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EXPECT GOOD MINING YEAR

But Citizens Should Take More Interest, Thinks Chamber.

Dr. Hodge Elected President — A. M. Whiteside Thanked.

That mining in British Columbia was on the verge of very great activity and development was the general opinion voiced by various speakers at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Chamber of Mines. It was also the opinion that Vancouver citizens themselves had not in the past appreciated to the full the vast wealth and possibilities that lay at their very doors, and an effort will be made to rouse them from this apathy.

Dr. E. T. Hodge was elected president of the chamber for 1920. The other officers chosen were: Honorary president, Hon. William Sloan; vice-presidents, J. M. Lay and W. H. Hargrave; treasurer, William Godfrey, executive committee C. E. Cartwright, S. J. Crocker, F. J. Crossland, G. S. Dawson, Major Fleck, B. G. Hawkins, Dalby Morkill jr., H. P. McCraney, N. Thompson, Prof. J. M. Turnbull, G. S. Pettapiece, Noble W. Pirrie, W. W. side. Kendall, Barr & Co. were re-elected as auditors. There were contests only for the office of president, and for membership of the executive. Mr. McCraney ran a very close second to Dr. Hodge in a light vote.

BY-LAWS CHANGED.

A delegate will be selected from the membership of the association by the executive to appear at the mar memorial meeting later in the month and express the views of the organization on the matter.

The executive will also consider drawing up suggestions for the benefit of the health insurance commission. This is at the request of the commission's secretary.

The by-laws were amended to provide that any member of the executive, resident in Vancouver, automatically ceased to be a member if he failed to attend three consecutive monthly meetings of that body without giving the secretary notice of his intended absence and satisfactory explanations therefore. President Whiteside, in moving the amendment, stated this could not be applied to last year's executive, as all the members were energetic and enthusiastic workers.

The question of the change of name to that of British Columbia Chamber of Mines will be taken up later. It is the intention to have legislation introduced at the coming session of the Provincial House that will allow of the change being made.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Whiteside, in his address, spoke of the work of the past year, paid a high tribute to the co-operative assistance given him by the officers and secretary, and mentioned the convention of last spring as having borne direct fruits far in excess of the expenses of the affair. He said he personally knew of a meeting of men that took place through the convention that resulted in great development in the North. And he declared that much of the development on the Portland Canal could be traced directly to the Vancouver convention. He spoke with great optimism also of the outlook and activity in the Kootenay, Cariboo, Omineca, Rossland and Slocan districts, and predicted greater things this year. He also said that the provincial department of mines, under Hon. Wm. Sloan, had done everything in its power to assist the work of the chamber. Mr. Whiteside concluded by declaring that the iron industry was developing rapidly and he expected in a short time to see commercial blast and electric furnaces turning British Columbia iron into steel.

Beautiful Townsite of Stewart

PREPARES FOR BIG LUMBER BUSINESS

W. H. Campbell, the lumberman, is preparing to enlarge his yard and wharf, having received an endorsement of Canadian engineers to his tideflat application on the Canadian side of the boundary adjacent to Hyder. Mr. Campbell handles lumber from both Prince Rupert and Ketchikan, and, in spite of predictions that the winter would be quiet, he has found a continued demand for lumber. He plans to maintain a large yard abreast of building developments.

AUSTIN GOES SOUTH ON STORE BUSINESS

G. E. Austin, head of the Stewart Trading Co., is now in Seattle, having gone there in connection with his general store in Hyder. Mr. Austin is planning to put in a large stock not only at Stewart, but at Hyder. His building in Hyder was recently completed. A. J. Edmonds is in charge of the store in Hyder.

C. W. Calhoun, a pioneer of Alice Arm, is wintering in Vancouver.

George Bruggie and Ole Evidsen, Arm section, have gone to California with their wives, pioneers of the Alice for a well-earned holiday.

John P. McConnell, the well-known writer and friend of the prospector, has been engaged by the Vancouver Sun to write mining news.

Capt. Brownrigg has gone to Vancouver for the winter.

Al Pratt, who operated in the Bear River section in 1910, will be among the early arrivals in Stewart in the spring. Al never lost faith in the district and has maintained his assessment work on several properties.

