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### TO OUR READERS.

By an unfortunate chapter of accidents several important articles in our last issue escaped editorial revision in proof ere the MINING CRITIC went to press. Hence the appearance of some regrettable errata.

In our criticism of the undertaking of the Galena Mines, Ltd., by a transformation of figures, the promoters' capital in fully paid up shares was stated as £157,000, instead of £175,000, the correct figures. Again later, the value of the company's "six shares" was noted, the word "shares" being printed in error for "claims."

### CONCENTRATES.

A partial clean-up of the Nip and Tuck hydraulic, on Wild Horse creek, yielded \$1,053.

A stringer of quartz in the No. 2 tunnel of the War Eagle at Rosland assayed over \$300 gold.

The Mineral King, Fort Steele district, has been bonded by a London syndicate, which has started work.

The Hecla-Northern Light group of nine claims at Monte Cristo has been bonded by Charles F. Yost to A. D. Brooking.

Clark and McGinnis are said to have \$1500 ore in a forty-seven-foot shaft on the Duchess and Chieftain, Cariboo creek, B. C.

Shipments of ore from the North Star, at Fort Steele, in the week ending July 10 were 230 tons, and from the Gwendoline sixty tons.

The jumping of the Briggs group, Slocan district, is declared by the Briggs Phillips company to be illegal and for the purpose of blackmail.

On Lewis creek, Fort Steele district, T. L. Boyer, has discovered a galena ledge fifteen inches wide, assaying 75 ounces silver and 72 per cent. lead.

Oliyer Goodman has filed a lien for \$95.60 on the Grizzly group at Silverton, and the Monte Cristo Mountaineer says the miners are clamoring for their wages.

The second payment of \$5,000 on the Howard fraction, Slocan, has been made by the British-Canadian Gold Fields company to J. M. M. Benedum and others.

The Joo Dandy, at Fairview, is being developed by an English company under the management of J. R. Dray, who has 20 men employed. The next shaft to

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east and 235 feet west, and another shaft down 55 feet. There are 100 tons of ore on the dump.

The mining recorder's office for the Grand Forks mining division of Yale district has been opened by S. R. Almond, mining recorder, and J. G. Brown, assistant. The opening of the office is a great accommodation to the public, as it does away with the sending of instruments to Midway for record.

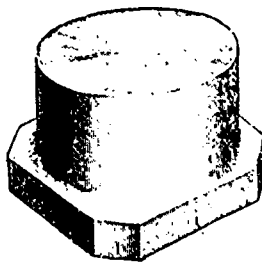
The Stratheyre Mining Company's 10-stamp mill, concentrator and cyanide plant, which has been leased by the Smuggler Mining Company, of Fairview, is being overhauled and refitted with a new 35-horse power engine and boiler, and is almost ready for operation. The Smuggler shaft is down 120 feet and the tunnel in 120 feet.

Owing to the rich find on the Eighteen Karat group of placer claims, recently located near Grand Forks, claims have been staked off for three miles on both sides of the Kettle river, recorded in the Rossland record office, which properly should have been recorded at Midway, and now that the recorder's office has been established at Grand Forks, considerable inconvenience is felt, and in some cases a serious loss to the claim owners has resulted.

For the last two years the advisability of running a tunnel through Observation mountain at Grand Forks has been seriously considered by the claim owners, and, as a result of the recent strike in the Gray Eagle, it has been practically decided to run such a tunnel. It will be started some 300 feet from the top of the mountain, and it is estimated that its length will be about 1000 feet.

On the Victoria at Camp McKinney under the vigorous management of C. B. Bash, development has been prosecuted since October, 1896. Two crosscuts have been run to tap the ledge, one 234 feet long with a drift 175 feet north and 35 feet south, and the other 205 feet long, with an uprise 200 feet to the surface. An inclined shaft has been sunk on the ledge 100 feet below the tunnel level, from which a crosscut is being made 50 feet to a parallel ledge.

Drew, Davidson & Russell, proprietors of the Tin Horn mine at Fairview and townsite owners, are building a fine three-story hotel, 64x64 feet, with forty-five rooms, to be completed in seventy-five days, at an estimated cost of \$23,000. They also have plans drawn for an office building 20x30 feet, and for a store 24x60 feet. At the mines they have just completed the boarding house, 60x22 feet, with kitchen 20x20 feet and bunk house 24x40 feet. This company has on the Tin Horn three tunnels, 250, 50 and 150 feet. At the Winchester they are sinking a shaft, now down 60 feet. On the Mammoth they have a tunnel in 26 feet, and are working on the Exchange and Gold Drop. They are building a 16-stamp mill, which will be in operation September 1.



