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The first general meeting of the Texada-Kirk Lake Gold Mines Co. was held at their office, rooms 29 and 30, Board of Trade building, Victoria, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The officers elected for the coming year were: President, D. R. Dingwall, of Winnipeg; vice-president, W. L. Challoner, of Victoria; treasurer, R. A. Wyllie, of Hamilton; directors, Wilson Southam, of Hamilton, Walter Hunter, of Nanaimo; T. G. Challoner and F. W. McCrady, of Victoria. Mr. Earnest Braummer is the secretary of the company, and they have offices in the Board of Trade building. With this efficient staff of officers and the well-known properties they will handle, we expect to hear more of this company. Their properties consist of five of the most promising claims on Texada Island, all of which have been crown granted in the company's name, and they have purchased additional lands for a mill site and other works. In all, the company's properties consist of about 312 acres, over 200 of which is the choicest mineral land on Texada Island; 40 acres is covered by the waters of Kirk lake. The company has a government grant of these waters for 20 years, and with little expense can develop all the power required to run large mining works. A very considerable amount of development work has been done on the property. On the Victoria claims a shaft has been sunk 102 feet and a drift run at the bottom for 30 feet. Average samples from this shaft give returns of over \$50 per ton, while picked samples are so rich it would be foolish to assay them. From one small piece, weighing 1½ ounces, over \$2.50 in gold was taken. This would make returns of over \$50,000 per ton. Unfortunately all the ore is not of this kind, but by careful sampling all the different ledges have been found to be pay ore. During the summer the company intends erecting machinery and all the necessary plant to treat their ore on the spot. No stock has been as yet placed on the market, the syndicate who owned the property preferring to thoroughly develop the property first and prove its value. Now that has been done, and at the meeting Saturday the company decided to issue a prospectus and place a block of stock on the market, the proceeds of

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TO PROTECT MINERS.

The act for securing the safety and good health of workmen engaged in and about metalliferous mines, has been submitted to the provincial legislature. It provides for the appointment of an inspector whose duties will be to generally examine and report upon the safety of hoisting machinery, appliances used for extinguishing fires, the methods of working and timbering mines, as well as their ventilation, how and where all explosives and inflammable explosives and oils are stored and the system of signals used. Every mine shall be open to inspection by this officer, and he shall not be required to give notice as to the time when such inspection shall be made. The inspector must be a man who has had at least seven years of practical experience in mining, and his salary shall be determined by the lieutenant-governor-in-council. Upon discovery by the inspector that any mine is not being safely worked, a notice in writing, stating the particulars of the offense, shall be issued to the owner.

Any owner, agent, manager or lessee having charge or operating any metalliferous mine, whenever loss of life or serious accident shall occur in connection with the working of such mine, shall give notice immediately, and report all facts thereof to the minister of mines or the inspector, and the said inspector shall investigate and ascertain the causes and make a report, which shall be filed in the office of the minister of mines for future reference.

The lieutenant-governor-in-council shall have the power at any time to remove the inspector for incompetency, neglect of duty, or abuse of the privileges of his office.

The lieutenant-governor-in-council may make such rules for the safe working of mines as may be deemed advisable for the protection of miners; and in and by such rules or regulations may impose fines or penalties for the infraction thereof, but no fine shall exceed one thousand dollars; and the said rules and regulations shall have the force of law after they have been advertised for four weeks in the *British Columbia Gazette*.

Talk about Irish bulls! Here is what the lord mayor of London said to Ambassador Bayard at a dinner recently given to the United States representative: "You, sir, have distilled from the bosom of the English public that torrent of fraternal love which will cement the love and affection which we, the English and American peoples, should and do entertain toward each other." To turn the English bosom into a distillery is bad enough, but to extract a torrent of cement beats Boyle Roche, who smelled a rat and saw it floating in the air before him, and heroically promised to nip it in the bud.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Gold Fields of British Columbia (an incorporated company) may well complain of the *Mining Record's* neglect. In the March issue it promised to give it further attention, and although two issues have appeared since, it has not been noticed at all.

Miners should not be fooled by proffers of "write-ups" published on a coin basis, notoriously incorrect, and of no value. The best write-up that the resources of any county can have is the enterprising weekly that the community supports.

We acknowledge and appreciate the courtesy of the *The Province* and the *Inland Sentinel* for the graceful notice and good feeling expressed for the success of the BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING CRITIC.

The attention of our readers is directed to the fact we have not published Rudyard Kipling's "Our Lady of the Snows." Rudyard, you write good prose, but your poem don't assay very high.

The airship is a reality. It has been seen by many persons in British Columbia. In fact, it has landed right in Vancouver inside the court-house. It bore the name "Orphan Boy."