James Lydden, a Stewart pioneer, is living in North Vancouver. He plans to spend next summer prospecting farther down the coast.

DRAG SAW ARRIVES

Nelson & Heath, of Hyder, have received a Vaughn portable drag saw with which they have solved the wood problem. They float logs to their store at high tide and saw them up at low tide.

The meeting passed a unanimous vote of thanks to the retiring president, and expressed deep appreciation of his services.

Dr. Hodge, in taking the chair, spoke briefly, laying stress on the need for brinzing more closely together in spirit and friendship the scattered miners of the broad province, and declaring that his chief work this year would be to educate the people of Vancouver to a fuller understanding and realization of the vast future that lay before the mineral industry of the province.

THE DOLLY VARDEN SCANDAL

It is not surprising to anybody who has paid the least attention to the Dolly Varden matter that the original owners are seeking to show the Dominion Parliament that the Provincial Legislature was assuming rights in turning the rich Dolly mine over to the Taylor Engineering crowd. If the deal ever has the full light of publicity, it is strongly suspected the lobby conducted by one side of the argument or the other would astonish even Conservatives.

That the Taylor crowd are none too sure of their possession of the property, furthermore may be indicated in the fact that the highgrade encountered weeks ago in the mine is being gouged out with all possible speed and hauled to tidewater by dogs. A very costly means of transportation. One would think it better business, were Taylor sure of possession of the mine, to wait till his logging railroad were able to once more climb the hill, when the rich ore could be brought down by carload lot at a great profit.

The Dolly Varden deal has been peculiar all round. During the lobby at Victoria, the daily press was full of one-sided argument showing how the poor, horny-handed were to be the losers otherwise. But the true facts, as borne out by subsequent facts, were not related. The Legislature never contemplated that Taylor was to be given a great mine in which other men had ventured real money in, in an original exploration which found the mine. That Taylor built a railroad to the mine on such a flimsy contract that he might not have had assurance enough to take to court, was an example of business to be criticized. Furthermore, as logging railways go (and the Taylor line is not even a good logging line) a regular logger would throw one of those between tidewater and the Dolly Varden at a profit. Taylor, as a matter of fact, built the model town of Cassidy, Vancouver Island, about as successfully as he built the Dolly Varden railroad, only he didn't get the coal mines.

There is another matter which gives rise to comment. A deal for the Dolly Varden mine was on. Why should Taylor deny there was? Taylor gave the brother-in-law of David Whiteside, M.L.A., New Westminster, chairman of the mining committee of the Legislature, authority to sell the Dolly Varden for $2,000,000, half a million cash down. But Taylor wouldn't sign up when the deal was made. Was it because he had no right to sign away the mine, or was it because they encountered high-grade silver and he had more visions? The fact that Trerise is a relation of Whiteside is only incidental, for there is absolutely no business connections. Anybody who knows David Whiteside knows he is so straight he bends backwards, and men of that calibre even may be taken advantage of if you get their sentimental side.

PROSPECTORS ARE OPPOSED TO BILL

Association Thinks Attempt to Shut Out American Engineers Is Bad.

If the British Columbia Prospectors' Protective Association backs up its present executive when its organization is completed, one of its first official acts will be to declare war on the bill to make the professional engineers a closed corporation, which will come before the Legislature shortly.

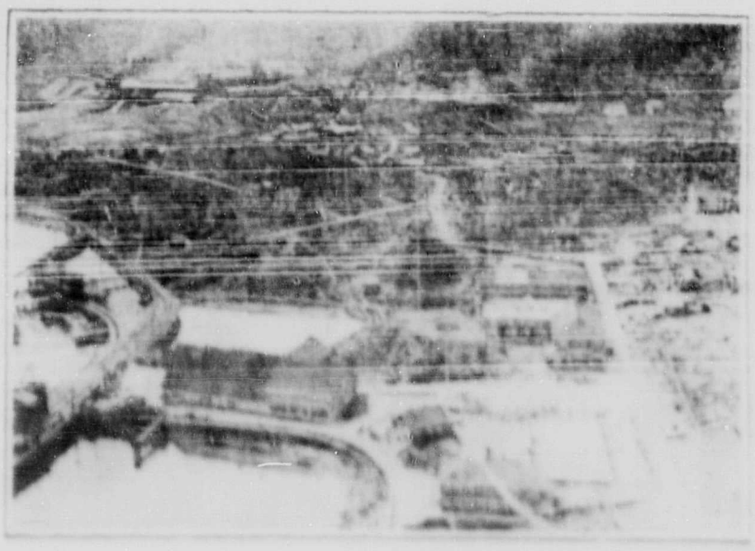
The objectionable part of the bill, from the prospectors' standpoint, is that American mining corporations bringing capital into this province will be obliged to employ local engineers, if they wish to do more than look at properties.