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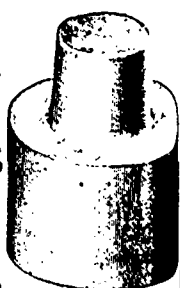
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A silver strike has been made at the head of Lemon creek, Nelson district, in the same locality as the well known Alpine group, and three assays give results of \$1.59 and \$1 ounces of silver. The claims, four in number, are known as the Monument group. The width of the vein has not yet been determined, but it is said to be continuous through eight or nine locations. The owners of the Monument group and other claims in the immediate vicinity have completed a good trail from the government trail, from the north bank of Kootenay river up Six-Mile creek, to connect with the trail that leads up Lemon creek to the summit.

Coal in paying quantities is now believed to exist on Coal Hill, Kamloops, near the slope sunk by Major Vaughan some years ago, says the *Inland Sentinel*. A short time ago this ground was taken up by local parties and prospecting work begun. The croppings show a 40-inch seam of partially clean coal, the whole being thoroughly soaked with water. A 10-foot tunnel across the measures failed to reach the bottom slate, and the owners decided to sink a slope on the east side to catch the No. 1 seam at the depth of about 20 feet. Messrs. J. C. Mills and M. J. Melver are among those interested in this property. Coal is Kamloops' desideratum as well as many other places in the interior.

Following is an extract from one of the most recent letters received from the Clondyke: We are here all right and are glad we came, as I think we are strictly "in it." The mines are very rich, and new strikes are being made all the time, but we may not get anything very big. We made a fine trip, and are doing fairly well. Wages are \$15 a day now, and may keep at \$1 to \$1.50 per hour all winter, but some think they will come down to \$1 per hour. I like the country very well, but there is lots of hard work. Getting here our trip cost us two \$336, or \$168 each, and three months work to get in and settled. Have two claims each staked: Henry has earned nearly \$400 at \$15 a day while I am on a claim representing for a half interest in the claim. Don't know if there is anything in it or not. He is making our grubstake for the winter, while I am fishing for a good strike of our own. "JOSH."

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Of the building of smelters in mind, there is no end; of the building of a smelter, in fact, there is no beginning.

It is very apparent that the citizens of Vancouver are not likely to give their countenance to the bonusing of any smelter proposition.

That a smelter in the city or vicinity of Vancouver would be a help to it industrially and commercially, cannot be denied; but if there is occasion for such an undertaking it should be established on a business basis, just the same as a dry goods store would be founded.

The foregoing comments are not written antagonistic to any of the smelter propositions which for months past have more or less exercised the public mind, nor to any way mar the projects of parties interested, but it seems just common equine perception and is undoubtedly the unexpressed opinion of many citizens.

Notwithstanding this, however, we do find that both neighboring and distant cities will make every effort and even use the public funds to secure increased industry in their midst. Therefore, Vancouver cannot afford to let pass

Gold strikes in the West and labor strikes in the East are keeping time pretty well these days.

If advance reports, in the rough, of observations made by the Provincial Mineralogist, Mr. W. A. Carlyle, in the different sections of the interior could be obtained, printed and sent out, they would doubtless materially benefit the mining prospects of British Columbia.

There is a state of coma in the land. This is not a new state enrolled under the stars and stripes, but a state into which Vancouver seems to be falling as regards to mining. Wake up, gentlemen! Develop what you have at your very feet and at your own doors. The C-K-lonkyke, or dike, is too far away for the majority, and the Kootenays, East and West, are not near enough under present means of communication. Within one hundred miles up the coast and up the Fraser there are splendid possibilities—nay, probabilities.

Rossland and its neighborhood has not only produced much ore containing precious metals, but it has produced a genius expert knowing precious little. This is a kind of person who has been defined as "a fellow wearing yellow boots." He might also be termed a mining Trilby, posing for the "altogether" of knowledge anent mining and its matters. Not only is the schoolmaster abroad; the expert is also—very much abroad. He might take rank with the yellow kid.

In our correspondence columns will be found a letter from the Treasurer of the Ibez Mining Co., of Kaslo. The MINING CRITIC is pleased to insert it as it shows a healthy state of things. Would that more companies were in the same prosperous condition.

The tone of the United States press is distinctly inimical to the commercial, including mining, interest of Canada and especially of British Columbia. Talk of Anglo-Saxon brotherhood is nicely sentimental, but Greater Brit-

distinctly a person with strong anti-British feelings, which he is never slow to express and enact. This also applies to the average Teuton, whether colonial or not.