When a new paper is presented to the public it receives its meed of criticism. Some of the critics, those who have themselves published, edited, or been closely identified with a pub-

lication, although there are many non-producers (writers) whose opinions are of great value. We invite communications upon how to improve the Critic. They must bear the writer's real name and address, "not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith."

The city of Vancouver mourns. We have suffered a loss. On every public building flags are displayed at half mast. Mrs. David Oppenheimer is dead. The sympathy of Granville, of Vancouver, is extended to Mr. David Oppenheimer in the loss he has sustained in the demise of his wife. Not only during the years when he acted as mayor, in a manner which did so much to reflect credit upon himself as well as upon the city, did Mrs. Oppenheimer shed grace and dignity upon the duties of Mayoress, but ever since she has taken an active part in whatever she deemed desirable for the welfare of those who needed help. A good woman has been taken from among us. Indeed, we have suffered a loss, and to Mr. David Oppenheimer we extend our sympathy in his bereavement.

The right to own, acquire and develop property is one protected by law. The manner of enforcing this right is one of the objects of government. When the laws are so administered that he who owns property is safely vested with its possession, and an organized power (government) inspires the possessor with the idea that it will sustain him in asserting private ownership, even by force of arms, then civilized government has attained one of its ends.

One of the fruits of civil government is the corporation, an instrument for good, and, alas, for evil. This is a soulless creature, yet not without life. It is quiescent, but nevertheless effective. It lives through its board of directors, and when we speak of the Two Friends, for instance, reference is made to a body which, for all practical purposes, lives, breathes, acts. At the recent meeting of this corporation, held in Vancouver, the first question submitted to the meeting was, "Shall we permit representatives of the press to attend this meeting?" No definite answer being obtained from the unorganized gathering, it was suggested that the question be determined by the directors themselves. In a short time they decided to exclude reporters. This was, of course, their privilege, but the act was ungracious and impolite. But one impression could be conveyed by such proceeding—that the directorate sought secrecy. This is an unobtainable article where the many participate, and hence we say to the gentlemen who decided to exclude the representatives of the press, that they did err.

The anxiety among shareholders in the Two Friends mine regarding the state of the workings, was considerably relieved by the report issued to the shareholders by the president, F. C. Innes. The thorough confidence expressed for the ultimate success of those whose money is invested in the Two

THE FATHERLESS ONE.

Conceived in Iniquity; Born in Sin?

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in the matter of the Winding-up Act and amending acts, and in the matter of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

1. Rose Haskins, of the city of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, a married woman, make oath and say:

1 That such of the statements in the petition now produced and shown to me, and marked exhibit "A," as relate to my own acts and deeds, are true, and such of the said statements as relate to the acts and deeds of any other person or persons I believe to be true.

(Sgd) ROSE HASKINS.

Sworn before me at the city of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, this sixth day of May, A. D. 1897.

(Sgd) S. LUCAS HUNT,

A commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

[PETITION.]

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in the matter of the Winding-up Act and amending acts, and in the matter of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

To His Honor W. Norman Bole, Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

The humble petition of Rose Haskins, of the city of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, a married woman, sheweth as follows:

1. That the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability (hereinafter called the company), was, on or about the 16th day of October, 1896, incorporated under the Companies Act, 1890, and amending acts.

2. The registered office of the company is at Revelstoke, in the province of British Columbia.

3. The nominal capital of the company is seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000), divided into seven hundred thousand (700,000) shares of one dollar (\$1.00) each, and the amount of the capital paid up and credited as paid up is seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000).

4. The objects for which the company was established are: To obtain by purchase, lease, hire, exchange, development, discovery, location, assignment or otherwise, and to hold in the district of East Kootenay and West Kootenay, and elsewhere soever in the province of British Columbia, mines and minerals, claims or prospects, mining lands and mining rights, water rights and privileges, coal lands, timber lands or leases, timber claims, mills and factories of every kind, works, buildings, machinery, easements and privileges and surface rights, and to

of the same, or any of the same or any interest therein.

To carry on the business of miners of every description, and to procure by purchase or otherwise mine and work mining locations, mines, ores, minerals, gold dust, and all metallic substances and compounds of all kinds, and to pay for such mines, mining interests and mining property, either in money or by allotment of shares as fully or partially paid up in this company, and other objects set forth in the memorandum of association thereof.

5. Your petitioner is a shareholder in the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, and is a registered owner of 5,600 fully paid up and non-assessable shares of stock in the said Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability.

6. On or about the 26th day of March, 1897, J. W. Haskins issued a writ out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia against the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, and judgment was recovered on said writ of summons against the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, for the sum of \$3,229.16 and cost, and a writ of fieri facias was issued on said judgment directed to the sheriff of East Kootenay, to levy and make of the goods and chattels of the said company the amount of said judgment, together with costs of execution and sheriff's fees, poundage and expenses.

