

PROSPECTUS OF THE BIG THREE GOLD MINING CO. CAPITAL - \$3,500,000

Divided into 3,500,000 Shares of the Par Value of \$1.00 Each.

1,000,000 Shares of this stock are in the hands of the Company's Treasurer for development purposes. All stock issued is fully paid and non-assessable.

THE BIG THREE MINERAL CLAIMS Are located in the celebrated TRAIL CREEK GOLD MINING DISTRICT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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The management of the development work will be conservative and under an able and experienced Mining Engineer.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of opening up and developing the El Dorado, Snow Shoe, and Southern Belle claims.

The owners, after doing considerable work and demonstrating to their own satisfaction that they had valuable properties, and that with further development they could make shipping mines, incorporated the Big Three Gold Mining Company, and now offer a limited number of their shares for sale.

Properties of the Big Three Gold Mining Company are as follows:

EL DORADO.

This claim consists of about forty acres, and lies on the south side of the Columbia and Kootenay mountain. It is well located for tunnel work, and has a very strong vein, being about 600 feet south of the Kootenay mine, and in places on the surface is forty feet in width, being one of the largest surface showings in this district.

The development consists of a tunnel about seventy-five feet in length, showing a good body of ore, and numerous open cuts and small shafts at different points on the vein. The Red Mountain Railroad is surveyed over this claim, and will be built by October of this year to the Kootenay mine.

SOUTHERN BELLE.

This property consists of about thirty acres, and is situated on the north-east slope of Red Mountain, which adjoins the cliff in the north, and the vein on the east—evidencing two valuable mines located on two sides of this property. The development work on this claim consists of two shafts, about fifteen feet to twenty feet each, resulting in the exposition of very promising ore. By the recent development on the "View" mine, one of the adjoining properties on which work had been done, within fifty feet of this claim, the continuity of this claim is absolutely traced the entire length of the Southern Belle, being perfectly verified by the shafts and open cuts in this claim. The promoters, by the evidence thus placed at their disposal, feel confident that a small expenditure will result in the development of a valuable property as one of the permanent assets of the company.

SNOW SHOE.

This claim is located on the north-east slope of Red Mountain, adjoining the Southern Belle on the north and west, and the Northern Belle on the east, and consists of about forty acres. The development consists of numerous open cuts and shafts. The ore taken from this claim is very high grade for surface showing, and the assays have been very satisfactory. The vein passing through or making the Northern Belle mine is known as the Snow Shoe vein. This claim lies well for tunnel work, and will be developed by that method.

EL DORADO MINE.

Synopsis of the Report on this Very Rich Property.

The veins or ledges, of which there are three cropping on the surface, are true fissure veins, and have a course of about north-east and south-west, cutting through the diorite country rock at nearly right angles. The veins where the development has been done show an average dip of about twenty-two degrees to the north.

The development consists of one shaft and two tunnels on the El Dorado, and numerous open cuts on the surface. On the El Dorado a shaft has been sunk twelve feet in solid ore. One hundred feet east of this shaft a

tunnel has been driven forty-eight feet in good ore. One hundred and seventy-five feet from the tunnel, and on the same vein, a tunnel has been driven one hundred and five feet in solid ore of good grade, between two prospect walls. In the twelve-foot shaft, the forty-eight foot tunnel, the one hundred and five foot tunnel, the open cut as well (the surface cuts as well), the work done on veins has shown solid bodies of ore throughout.

VALUE OF ORE.

The cost of mining and freight, when the mines have been equipped with cars and power drills, will not exceed \$2.50 per ton; the cost of transportation to Trail Landing (where a smelter is in course of erection) will not exceed \$1. The cost of equipping the mines and developing them to enable an output of forty tons per day will not exceed \$20,000, and, judging from my four years' experience in the Trail Creek mines, I am of the opinion that the judicious expenditure of \$20,000 will develop one of the best mines in the district.

The title is A-ONE, as appears on the records. There is an abundance of timber for all mining purposes.