The Le Roi mine management has of late taken the classical attitude of Ajax, and, with its proposed smelter in hand, been defying the Dominion of Canada generally and the Province of British Columbia in particular. Let Col. Peyton and his co-managers build their old smelter in any old place. If they wish to kick the ladder down which rounded them up to this possible Ajax position, let them do it. B. C. will still get along nicely.

A correspondent who noted a couplet from Keats in a recent edition of the MINING CRITIC which read—

“Only the actions of the just  
Smell sweet and blossom in the dust”

asks: “Shouldn't it be gold-dust?” Right you are, Bre'r B. B., gold-dust is the proper sort of incense. Not necessarily Clondyke at that either!

Is the Provincial Museum at Victoria having its mineral exhibits increased? In view of the different mining sections opening up and the Museum soon occupying larger and better quarters, this should be seen to by those interested. Apropos, too, has any word been heard of the exhibit at Stockholm? What say you Mr. Eldridge?

Kamloops has not yet fulfilled its promise of nearly a year ago in respect to its mining prospects. The claim which promised best and only just failed of becoming a mine, is now in the throes of litigation. However, the management of one of Kamloops' hotels has cabled to Paris for a chef, so that things look hopeful. Mining and *cuisine Francais* do not always happen together.

The Nelson *Economist* “opines” that Nelson is *not* in a position or condition to sustain and support a daily newspaper. This naturally leads to the question: Will it be able to hold-up (!) three weeklies? We opine not, but time will evidence.

The official guide of the Brussels Exhibition contains an appreciative reference to the Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration's exhibit of Kootenay minerals.

## THE YUKON TRADE.

The appointment by the Dominion Government of Customs officials for the Yukon passes has been made, but tardily and too late to retain for Canada a considerable amount of the early import trade of our far north mine country. Much of the trade has, in consequence, passed to Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and other American cities, that have benefited greatly by the interim unauthorized application of a free import policy to the Canadian Yukon. The appointment, however, comes in time to preserve for Canada much of the remaining Yukon trade of the year, and of this trade British Columbia should secure the larger share, if only the merchants of our Province prove equal to the occasion, which apparently the traders of Victoria are showing themselves to be, and which we hope and believe the outfitters of Vancouver will also prove.

The MINING CRITIC has nothing to retract in regard to its warning to would-be present gold seekers in the Yukon, who had far better wait till March, when summer is nigh at hand, ere they set out for the far North, there to engage in the difficult task of seeking and afterwards developing new locations in what must emphatically be styled a very hard country. But it is certain that notwithstanding all warnings, hundreds, if not thousands, will yet seek the Yukon ere the early beginning of its long and intense winter season, and it is, moreover, desirable in any case that, for the sake of those that have gone and are going, as big an amount of food produce and other necessaries as possible be promptly sent to the far North. It is clear that there will be more than adequate demand, at big prices, for all the goods that can by any means thus be got into the Yukon ere the entering season closes, as it will very shortly. There is, consequently, no danger of any glut of the market; no fear of any unprofitable fall in prices. Knowing this, the traders of American cities—Seattle especially—are eagerly seizing the opportunity and undoubtedly “making big money” by fitting out the Yukon gold seekers. Seattle has, in fact, not experienced for years such a marked revival of general trade, and the present business activity of the city is quite phenomenal. Meanwhile, though Victoria seems fairly alive to a great but passing opportunity, there would appear to be scope for larger Vancouver effort in the same direction, as many men bound for the Yukon will doubtless, via the C. P. R., enter and pass through

**TENADA ISLAND.**

The S. Vancouver left on Tuesday for Texada Island with a supply of mining stores and a party of men, who have contracted to sink further 100 feet on the lode of the Silver Tip, making a total depth of 200 feet. On board the Vancouver were Messrs. J. C. Keith, J. E. Miller, Thos. Fraser, and Mathew Byrne.

We have reason to state that work on the Silver Tip will be vigorously pushed, and the erection of an aerial tram and hoisting engine with a capacity of sinking at least 500 feet is under contemplation. The same lode has been struck on the adjoining claim, The Surprise, at a depth of 150 feet, giving a general value equal to \$50 per ton with improvement showing at every foot of sinking, thus proving the continuance of the lode a distance of two thousand feet at the depth above stated. The importance of this strike can hardly be estimated when it is considered that it passes through the Silver Tip, Nancy Bell, Dundee and Surprise claims. The lode is very strong and denuded, being in the Silver Tip a paying one from the very grass average 2 1/2 principally gold, with a width varying from 14 to 18 inches, most of which is solid metal. The owners, from indications and results obtained from the 100 feet level, have reason to believe that the values will greatly improve as depth is attained. It is worthy of comment that the properties on Texada Island have been thoroughly and systematically exploited without resort to advertising. In most cases men who have located claims have had sufficient confidence in the merits thereof to put their own labor and capital in to prove its value and today Texada Island stands out as a monument of what energy, skill and labor can do. Roads have been built without the aid of the government and at least there are now eight working mines in full swing, with depths varying from 100 to 170 feet. Within three months depth will be attained to exceed 250 feet both in the Surprise and Silver Tip. Glowing accounts are published when a tunnel of 30 feet is contracted for on Fredericks Arm, Phillips Arm or Valdez Island, but where can such encouragement to mining in B. C. in general be shown as on Texada Island?