For a province so interested as British Columbia is attracting foreign capital for the purpose of development, this proposed restriction on the movement and employment of American experts, when their employers are American corporations, is regarded by the prospectors generally as bad business.

Dan Lindeberg, upon whom all homestead the new town of Hyder is building, and who leased the Mascot, Forty Nine and other properties, is spending his time between Vancouver and Seattle.

HYDER TOWN HAS ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Hyder, Alaska, the hustling camp a mile and a half from Stewart at the mouth of Salmon River, is now sporting electric lights, the plant of the Alaskan hotel having been turned on under the superintendence of Scotty Patterson. The plant not only supplies the lights for the hotel, but for the Hotel Hyder, the Bungalow and other buildings.



A View of Anyox, the Modern Smelter Town

MCDONALD STARTS WORK ON UNICORN

Neither deep snow nor heavy storms stick J. R. McDonald the New York mining man who last summer bonded the Unicorn group on Salmon River. He was in New York when he decided to make an attempt to get going on the property this winter. He wired from there to Stewart instructions to get supplies in. This was done with great difficulty, a pack train getting supplies as far as the Indian. They were then transferred to the Joker by men on snowshoes. Mr. McDonald personally took charge of getting started and with two miners built a blacksmith shop in the snow and got a tunnel started. Mr. McDonald is now on his way back to New York.

ALICE ARM NOTES.

It is rumored that the North Star fraction, near the Dolly Varden mine, has been sold to Seattle interests for $275,000, of which $40,000 was paid down, the balance to be paid in twelve months.

Charles Monroe is reported to have sold a half interest in the Rupert, Munroe and Spruce Tree mineral claims.

Joe Leblanc and J. E. Stark have bonded their claims at Clearwater Lake for $100,000. Development work will start at the earliest possible date.

The Big Stick claim at Alice Arm has been sold to W. J. Houten and J. S. O'Brien by J. D. Hancock.

It is reported that a substantial interest has been sold in the Big Stick No. 3 near the Wolf claim, the same people being interested in the Silver Tip and June fractions near the Dolly Varden.

The Diamond group is also said to be under option to important Eastern interests at a price between $50,000 and $100,000.

Another mining deal is the bonding of the Last Chance, owned by Archie McPhail, under bond to G. A. Price, New York, for $100,000. Messrs. Boyle Bros. have taken a contract to diamond drill this property.

Mr. Meenach, of Seattle, has refused $600,000 for the Musketeer, a property he bought when there was five feet of snow on the ground. A 200-ffoot tunnel is being driven on this property. When in only 25 feet, ore was struck that assays 1,100 ounces in silver in a 90-foot cross-cut.

Phil Backus, of Hyder, is visiting Vancouver and southern cities and plans to go to New York before returning.

H. B. Stoner, who built the Premier wagon road, is wintering in Vancouver.

NEW STRIKE IN BIG MISSOURI

Crosscut Tunnel on E Pluribus Claim is in Ore Spattered With Native Silver.

The Big Missouri had already provided several sensations last year and started off this season with another. Native silver in the ore in the crosscut tunnel on the E Pluribus claim was shot into and samples brought down from the mine by William Noble are the same as the samples of native silver ore out of the Forty Nine which has the same character in the face of its tunnels.

The Big Missouri, as development proceeds, is proving to be not only a big body of ore, but to have sensational values, at least in places. A few years ago when the size of the Big Missouri attracted mining men, it was considered only a low grade, complex ore proposition. But some months ago the work on the E Pluribus claim disclosed a vein of high grade and work is proceeding on this.