In conclusion, I will state that the veins are beyond a doubt true fissures, and in a formation that has always proven to contain permanent veins of ore of either gold, copper, or silver, and when the mines have been worked out to a depth of one hundred feet you will still be on the surface of a good mine.

In seventeen years' experience in the mines of Colorado, New and Old Mexico, Montana, Idaho, and British Columbia I have never seen so much ore in sight as on Columbia mountain.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) E. J. KELEY, M.I.

MAIL AND EMPIRE, Aug 12th, 1896.

"THE BIG THREE."

El Dorado, Southern Belle, and Snow Shoe Mines—All three in the Kootenay District.

ROSSLAND, B.C., Aug. 9, 1896.

J. Reavis, editor of the Rossland "Miner," speaking of Snow Shoe, Southern Belle, and El Dorado mining locations, combined under the title of "The Big Three," says:—"El Dorado is a full claim, fifteen hundred feet square, belonging to Kootenay and Columbia group, on Columbia hill. Only one claim, the Mascot, lies between it and Kootenay, for which forty thousand dollars cash was paid last fall, and in which there are now abundant signs of fine ore."

"A good strong ledge runs clear through El Dorado, from south-west to north-east. It runs out of Mascot, and is one of the most well defined and most continual ledges in camp. It has been opened in two or three places, one by a tunnel forty and fifty feet long, from which several tons of ore have been taken. One is very similar to that of Kootenay."

"I believe El Dorado to be one of the best prospects

of the district. Southern Belle is on Red Mountain, adjoining View on east, and north of St. Elmo. A vein of fine copper ore has been found in View, within forty feet of Southern Belle, west end line. Same vein running into that claim. This alone makes Southern Belle a valuable property. There are several other veins running through ground, but with these I am not so well acquainted."

"Snow Shoe adjoins Northern Belle on the north. It catches all the ledges of Northern Belle, and is good ground."

"Snow Shoe and Southern Belle occupy about eighty acres of the east slope of Red Mountain, and are in vein centre of great mining district. I regard them as being away the best of our undeveloped properties."

J. A. C.

ROSSLAND MINER, July 17.

THREE FEET SOLID ON THE VIEW.

The Handsomest Copper Ore Ever Seen in the Trail Creek Camp.

The View deserves to take place right along beside the City of Spokane and Monte Cristo in the way of a fine showing of ore. The tunnel is now in about 30 feet, and the last shots put in revealed three feet of clean solid copper ore, as handsome as a man ever laid eyes upon. It is a chalcopryite, running from 15 to 20 per cent. copper and carrying five or six dollars in gold. It is of shipping quality, and the View will now be reckoned among the first of the junior mines of the camp. The showing is only forty feet from the west end line of the Southern Belle, which claim is thus brought into increased prominence since it gets the View ledge clear across the claim.

We wish in particular to call the attention of the investing public to the fact that the policy pursued by the most successful mining men is to invest in a large number of different mines instead of investing their all in one property. This is the policy of the Big Three Gold Mining Company in consolidating these three properties into one company, thereby giving the smaller investor an equal chance with larger investors, and the company has no hesitancy in stating, in offering the public an opportunity to purchase stock in the Big Three Gold Mining Company, that they are offering one of the safest mining investments ever offered, as these three properties were all bought on their individual merits. By the system adopted through the consolidation of these properties the operating expenses will be materially reduced. For instance, one set of machinery will be sufficient to develop and operate the Snow Shoe and Southern Belle claims; also much money may be saved from the fact that the general manager, chief engineer, and office employees required to operate the entire group will not be more than would be required to properly manage a single property, under the ordinary system of separate organizations.

We are instructed to offer to the public a limited number of shares, to enable the company's management to commence immediate development work upon three claims of the company simultaneously, at the low price of **TEN CENTS PER SHARE** (\$1.00 par value), in blocks of not less than 250 shares.

Please forward remittances or instructions at once and Stock Certificates will be issued from Toronto on demand.

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