7. On the 21st day of April, 1897, the sheriff of East Kootenay, pursuant to the said writ of execution directed to him, did put up for auction the mineral claim known as the Orphan Boy mineral claim, the property of the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, and all the other goods and chattels of the said company, and the same were sold under said writ of execution.

8. That the assets of the company consist of a cash balance in their hands of \$2,200, divisible among the shareholders, of which our petitioner is one.

9. That your petitioner purchased said 5,600 shares of the said company on or about the month of November, 1896.

10. That there will be a substantial surplus divisible among the shareholders of the said company after the full payment of all debts and liabilities of said company.

11. That your petitioner is entitled to a substantial interest in the assets of said company, and will derive a real benefit from the winding up of said company.

12. That the said company is insolvent.

13. Under the circumstances it is just and equitable that the said company should be wound up.

14. Your petitioner therefore humbly prays as follows:

(a) That the Orphan Boy Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability, may be wound up by this honorable court under the provisions of the Winding-up Act

made in the premises as may be just.

(Sgd) ROSE HASKINS.

NOTE.—It is intended to serve this petition on the company.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

The plaintiff's claim is for the sum of \$3,229.16, being the amount of an account which the plaintiff has against the defendants for cash advanced by the plaintiff for the defendants for payments made by the plaintiff for the defendants and for salary due. The following are the particulars:

1896.			
Sept. 7.	By Cash advanced company.	\$	100 00
Nov. 14.	" " " " " "	"	70 00
30.	" Salary to date, 2 months and 7 days at \$150.		315 00
Dec. 12.	" Cash advanced company.		16 50
17.	" Sundries paid for com'y.		3 75
18.	" " " " " "		40
19.	" " " " " "		2 80
21.	" " " " " "		6 75
22.	" " " " " "		3 00
28.	" Cash advanced company.		30 00
29.	" Cash advanced company for express.		2 15
31.	" 24-31 month's salary at \$150.		116 12
1897.			
Jan. 1.	By Cash advanced company..		12 35
2.	" Cash advanced company for E. Adair.		45 00
2.	" Cash advanced company for W. Best.		15 00
Feb. 9.	" cash advanced company..		25 00
20.	" Cash advanced company for G. Lafrome.		63 01
Mar. 9.	" Purchase of water wheel.		40 00
11.	" Payment of H. A. Brown's account.		270 50
"	" Salary to date.		384 23
"	" Allowance attendance of 5 at \$2.50.		12 50
"	" Payment of R. McDiarmid's account.		242 10
"	" Payment of Ed. Adair's account.		43 25
"	" Payment of Swan Balkenhouse's account.		88 65
"	" Payment of Charlie Sing's account.		94 75
"	" Payment of Wm. Rest's account.		177 25
"	" Payment of Bert Lane's account.		194 25
"	" Payment of Kootenay Mail account.		42 00
"	" Payment to Gilker & Wells on account.		100 00
"	" Payment of H. N. Courrier's account.		16 75
"	" Payment of C. B. Hume & Co.'s account.		114 82
Mar. 15.	" Paid balance Well's acc.		124 00
Feb. 10	" Cash paid company.		45 00
8.	" Expenses to Revelstoke and return.		50 00
Mar. 9.	" Expenses to Revelstoke and return.		50 00
17.	" Paid Secretary's expenses to Vancouver and return		100 00
15	" Paid D. G. Macdonell solicitor's bill and costs.		150 00
			\$3,240 16
credit by cash W. J. Law....			20 00
			\$3,220 16

A Shareholder Asks Questions and is Answered by the Secretary.

TO THE SECRETARY ORPHAN BOY:

Sir—As there seems to be considerable

inception, would you kindly reply through the columns of the *Kootenay Mail* to the following questions: As the secretary and officers of the company are at Revelstoke you may be able to procure the information therefrom.

(1.) At what time was the company formed?

(2.) Who were its first directors and managers?

(3.) Have there been any changes since formation in the directorate and management and if so what were they and when did they occur?

(4.) Were Whitney's books ever audited. If so, when and by whom?

(5.) Have the directors, officers and manager been paid salaries and if so what and up to what time?

(6.) Have the books been recently audited?

(7.) Did the secretary notify all shareholders that their manager had taken action to sell them out?

(8.) Who was summoned to defend the company in the court from Haskins judgment suit?

(9.) Why was it not defended?

(10.) Was any attempt made to raise the amount of judgment other than by bids under the sheriff's hammer?

(11.) What transfers were made and recorded on the company's books for a short time prior to the sale?

SHAREHOLDERS.

Vancouver, B. C., April 29, '97.