It is time the government did something in the way of assistance in roads, as in most cases machinery has been ordered. As good things are few and far between, nothing is heard of them through the public press, but it would be good business and advantageous to investors to pay a visit to the only spot in British Columbia where parties of men have done thousands and thousands of dollars of work at their own expense, and are still doing so without the help of the public or the government.

**CLONDYKE COMMENTS.**

[K or a C, which shall it be?] Even the Poet Joaquin Miller has signified his intention of taking his snowy locks to the snowy North. Will he drop into poetry like Silas Weeg and as the Kipling, adore "Our Lady of the Snows?"

Really, every one is going, or talking of going, to the Clondyke. Very soon the whole of the Pacific Coast will be like London, out of season, "everyone out of town," notwithstanding that several millions remain.

The bicycle face has become an assured physiognomical fact, if not a thing of beauty. Now it seems that already there is the Clondyke countenance. Whether it is the gleam of the gold or dazzle of the eternal snow which lends a light "that never shone on land or sea," is not definitely known, but it is averred by those who have interviewed recent returners from the further North that there is an uncanny something about their looks and optile expression; a wildness in fact, which is also credited to some of the verbal expression.

It is sixteen to one, or more, that every ounce of gold taken out of the Clondyke will cost its full value, if not fifty per cent. more. This has been so in the history of all placer mining excitements, even when the locations were more favorable than this. Comparatively, Cariboo was just as disadvantageously placed in the 'fifties as the Clondyke region is to-day.

Given \$500, it is a question whether a man takes greater chances of losing them by placing them against a face bank, or by taking them to the Clondyke on a placer gold venture. Of course, by the latter method he would have the trip there—as to back, it is doubtful. On the other hand, the table will sooner decide the matter. Mining is a great gamble, anyway. No man should put into it what he cannot afford to lose.

From every mining point and place in this Province we read of this man and that man leaving for the gold-coloured Clondyke. How golden those far fields seem! Perhaps it would be as well for the self-expatiating ones to learn the little lesson taught in Longfellow's poem of "Gaspar Becerra." It has nothing to do with mining directly, (only wood carving), but indirectly its inferential teaching is most applicable. Concisely, it is "seize your pedal opportunities."

Very old-mining-timers and prospectors used to say that the mining section of the northwestern portion of the American continent was like the body of a rat, the head being in Alaska, the body in British Columbia, while the tail of this mineral rodent lay in the state of Montana. Now the tail is kicking (if a tail can kick) because of being overlooked, while attention is being drawn and diverted to the

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| Arrives at Trail                      | 3:50 p.m.  |
| No. 4 passenger (daily)               |            |
| Leaves Rosland                        | 11:00 a.m. |
| Arrives at Trail                      | 12:00 a.m. |
| No. 6 passenger (daily except Sunday) |            |
| Leaves Rosland                        | 7:00 a.m.  |
| Arrives at Trail                      | 7:50 a.m.  |

WESTBOUND.

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| No. 3 passenger (daily except Sunday) |            |
| Leaves Trail                          | 8:15 a.m.  |
| Arrives in Rosland                    | 9:30 a.m.  |
| No. 1 passenger (daily)               |            |
| Leaves Trail                          | 12:30 p.m. |
| Arrives in Rosland                    | 1:30 p.m.  |
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| Leaves Trail                          | 5:45 p.m.  |
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ribs, and will be for a few centuries to come, notwithstanding the very strong anti-British and B. C. spirit which our American amicus are showing.

The press of the United States became instantly aflame with the news of "wealth beyond the dreams of avarice" on the Clondyke. It couldn't awake itself, but all newspaper readers between the Atlantic and Pacific awoke one morning to find the place famous and fabulous. The latter word is used advisedly. No doubt many wondered where the place was and are still wondering. The newspaper outbreak was so spontaneous and unlooked for, that there arises a very strong suspicion that the whole matter was organized and is the result of Uncle Sam's smartness to divert and draw away attention from the mining prospects of British Columbia.