The Big Missouri group is held by the Pacific Coast Exploration Co., at the head of which is Sir Donald Mann. It is understood that big plans for development of this great ore body are being worked out. It has been said of the property that the returns can only be limited by the size of the development plant employed. The group comprises 23 claims which cover what appears to be a mountain of ore. While sensational values have just been discovered on it, mining stick to their original opniion that it is the treatment of the low grade on this property which will produce the greatest revenue ultimately.

HYDER SAWMILL PLANT ARRIVES

McLehman, Grey, Olson and Cedar have received the machinery for their sawmill in Hyder and are busy installing it. They expect the works to be humming in a few days. There is an abundance of timber adjacent to the town and a considerable amount of logs have been cut already.

SHONBECK WILL OPEN STORE IN HYDER

A. A. Shonbeck, of Anchorage, a well known Alaskan, is among those who have purchased property in Hyder and it is understood he will put in a large supply of machinery.

TAYLOR MET ACCIDENT

Bob Taylor, a returned soldier, who had a piece of bone of his leg replaced by a silvel plate on account of a wound received fighting at the front, met with a serious accident when he fell on the slivvery sidewalk, receiving a broken leg. He was taken to the hospital in Prince Rupert.

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Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emptions abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 3 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health, or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued, provided applicant makes improvements to extent of $300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained in less than 5 years, and improvements of $10.00 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years are required.

Pre-emptor holding Crown grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

Mill, factory or industrial sites on timber land not exceeding 40 acres may be purchased; conditions include payment of stumpage.

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And further take notice that action, under section 85 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 25th day of November, A.D. 1919. 27-37

WATER NOTICE
Diversion and Use.

Take notice that George A. Cameron, acting as agent for J. L. Stamford, whose address is 1328 Clover Avenue, Victoria, B. C., will apply for a licence to take and use two (2) feet of water out of Granite Creek which flows easterly and drains into Bear River about a quarter mile North of the Bear River Bridge, and about one and a quarter miles from the mouth of the River, at the head of the Portland Canal.

The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about 1,000 ft. from the mouth of the Creek, junction with Bear River, and will be used for Mining purposes upon the mine described as Mineral claims, known as the "Bay View Nos. 1 and 2," and on record as such at the Office of the Mining Recorder, Stewart, B. C.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 23rd day of October, 1919.

A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B. C.

Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

J. L. STAMFORD, Applicant.
GEO. A. CAMERON, Agent.

Declaration of Dissolution of Partnership.

Province of British Columbia.

County of Altin.

I, George Zabriskie 2nd, of Stewart, B. C., merchant, formerly a member of the firm carrying on business as general merchants at Stewart, B. C., in partnership with Guy E. Austin, under the style of Stewart Trading Company, do hereby certify that the said partnership was on the 7th day of November, 1919, dissolved.

Witness my hand at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 15th day of November, 1919,

GEORGE ZABRISKIE 2nd

Witness: W. C. ORCHARD.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The packing, freighting and contracting business under the firm name of Creelman & Thornton, has been dissolved, Hugh Creelman having purchased the interest of A J. Thornton. Outstanding accounts of the firm will be colected by Mr. Creelman, who will pay all outstanding debts. The business will be continued in Mr. Creelman's name.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session on behalf of Robert M. Thompson, James L. Stamford, and T. S. Darnbrough, for a Private Bill incorporating the Northern Hydro-Electric Company as a Water, Telephone, Light and Power Company, for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and fire purposes to the town of Stewart in the Province of British Columbia, and also for the purpose of supplying telephonic communication, electric light and power to the inhabitants of the said town, and also for the purpose of supplying telephonic communication, water, electric light and electric power to the mines and other works in the district in which the said town of Stewart is situated, the water to be taken from rivers in the district; and for all powers, rights, and privileges for the purpose of carrying out the obects aforesaid.

Dated at the City of Victoria in the Province of rBitish Columbia this 29th day of December, A.D. 1919.

ELLIOTT, MACLEAN & SHANDLEY,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

P. W. RACEY
MINING ENGINEER
Examinations and Consultation
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