Inquiry of the Secretary, by the *Kootenay Mail*, has elicited the following answers to the above questions:

1. Certificate of Incorporation is dated Oct. 16th, 1896.

2. E. H. Wedekind, Trill, B. C. president; J. W. Haskins, Revelstoke, B. C., vice-president; F. C. Whitney, Revelstoke, secretary-treasurer.

3 and 4. At annual general meeting on Dec. 7th, 1896, J. W. Haskins was elected president and manager; H. N. Coursler, vice-president; and F. C. Whitney, secretary-treasurer; with C. R. Carlyon and H. A. Brown, directors. On Dec. 10th C. R. Carlyon was elected secretary-treasurer pro tem. and found F. C. Whitney's books in such shape he could do nothing with them. An audit was made by S. Durham and a new set books opened. H. A. Brown was elected secretary-treasurer. H. N. Coursler since resigned and F. McCarthy was elected vice-president in his stead.

5. Managers salary \$150 per month to April 21; secretary-treasurer \$100 per month, still current; directors \$250 per meeting.

6 and 7. No.

8. Papers were served on the company through the secretary. No defence was entered.

9. No funds.

10. Every effort was made to raise money by sale treasury stock, but every market was closed against us by manipulation of proprietary stock.

ECHOES OF THE SALE.

It has been stated that C. N. Davidson and his associate purchasers of the Orphan Boy claim represented 313,000 shares.

It is also reported that the purchasing was done for a syndicate with interests divided, in some cases, into one-fortieths.

A *lis pendens* notice has been recorded here by D. G. Williams *et al.* with Davidson, Haskins and Sheriff Redgrave as defendants.

Our representative called on the Mayor of Vancouver for the purpose of ascertaining his views on the present, past and future of The Orphan.

Guided by the genial Thomas McGuigan, city clerk, we were ushered into the presence of Mr. William Templeton.

"Be seated," he courteously said.

"Mr. Templeton, did you own any stock before the sale?"

"That will come out in court."

"Are you interested in the matter now?"

"That will come out in court."

"Who is the actual, bona fide representative of the stockholders?"

"That will come out in court."

"Now, Mr. Templeton, you know that it is to the interest of British Columbia to have this scandalous matter ventilated, and you yourself are named in connection with others who are receiving considerable attention from the public press on account of the peculiar sale. Are you of the new company?"

"That will come out in court. But I will say this—the price paid was \$6,200, and it was all Davidson's money, too."

We are creditably informed that Mayor Templeton did own many shares of stock in the days before the "sale," and is now personally interested in the future of this mine. In fact, it is asserted that after the judgment upon which the shareholders were "sold" he purchased over 200,000 shares of stock which stood in Mr. Haskins' name.

"Will that come out in court?"

There is an unusual interest taken in prospecting upon the mountain sides in the immediate vicinity of Kaslo. On Sunday last it is said that fully a hundred enthusiastic amateurs were scouring the foothills between Fry creek and Powder creek on the east side of the lake, and another crowd was on the hills overlooking North Kaslo, and some claims were located by both parties. It is reported that for the first time a ledge carrying galena was found in the latter vicinity, while some of the float found on the foothills of the east side, about a quarter of a mile from the lake shore, was unusually rich in appearance. Efforts will be made to trace the ledge. If it fulfills the promise of the float some lucky discoverer will have secured a fortune in his find.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Yesterday there stalked into the office of the *BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING CRITIC* a man about six feet four, and weighing at least 200 pounds. He sought information, he said, on mines and mining, as he proposed locating in Vancouver and engaging in the purchase and development of mines. "I've come 'ere from Trill—Y'e know the blooming place. Well, sir, I've left there. It was too 'ot. Now, remember, I don't say the weather is 'ot, I mean it was too 'ot for me. Did'n't 'ave a penny when he landed 'ere and took the first job I could. It was bar-keeper. Blawst me b—y heyes if I was'n't in 'ot water b'in ten minutes. Hup comes a balliff and he says, says he, 'are you in charge of this 'ere place?' 'I am' says I. The 'ee handed me somethink in writin' and went after the cash register. "'Oj don,' says I, 'what are you doing?' 'Me duty,' says he. 'Then I'll do me duty, too,' says I. I 'it him once or twice and, (feel that muscle) I laid him under the bar. A minute awfter that in comes another chap and awks for the balliff. I showed 'im the man. 'Ee said that I was wrong because me master howed the rent, and that the law hollicer was hobeying 'is instructions. Then 'ee showed me 'is authority. 'Go t'ell,' said I, and then 'ee 'it me right 'ere. Yes, the bridge is broken. But, chapple, I say, you ought to see the other fellow. His heyes were gray; black is their color now. His nose, well, sir, its not worth talking about. Of course I got tired hout, and then the next doy hi was summoned to appear before the beak. Blawst me b—y heyes, if 'ee did'n't let me haff. 'Ee's a good 'un, 'ee said that as me master had shown that the rent had been paid for the time they tried to collect, hi 'ad a right to defend the property, and 'ee is interested in some of me mining properties too. Where can I get a good office? Now don't write me hup, but 'ivo got the best claim on the coast, and 'eres some rock. No, I've not 'ad it assayed. Of say, wont you treat to a glaws of beer? I canw't drink 'ay."