Apropos the "Clondyke Fever," the *Western Mining World* has this to say: "While it is fair to assume that Alaska has much mineral wealth, and that several really promising placers have been discovered, it is folly to believe that the Associated Press reports concerning the phenomenal wealth of the country are based on facts. These reports are brought in largely in the interests of speculators and are given credence by many because large amounts of gold, the accumulations of years of hard work in the interior of the country, have recently been shipped to the states. Prudence suggests a conservative view of the situation, and those who seriously contemplate casting their lot in Alaska should bear in mind that in a few weeks at the outside mining in that far northern region will close down until the advent of another summer. Prospecting will be impossible in the fall and winter months and a dreary and expensive wait is before the man who thoughtlessly rushes off to Alaska at this season of the year. No one should think of leaving for that country before next spring, and by that time perhaps the core will have been carved out of the boom and the true inwardness of the situation made plain."

**HARRISON RIVER.**

AGASSIZ, July 28.—Quietly a considerable amount of staking off has been going on for some time. (Where?) That is the question! A rich copper ore, varying from 4 to 15 feet and carrying values in gold and copper equal to \$20 to the ton from the very surface, has been presumably discovered. Vancouverites are largely interested, and although the discovery has been kept strictly quiet, information is leaking out that a prospector acting for the said syndicate has been sensible enough to keep his tracks free from outsiders, and, consequently, has not acquired one but many claims for his syndicate. The *MINING CRITIC* will make further reports from this find later on. Visible gold is stated to have been found in the rock, and more than

**STOCK QUOTATIONS.**

Corrected Weekly by Percy W. Charleson, Mining Broker, 117 Hastings St., Vancouver.

| COMPANIES               | NO. OF SHARES | PAR VALUE | PRICE  |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>TRAIL CREEK</b>      |               |           |        |
| Alberta.....            | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| B. C. Gold King.....    | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 11     |
| B. C. Gold Fields.....  | 500,000       | 2 00      | 11     |
| Beaver.....             | 750,000       | 1 00      | 10     |
| Big Chief.....          | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Big Three.....          | 1,500,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Blindfold.....          | 500,000       | 1 00      | 10     |
| Bruce.....              | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Bulle.....              | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 02     |
| Calcuttan Con.....      | 500,000       | 1 00      | 05 1/2 |
| California.....         | 2,500,000     | 1 00      | 8      |
| C. & C.....             | 750,000       | 1 00      | 7 1/2  |
| Colt Queen.....         | 500,000       | 1 00      | 7 1/2  |
| Centr. Stat.....        | 500,000       | 1 00      | 10     |
| Colonia.....            | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 21     |
| Commander.....          | 500,000       | 1 00      | 18     |
| Crown Point.....        | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 50     |
| Deer Park.....          | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 14     |
| Delta Colla.....        | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 2      |
| Delaware.....           | 1,500,000     | 1 00      | 12     |
| Eastern Star.....       | 500,000       | 1 00      | 20     |
| Enterprise.....         | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 20     |
| Eric.....               | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 01     |
| Evening Star.....       | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 13     |
| Georgia.....            | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 16     |
| Gertrude.....           | 500,000       | 1 00      | 10     |
| Golden Drip.....        | 500,000       | 1 00      | 11     |
| Golden Queen.....       | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Great Western.....      | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 11     |
| Hattie Brown.....       | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 8      |
| Helen.....              | 500,000       | 1 00      | 04     |
| High Ore.....           | 500,000       | 1 00      | 04 1/2 |
| Honestake.....          | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Idaho.....              | 500,000       | 1 00      | 10     |
| Imperial.....           | 1,000,000     | 2 00      | 05     |
| Independent.....        | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 06     |
| Iron Horse.....         | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 15     |
| Iron Mask.....          | 500,000       | 1 00      | 40     |
| J. N. L.....            | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Josie.....              | 700,000       | 1 00      | 31     |
| Jumbo.....              | 500,000       | 1 00      | 55     |
| Kubot-Templar.....      | 500,000       | 1 00      | 04     |
| Kennedy-London.....     | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Le Roi.....             | 500,000       | 5 00      | 7 50   |
| Lily May.....           | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 18     |
| Mayflower.....          | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 14     |
| Monarch.....            | 700,000       | 1 00      | 19     |
| Monte Cristo.....       | 750,000       | 1 00      | 14     |
| Morning Star.....       | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 07 1/2 |
| Nest Egg.....           | 500,000       | 1 00      | 55     |
| Northern Belle.....     | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Northern.....           | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 06 1/2 |
| O. K.....               | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 14     |
| Palo Alto.....          | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 05     |
| Phoenix.....            | 500,000       | 1 00      | 12     |
| Poorman.....            | 500,000       | 1 00      | 08     |
| R. E. Lee.....          | 2,000,000     | 1 00      | 12 1/2 |
| Red Mountain View.....  | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 9      |
| Red Point.....          | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Reclerster.....         | 500,000       | 1 00      | 10     |
| Rossland Star.....      | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 15     |
| Rossland, Red M'n.....  | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 25     |
| St. Elmo.....           | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 06     |
| St. Paul.....           | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 8      |
| Silverline.....         | 500,000       | 1 00      | 05     |
| Southern C. & W. C..... | 500,000       | 1 00      | 20     |
| Sultana.....            | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Trail Mining Co.....    | 250,000       | 100 00    | 10     |
| Union.....              | 600,000       | 1 00      | 10     |
| Virginia.....           | 500,000       | 1 00      | 12     |
| War Eagle Con.....      | 2,000,000     | 1 00      | 97     |
| West Le. Roi.....       | 500,000       | 1 00      | 15     |
| White Bear.....         | 2,000,000     | 1 00      | 15     |
| Young British Am.....   | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 06     |
| <b>AINSWORTH.</b>       |               |           |        |
| Belle.....              | 700,000       | 1 00      | 13     |
| Ellen.....              | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 07 1/2 |
| <b>BOUNDARY</b>         |               |           |        |
| Old Ironsides.....      | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 05     |
| <b>CAMP MCKINNEY</b>    |               |           |        |
| Cariboo.....            | 500,000       | 1 00      | 50     |
| <b>CAMP FAIR VIEW.</b>  |               |           |        |
| Occidental.....         | 600,000       | 1 00      | 4      |
| <b>NELSON.</b>          |               |           |        |
| Eschequer.....          | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |
| Hall M'n.....           | 2 0,000       | 21 00     | 8 50   |
| <b>NORTHPORT.</b>       |               |           |        |
| Red Top.....            | 1,000,000     | \$1 00    | 10     |
| <b>SLOCAN.</b>          |               |           |        |
| Athabasca.....          | 1,000,000     | 1         | 25     |
| Alamo.....              | 500,000       | 1 00      | 1 00   |
| Bon Diablo.....         | 75,000        | 1 00      | 1 00   |
| Bondholder.....         | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 04     |
| Buffalo.....            | 150,000       | 25        | 25     |
| Cumberland.....         | 500,000       | 10 00     | 10     |
| Durdenelles.....        | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 18     |
| Grey Eagle.....         | 750,000       | 1 00      | 10     |
| Idler.....              | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10     |

