being district lot 3799; "Waterfront Fraction," being district lot 38000; and all appliances, erections, and constructions of every nature and kind situated upon any of the said properties; all machinery, plant, equipment, appliances, tools, suplies and personal property of every and kind situate upon any of the said properties or stored in any place for use; lease of mill-site, being lot 3641; lease of mill-site, lot 3640; lease of foreshore lands for wharf-site, lot 3635, for twenty-one years; wharves, piling, telegraph and telephone lines, boats, launches or other craft.

The Bill also gives title to the engineering company of the railway from Alice Arm to the mines, including all rolling stock; and all the water rights on Trout Creek, and all other property and rights, real or personal, within the Province of British Columbia which on March 29, 1919, belonged to the Dolly Varden Mines Company or the Dolly Varden Shipping Company.

"Three operating mines in northern British Columbia this season will represent three separate districts and make the towns of Stewart, Alice Arm and Atlin alike boom camps," said George A. Clothier, mining engineer for the North Western District, to the Prince Rupert News on his return from the South. "The Premier mine is the proven mine at Stewart, the Dolly Varden at Alice Arm, and the Engineer at Atlin. It might be said that these three are the only proven ones in the North, and they are all great properties.

"Litigation seems to be involved in them all. With regard to the Premier, the action that Bacon is supposed to be taking against Neill as to its ownership is causing no Worry. The Dolly Varden Railway Act has not been disallowed as far as I know and I have seen no confirmation of it. Although the Provincial Government might pass a new

act in favor of the Taylor Engineering Company it would be probable that the matter would be taken to higher courts and an injunction placed against the mine which would shut the railway up as well and practically put Alice Arm out of business.

"The Engineer, at Carcross, is a proven gold mine and will operate this year if the will of the late Capt. Alexander, the owner, is executed. Captain Alexander and his wife were victims in the Sophia disaster and the will was made in favor of a man named Smith, who died himself.

"Shipments from the mine would be made by water to the White Pass Railroad, where ore would be taken by rail to Skagway and thence South to smelters. This mine will have the same effect in making Atlin an active town as the Premier and Dolly Varden have on Stewart and Alice Arm. These three mines are the leaders in the district.

"In the Stewart and Alice Arm districts there are many mines under development and many of them show great promise. Nothing, however, can be said of these until they have been proven. A mining country cannot be made in a single year and we will know more about the country a year from now. Vancouver and Victoria are full of companies, many of which are formed over properties on which no development work has been done whatever.

"A lot of these companies will, no doubt, fall through on account of not having sufficient funds to carry out development work. In every mining country there are always a flock of these. It is hard for good companies to get properties on account of the way the prospectors are holding out for high cash prices. Big companies are always willing to put their money in the ground but they do not like to have to pay to spend money."

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