The confirmation of the sale of the Orphan Boy is being opposed by Messrs. Bowser & Godfrey, barristers, in behalf of several Vancouverites. The *MINING CRITIC* will co-operate with them, and our managing editor will personally appear and address the court at the hearing, *pro bono publico*.

The prospector who sleeps on his rights and neglects to do more than half assessment work on his claims this year, will wake up with a sad heart and find that his claim is occupied and being worked by one who knows a good thing when he sees it, says the *Silverton Miner*. While wholesale jumping of claims is to be deprecated, yet a little of that kind of business would be beneficial in any com-

STOCK QUOTATIONS

Of British Columbia Mining Companies in Vancouver.

COMPANIES.	NO. OF SHARES.	PAR VALUE.	PRICE
TRAIL CREEK.			
Alberta.....	1,000,000	\$ 1 00	\$ 0 13
B. C. Gold King.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
B. C. Gold Fields.....	2,500,000	2 00	40
Heavy.....	750,000	1 00	10
Big Chief.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Big Three.....	3,500,000	1 00	12
Bluebird.....	600,000	1 00	10
Bute.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Bute.....	1,000,000	1 00	03 1/2
Calcedonian Con.....	500,000	1 00	07
California.....	2,500,000	1 00	15
C & C.....	500,000	1 00	
Colt's Queen.....	750,000	1 00	01
Centre Star.....	500,000	1 00	
Colonia.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Cominuder.....	500,000	1 00	25
Crown Point.....	1,000,000	1 00	22
Deer Park.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Dolla Colla.....	1,000,000	1 00	18 1/2
Delaware.....	1,000,000	1 00	04
Eastern Star.....	1,500,000	1 00	12
Enterprise.....	500,000	1 00	12
Erle.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Eyoning Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	04
Georgia.....	1,000,000	1 00	11 1/2
Gertrude.....	500,000	1 00	16
Glacier.....	2,500,000	1 00	08 1/2
Golden Drip.....	500,000	1 00	15
Golden Queen.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Great Western.....	1,000,000	1 00	14
Hattie Brown.....	1,000,000	1 00	07 1/2
Helen.....	500,000	1 00	05
Hell Ore.....	500,000	1 00	04
Homestake.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Idaho.....	500,000	1 00	
Imperial.....	1,000,000	1 00	05 1/2
Independent.....	1,000,000	1 00	06 1/2
Iron Horse.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Iron Mask.....	500,000	1 00	46
L. N. Lee.....	1,000,000	1 00	12
Juste.....	700,000	1 00	46
Juniper.....	500,000	1 00	70
Knight Templar.....	500,000	1 00	04
Kootenay-London.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Le Roi.....	500,000	5 00	7 50
Lily May.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Muyflower.....	1,000,000	1 00	12
Monarch.....	700,000	1 00	
Montana.....	750,000	1 00	18
Monte Cristo.....	1,000,000	1 00	14
Morning Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	07 1/2
Nest Egg.....	500,000	1 00	08
Northern Belle.....	1,000,000	1 00	15
Northern.....	1,000,000	1 00	06 1/2
O. K.....	1,000,000	1 00	28 1/2
Palo Alto.....	1,000,000	1 00	06
Phoenix.....	500,000	1 00	11
Poornian.....	500,000	1 00	07
R. E. Lee.....	2,000,000	1 00	15
Red Mountain View.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Red Point.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Rochester.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Rosslund Star.....	500,000	1 00	
Rosslund, Red Mt'n.....	1,000,000	1 00	15
St. Elmo.....	1,000,000	1 00	26
St. Paul.....	1,000,000	1 00	06 1/2
Silverline.....	1,000,000	1 00	12 1/2
Southern C. & W. C.....	500,000	1 00	08
St. Helena.....	500,000	1 00	20
Traff Mining Co.....	1,000,000	1 00	
Union.....	2,500	100 00	
Virginia.....	600,000	1 00	
War Eagle Con.....	500,000	1 00	12
West Le Roi.....	2,000,000	1 00	15
White Bear.....	500,000	1 00	27
Young British Am.....	2,000,000	1 00	16
	1,000,000	1 00	06
AINSWORTH.			
Delia.....	700,000	1 00	17
Ellen.....	1,000,000	1 00	07 1/2
BOUNDARY			
Old Ironsides.....	1,000,000	1 00	05
CAMP MCKINNEY			
Cariboo.....	800,000	1 00	49
CAMP FAIR VIEW.			
Occidental.....	600,000	1 00	15
NELSON.			
Exchequer.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Hall Mines.....	2 0,000	\$1 00	7 00
NORTHPORT.			
Red Top.....	1,000,000	\$1 00	10
SLOCAN.			
Athabasca.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
Alamo.....	500,000	1 00	
Bon Diablo.....	75,000	1 00	1 00
Bondholder.....	1,000,000	1 00	08
Buffalo.....	150,000	25	25
Cumberland.....	50,000	10 00	
Dardanelles.....	1,000,000	1 00	22
Grey Eagle.....	750,000	1 00	