| COMPANIES.                                   | NO. OF SHARES | PAR VALUE | PRICE   |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Reco.....                                    | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 1 50    |
| Slocan Star.....                             | 1,000,000     | 50        | 2 33    |
| Sunshine.....                                | 500,000       | 10 00     |         |
| Washington.....                              | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 25      |
| Wonderful.....                               | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 10      |
| <b>TEXADA ISLAND</b>                         |               |           |         |
| Texada Proprietary.....                      | 1,000,000     | 25        | \$ 0 25 |
| Van Anst.....                                | 5,000,000     | 1 00      | 08 1/2  |
| Victoria-Texada.....                         | 600,000       | 25        | 25      |
| <b>ALBERNI DIST.</b>                         |               |           |         |
| Alberni M'n Rose.....                        | 250,000       | 1 00      | 05      |
| Alberni Con.....                             | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 20      |
| Mineral Creek.....                           | 500,000       | 1 00      | 05 1/2  |
| Mineral Hill.....                            | 750,000       | 1 00      | 10      |
| Quadra.....                                  | 500,000       | 1 00      | 10      |
| <b>CARIBOO</b>                               |               |           |         |
| Cariboo Gold Fields.....                     | 2,000,000     |           |         |
| Cariboo Hydraulic.....                       | 300,000       |           |         |
| Columbia & Cariboo.....                      | 1,000,000     | 1 00      | 15      |
| Horseshoe Hydraulic.....                     | 200,000       |           |         |
| Horseshoe Gold M. Co.....                    | 1,000,000     | 10 00     | 1 50    |
| Siohng Creek.....                            | 500,000       | 1 00      | 50      |
| <b>LILLOOET DIST.</b>                        |               |           |         |
| Golden Cache.....                            | 500,000       | 1 00      | 1 62    |
| Lillooet Gold Reefs.....                     | 200,000       | 25        | 25      |
| Dom. n Development.....                      | 25,500        | 25        | 1 45    |
| Alpha Bell.....                              | 000           | 1 00      | 50      |
| Cayoosh Creek Mines.....                     | 000           | 1 00      | 50      |
| B. C. Mining Pros-<br>pectors' Exchange..... | 1,000,000     | 25        | 25      |

Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, \$175,000; War Eagle, \$217,500; Rambler-Cariboo, \$40,000; Reco, \$150,000; Slocan Star, \$350,000; Cariboo, \$156,000.