COMPANIES.	NO. OF SHARES.	PAR VALUE.	PRICE
Reco.....	1,000,000	1 00	1 50
Slocan Star.....	1,000,000	50	2 55
Sunshine.....	50,000	10 00	
Washington.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
Wonderful.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
REVELSTOKE.			
Orphan Boy.....	700,000	1 00	06
TEXADA ISLAND.			
Texada Proprietary.....	1,000,000	25	3 25
Van Anda.....	5,000,000	1 00	08
Victoria-Texada.....	600,000	25	25
ALBERNI DIST.			
Alberni Mt'n Rose.....	250,000	1 00	05
Alberni Con.....	1,000,000	1 00	38
Mineral Creek.....	500,000	1 00	05 1/2
Mineral Hill.....	750,000	1 00	10
Quadra.....	500,000	1 00	10
CARIBOO			
Cariboo Gold Fields.....	100,000		
Cariboo Hydraulic.....	500,000	5 00	10 25
Horseshoe Hydraulic.....	200,000		
Horseshoe Gold M. Co.....	100,000	10 00	1 50
Slough Creek.....	500,000	1 00	50
LILLOET DIST.			
Golden Cache.....	500,000	1 00	1 85
Lilloet Gold Reefs.....	200,000	25	25

Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, \$350,000; War Eagle, \$187,000; Rambler, Cariboo, \$40,000; Reco, \$100,000; Slocan Star, \$300,000; Two Friends, \$20,000; Cariboo, \$141,410. It is estimated that the profits of the mines subjoined have returned the sums placed opposite their respective names:

Payne.....	\$250,000	Goodenough.....	\$35,000
Idaho.....	\$22,000	Noble Five.....	50,000
Poorman.....	50,000	Northern Belle.....	20,000
Ruth.....	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

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLD.

The War Eagle company is the prime mover in a project to present to Queen Victoria upon her approaching anniversary a testimonial of great value. Each old producing mine of British Columbia is asked to contribute a nugget of the yellow metal to be sent to Toronto, and there the whole is to be melted together, and from it will be made a handsome and costly present to be forwarded to Queen Victoria. The Le Roi company has forwarded its contribution in the form of a gold brick of the value of about \$65.

Investors in mines cannot be too cautious in learning the character of directors and managers of the claims in which they contemplate taking shares. No mine, however good, can be successful with incompetent management; nor does it follow that because a manager is an honorable citizen, and has acquired means in his own business, that he is capable of managing the affairs of a mining company. What is required is thorough technical knowledge and experience, and these qualifications are not bestowed upon anyone by chance. Yet how often do we see men in mining matters assume this virtue when they possess it not. With experience and integrity, and the boundless quantity of mineral which this province is daily revealing to the eyes of the prospector, there is indeed material to encourage the capitalist and to give hope to the

PERSONAL.

Arthur Ives is back from his prospecting trip up Stave lake.

J. Lash & Co. have disposed of all their mining interests to H. Benjamin.

Mr. Frank A. Baggs, interested in mining developments, is at the Oriental.

J. D. Sims is actively engaged in sinking a shaft on the Dexter claim, Texada Island.

Mr. J. Graham Ure, well known among mining men in this province, was married here on Saturday last.

James Findlay, experienced in the Kootenay, expresses a high opinion of the claims he has lately inspected at Fredrick's arm.

At the Sherman Hotel there is registered J. McKinnon of Harrison River. J. Hetley, Lloyd Jones, I. Badony and T. S. Branson of Seattle, miners.

S. H. Hayes, Fairview, H. Ross, Revelstoke; H. B. French, Mission City, and Geo. Creach, Jervis Inlet, mining men, are guests at the Commercial.

It is reported that Mr. Thos. McGuihan is in possession of some valuable rock and that he has been offered an option on the claim from which it was taken.

Mrs. J. W. Haskin arrived from Vancouver Monday morning. She was a deeply interested listener to the sale and expressed her satisfaction at seeing the property go to Davidson.—Kootenay Mail.

R. D. Fetherstone has returned from Fredrick's arm, Shoal Bay, where he has been inspecting the Blue Bell, Gold Bug, and Dashwood claims. The quartz from the Blue Bell assays \$16, chiefly in gold.

John Cullum and Thomas Archibald have erected and contemplate the personal management of a hotel at Shoal Bay, to be known as the Thurlow hotel. There is a great demand for such a convenience.

Mr. J. C. Crome, for ten years connected with the American Type Founders Company in the United States, has located in Vancouver. He has already invested in our mines and intends to give them his closest attention.

Douglas & Co. are to be congratulated on their large map of Harrison lake. It shows most of the mining locations and the two proposed townsites. The map is undoubtedly the best, and the only complete one hitherto produced.

Messrs. Frazer H. Lantz, mining expert; C. W. Rafuse, foreman of the Deep Cave Mining Company, Harrison Lake; J. L. Cauthorne, president of several Rosslund mining companies; John A. Robertson, locator of the Military group, Bute Inlet, and the Robertson Creek mines, Slocan; besides the following miners, E. Halstead and William Scott, Auburn, Cal.; J. McRae and James Lanesick, Harrison Lake; William L. Barthalimen and W. D. Jacobs, Puyallup.

CONCENTRATES.

The capitalization of mining companies in British Columbia is approaching a billion of dollars.

The Golden Cache stamp mill is now being erected and as the road is through the mill may now sound forth its merry tune.

The Morning Glory Mining Co., Vernon, have started work drifting into their Sarah claim, and expect to be able to show up the ledge in good shape in the course of a few days.

It is rumored in Northport that it has been definitely decided to build the smelter, about which so much has been heard of late, on Sheep Creek, about 2½ miles from town.

C. C. Eldridge the commissioner for collecting exhibits for the Stockholm exhibition, is disappointed with the few specimens of minerals which have been sent. Capt. Tatlow is to be thanked for all the minerals which the commissioner received.

The Burlington is a claim on the Slooan with good prospects. Development has progressed to the stage of a 40-foot tunnel in a 6-foot ledge, which ledge contains large quantities of galena and iron pyrites. We learn that popular Maurice Gintzburger is closely identified with this property.

Two shifts are working in the shaft of the Preliminary claim, one of the Jacko Lake Mining Co.'s properties. The shaft is being well timbered to permit of continued sinking if necessary. As soon as the existence of a sufficient body of ore has been proved operations on an extensive scale will be commenced.

Mr. T. R. Hardiman has placed before the public the prospectus of the British Columbia Mining Prospectors' Exchange Company. Its main office is located at 612 Cordova street, Vancouver. It has acquired the "Golden Record" on Howe Sound, within twenty-five miles of Vancouver, and it shows bright prospects.

Kaslo is at present experiencing a building boom which surpasses anything in its history, and not even in the boom days preceding the collapse of '92 was there as great activity. Business blocks and residences are going up on all sides, and the sound of saw and hammer is everywhere and continuously in evidence.

Mr. H. N. Coursier, of Revelstoke, is taking an active interest in the Orphan Boy swindle, and money is being contributed by many victims for the purpose of employing counsel to assist laying bare the facts of this monstrous scheme and obtaining justice for those who have suffered through the acts of the conspirators.

We are in receipt of the initial number of the BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING CRITIC, published in Vancouver by Maurice Gradwohl. This is to be a weekly publication devoted exclusively to mining

every success.—*The Weekly Inland Sentinel.*

A party of Californians, consisting of A. B. Wiener, Kay Cones, H. C. Hammit, M. X. Eltinger and Henry Behneman, are reported as negotiating with Charles E. Skelly, mining engineer, with a view to reporting on British Columbia mines. As these gentlemen do not lack capital, it is probable that we shall soon hear of some of the results of this association.

One of the features of the new Dominion tariff bill places mining machinery on the free list whether it is of a kind made in Canada or not. This is a move in the right direction. Most of the mines in this district are what the Americans call "infant industries," and when there is a heavy duty on mining machinery it makes the putting of it in almost prohibitory. The taking off of the duty on mining machinery will be of great help in the development of the mining interests of the country, and the step is a most wise one.

The Iron Mask mine has been transferred to the Cole Hill Gold, Silver and Copper Mining Co., Ltd, and plans and tender for some 1,800 feet of levels, shafts and tunnels are before the board of directors of the new company. This means the employment of a large force of men and the placing of the first machinery in the camp. Work is expected to be carried on night and day, with three eight hour shifts, and it is likely that considerable ore will be stoped daily while carrying out these extensive developments.

DOMINION MINING LANDS.