It is estimated that the profits of the mines subjoined have returned the sums placed opposite their respective names:

|                 |          |                     |          |
|-----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Payno.....      | \$20,000 | Goodenough.....     | \$15,000 |
| Idaho.....      | 152,000  | Noble Five.....     | 50,000   |
| Poorman.....    | 50,000   | Northern Belle..... | 20,000   |
| Rath.....       | 50,000   | Antoine.....        | 10,000   |
| Whitewater..... | 40,000   | Surprise.....       | 20,000   |
| Washington..... | 20,000   | Monitor.....        | 15,000   |
| Slocan Boy..... | 25,000   | Last Chance.....    | 50,000   |

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**GOLDEN CACHE.**—Is it true that the battery is likely on the first crushing to be lopsided through misjudgment in erection? Why has not cement been used in the foundation? Will the gold be saved or will half go into the creek for the benefit of future placer claims? Do the directors wish further criticism, or are they going to employ a manager that knows his business? Bad work, bad management, incompetency, misdirection and unworkmanlike mining is the order of the day. For the sake of the Cayoosh creek the **MINING CRITIC** would like to see a change and promptly too at that!

**NOBLE FIVE.**—Why do not those shares increase in value? Not only thousands but hundreds of thousands have been purchased. The lode has not only increased in size but, for the matter of fact, according to all accounts, in value too! Big crowds of men are going to work stoping, and still those who should under the improved value do not invest. Why? One answer to this 'is: Who is selling?

**WAR EAGLE.**—The news arrives from Rossland that disappointment is felt at the action of Mr. Goodman with Mr. Blackstock, who, after a visit to the mine, have decided that no more ore be sent to the smelter. The **MINING CRITIC** asks again, why? Answer: "No ore there!" Why fool about with procrastination. First the terms are too unfavorable. Then a new strike is made and some 200 tons of ore sent to the smelter, in spite of previous protestations as to the expense being great and the necessity of deferring shipment of ore till better facilities be afforded. Then again, shipment to the smelter is vexatiously suspended. Why? No ore? Let the War Eagle Company answer this query!

**PAST PROSPECTORS.**—Here are all those mining prospectors gone who were to dispose of their prospects to English financiers? Some one informs the **MINING CRITIC** that fishing occupies their sole attention to-day. Would to heaven they might continue fishing and give legitimate mining men an opportunity of following their own business, and thus create some confidence among the fraternity.

**SATISFACTORY.**—Good luck to little Chick and the skipper of the Comox, who have bonded their claims on Fredericks Arm to men good and true, who will, at all events, prove the value of the claim by abso'ute hard work and pay for it afterward if satisfactory. The **MINING CRITIC** hopes that this kind of investors may find further opportunities!

**ALPHA BELL.**—Rumor sayeth that ore of an excellent quality and carrying free visible gold is being taken in quantities from the present workings.

**PERSONAL.**—Mr. Mathew Byrne is about to leave for England with a view to arrange certain deals with London and Johannesburg financial firms. We wish him every success. Mr. Byrne, we understand, is a mining man of 10 years' practical experience, and will tell the English people what he has seen during his investigation of mines throughout Canada and British Columbia.

**A CORRECTION.**

[Correspondence.]

KASLO, July 21.

Frank S. Taggart, Esq., Managing Editor of **B. C. MINING CRITIC**, Vancouver, B. C.—DEAR SIR: We beg to draw your attention to your notice of the "Ibex of Slocau" in your issue of the 15th of July, for which we beg to thank you, of an inadvertent error in the price of shares, our shares being 25c par value, not \$1, as stated in your valuable Journal, the market price being now 30c.

If you would kindly correct this you will very much oblige.

Yours very truly,  
F. SREBLE,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

**MINING NOMENCLATURE.**

There is a marked peculiarity in the names adopted by the different owners of the hydraulic mines located on False Creek. We note, for instance, the Eva, prosperous and developed, yet a dividend consumer; the Fannie-Rosie, a claim with full dimensions, 1500x1500; the Lottie-Daisy, which has been in course of development for some time; the Mary, showing up mainly black sand; the Laura-Allie, which has produced for some time past poor assays; the Clay-Stella, which, while slow in development, "holds up its head." There are, too, the Frankie-Lulu, a rich claim and a money maker; the Jennie, at present slightly developed only, the interests of which are covered by Victorians; the Jean-Ethel, a mine that shows up fairly well; the Lottie, which is prospering; while the Dora-Pearl is being opportunely worked by a Vancouverite at his own risk and therefore a private concern.