The following is a summary of the regulations with respect to the manner of recording claims for mineral lands other than coal lands, and the conditions governing the purchase of the same:

Any person may explore vacant Dominion lands not appropriated or reserved by government for other purposes, and may search therein, either by surfacing or subterranean prospecting, for mineral deposits, with a view to obtaining a mining location for the same, but no mining location will be granted until actual discovery has been made of the vein, lode or deposit of mineral or metal within the limits of the location or claim.

On discovering a mineral deposit any person may obtain a mining location, upon marking out his location on the ground in accordance with the regulations in that behalf, and filing with the agent of Dominion lands for the district, within sixty days from discovery, an affidavit in form prescribed by mining regulations, and paying at the same time an office fee of five dollars, which will entitle the person so recording his claim to enter into possession of the location applied for during the period of one year. The entry will be renewed from year to year provided the sum of one hundred dollars, at least, has been expended in

NEWS NOTES.

The Hon. B. Davey, who for some time has been associated with the firm of C. F. Bosomworth & Co., has joined the firm, which henceforth will be carried on as Davey & Bosomworth. They are specially interested in acquiring high-class gold, silver and copper properties for efforts in England and the United States, where they have representatives amongst the leading capitalists. The Hon. B. Davey is connected with the best circles of London society, and Mr. C. F. Bosomworth, who has been in the province five years, has acquired a knowledge of the mineral resources which enables him to speak with authority. At the present time Davey & Bosomworth are negotiating for three copper claims on White Grouse mountain and a silver proposition in the Slooan. They have also an option on the Young Australia group, which they believe to be the most valuable set of mineral claims which the coast has yet produced. They are therefore very desirous that this property should be acquired by their friends in London, England.

The Exploration Company of London, at the head of which is Hamilton-Smith, who first made his reputation as an engineer in California, and which is backed by the Rothschilds, is not in itself a heavy investor in mines, as is popularly supposed. The company was formed about fifteen years ago for the purpose of examining and managing mines for others—syndicates or capitalists who desired the services of engineers. Since then hundreds of millions' worth of properties have been examined, opened, operated and, on their recommendation, placed on the London market. These include the Kimberley diamond mines, many of the largest properties in Africa, mines in Australia, Spain, Russia, and in fact in all parts of the world. Many of these properties are still managed by the Exploration Company for the owners, such as the Treadwell mines of Alaska, the Anaconda properties in Montana, the Tomboy in Colorado, the Helena & Frisco in Idaho, the Oneida in Amador county, Cal., and many of the largest mines of the Rand in South Africa. Lately, upon their reports, electric railroads in Paris and underground roads in London have been exploited by English capital. Some six months ago two similar concerns under practically the same management, the Transvaal and General Association, were amalgamated with the Exploration Company, and at the annual meeting in London of the new Exploration Company last month it was announced that the profits for six months were £124,945, and a dividend of £110,000, or about 20 per cent., was declared.

A party of capitalists from the state of Washington are proposing a tour of inspection through British Columbia.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ORPHAN BOY.

EDITOR BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING CRITIC

There is a general impression that the sale of the Orphan Boy was a swindle, and there are many people who think the sooner we have the truth told the better, not only for the shareholders, but for the credit of British Columbia. Is it true that Messrs. Templeton, McDonnell, Davidson and Haskins were acting for the benefit of shareholders, or only for the benefit of themselves? There is one fact known, that after judgment Mayor Templeton bought Haskins interest. This shows that the mayor believed in the value of the claim. The three Vancouver names are well known, and hitherto respected in our midst, as well as in eastern Canada, and the mining interest of British Columbia cannot afford to have the things said of how the shareholders have been treated in the Orphan Boy. There are large numbers of influential capitalists in Toronto and Montreal, who are disgusted already, so the sooner the truth is known the better for the interests of the mining world.

Yours truly,

MINING BROKER.

DESERVING OF CHARITY.

Several gentlemen are canvassing for subscriptions to aid the widow and large family of R. W. Scott, who was drowned last month at Rivers Inlet. The breadwinner of the family having accidentally lost his life, his wife and family are destitute. This is a case for charity, for the deceased was a hard working man, who had played in poor luck. Lists have also been placed in the banks and donations will be thankfully acknowledged.

EXPERT AT FAULT.

Last fall a Lake of the Woods property offered to an Ontario development company for \$500, but on the advice of an expert it was refused. Mr. C. Markell of Duluth sold the same mine the other day for \$70,000. "Sometimes," says the *Rainy Lake Journal*, commenting on this sale "a tenderfoot has better judgment than an alleged experts. In fact, the history of mining goes to show that nearly all the great mines have been in their early stages condemned by experts. For instance, experts say you never would find gold in limestone, but the finds at Mercur, in Manitoba, and in the Black Hills in that formation show that the experts did not know what they were talking about. In other words gold is where you find it, and all the expert testimony in the world cannot controvert this plain proposition."

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