Some miners are superstitious enough to suppose that the giving of feminine names to mining prospects is fatal to ultimate success. The foregoing would seem to deny this.

**HAVE THEY?**

The Rossland *Miner* thinks aliens should be kept out of the Clondyke because Canadians are not allowed to mine in this country without becoming citizens. The *Miner* is evidently mistaken, for so good an authority as John Sherman says: "We have an alien law of our own. We have never enforced it against gold miners. Canadian miners have been as free to mine for gold in the United States as

**WHO IS PAUL GASTON?**

Paul Gaston does not share the frequently expressed opinion that the hostile legislation of British Columbia against alien investors will eventually prove injurious to American mining men, for he said in an interview with a *Post-Intelligencer* representative:

"The man who is prepared to develop a mine with his own money is looking on this side of the line for an investment, on account of the hostile legislation of British Columbia. Many Americans are selling out of British Columbia property in order to make a clean-up and reinvest on this side of the line."

"Are the Canadians and English investing in place of the Americans?"

"The Canadian investor is a Canadian sucker who does not know what he is buying. No English capital worth mentioning is coming in. There are some flimflammers from London, who have effected preliminary organizations over there and claim to represent large amounts of capital, but they do not represent half of 1 per cent. of what they claim. With a few exceptions, the English and Canadians have got hold of the poorest stuff in British Columbia. By blocking out large bodies of ore, George Gooderham is putting the War Eagle in shape to pay dividends and be listed in the London market. The Homestake, which Mr. Linnard placed, is another good property. Outside of that they have nothing of value. The men who have developed the mines of the world by their money, pluck and genius are the Americans. They have developed the British Columbia mines and are now selling at good prices whenever they can find a good investor."

Ans: Before his advent into Rossland P. G. was supposed to be a "giddy gambler." Will such "expert" opinion affect the destiny of B. C. much? Not much, P. G.

**THE CAPTION FITTED.**

"In reference to a recent article from the pen of Mr. Floyd-Jones, published in these columns, the Vancouver **MINING CRITIC** speaks contemptuously of "Envious Montana." Our contemporary is in error in imputing any such feeling to the citizens of this state. While it is true that British Columbia owed its reputation chiefly to the investment of labor and money by Montanians, (sic) and would have been buried in obscurity until the crack of doom had it awaited the advent of English miners, don't you know, it is also true that most of our people who went over the line, to milk the British lion in his native jungle, did not do so because they were seeking better mineral fields than Montana afforded, but because they were looking for a more copious invoice of suckers. And there are others."

In reading between the lines of the above excerpt from the *Western Mining World*, it is evident that the caption fitted. It was hardly necessary to (sic) the statement re Montana capital, but it



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**EVERGREEN MINE,**

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In accordance with your request I have inspected the Evergreen Mineral Claim, and herewith I hand my report:

"The country rock is chiefly diorite and granite at different places on the surface. Prospecting holes have been sunk showing a remarkably strong body of mineral bearing quartz within two permanent walls, the quartz body being 20 feet in width where it is cut by four feet of intrusive porphyry, then occurs another 15 feet of mineralized quartz. The vein is plainly traceable the full length of the claim a distance of 1500 feet. The quartz on the surface is a decomposed rose color. In some places native gold is plainly seen. On trying it with a pan I found considerable free gold, it also showed quite rich in sulphurets but as depth is attained the gold is found in a pyritic form, increasing in value very rapidly, assaying from \$17.00 to \$220. One assay running as high as \$350.00, but this was taken from a place showing a thoroughly decomposed mass and was more or less concentrated. The course of the vein is northeast by southwest and from the work at present done appears nearly vertical. I believe this to be a true fissure vein, cutting as it does, the formation at an angle of 45 degrees and would recommend that a shaft be sunk on the foot wall for a distance of 300 feet and the ledge crosscut at each 100 feet in depth when enormous quantities of good paying ore will be opened up which, with the facilities for shipping, will make this property a good dividend-payer. I find plenty of good timber and water in abundance for mining purposes, with the close proximity of the great water power of the Kootenay falls, making this a desirable place for the erection of large smelting works. In conclusion, I am glad to state that during my experience in mining, I have met with few properties that show such strong indications of a brilliant future."

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