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LOCAL DIRECTORS FOR PORTER IDAHO

Company Holds First Annual General Meeting and Elects New Board---Is In Strong Position

The outstanding feature of the Porter Idaho Mining Company's first annual general stockholders meeting, held on the afternoon of Jan. 20 in the lobby of the Frazer Hotel, Hyder B. C., is the fact that an entirely local board of directors was elected for the ensuing year, the only member of the old board re-elected being Clay Porter, president and managing director.

The new board consists of Clay Porter, J. P. Hawkinson, Wm. Bunting, Oren F. Hill, Joe Morin, (mine foreman) Walter C. Blanton and W. R. Tooth.

About forty local shareholders were present, and the keen interest taken in affairs of the company and developments at the mine was shown in numerous discussions as to past and future policy. The managing director was sustained in his method of working the mine by an overwhelming majority, and his annual report adopted with a few minor amendments which he accepted without protest.

The report, dated Jan. 10, shows that since April 15 1050 feet of work has been done, consisting of 385 feet of crosscut, 60 feet of winze, 60 feet of raise and the balance drifting.

During the past season a total tonnage of 176.932 tons of ore has been shipped to Selby, averaging $96.53, gross smelter receipts, the assay values of which average $105.14 per ton. The total smelter returns for these shipments amount to $13,720.10, after the charges for freight, treatment and smelter deductions have been taken out. While the net proceeds of this ore, says the report, do not amount to very much, due to the packers' charge of $50 per ton for packing the ore by pack train from the mine to the ship, a distance of about eight miles, nevertheless it has been necessary to ship this ore, in order to prospect the property, and as it is 50 per cent water soluble if exposed on the dump.

"The two veins which were crosscut by the 300-foot tunnel are both true fissure veins. One, seven feet in width, can be traced on the surface for 1500 feet, and the other, five feet wide, intersects it about 100 feet west of the crosscut. The District Engineer said that they were the best defined veins in the district. At the point where we cut them the ore was all oxide and carbonate. There was no ore that could be shipped via pack train, since it was only of low grade. Since the snow came we have been drifting east on the larger of the two veins. About ten feet from the crosscut there is a horse about 40 feet long, that is, the vein split and went around some country rock. This is about 12 feet in width, and is a good grade of ore. We drifted on the hanging wall, as it was much softer, crosscut at 55 feet, and opened up the best ore that we ever had. This high grade vein is wider than any before found, and carries double the value of the best that we have shipped to date. I cannot state the exact width of this vein, since the miners were still working on it when I left the camp. It was then seven feet in width."

The financial statement shows the company to be on a sound basis, with a strong treasury and almost $16,000 cash on hand.

EVOLUTION OF A BUSINESS MAN

As an example of what thrift, industry, integrity and a judicious uss of printers' ink can do tpward accelerating advancement along the road that leads to business success, meet Mr. H. Zeffertt, leading haberdasher of Stewart.

"Harry," who is now on his way to his old home in England for a well-earned rest, came to Stewart about five years ago with no assets except a determination to tackle anything. His first job was washing dishes in the Exchange Grill. Unaccustomed as he was to "pearl diving," Harry made good.

When he had accumulated a little stake, a very little stake, he rented a small shack on a side street and started cleaning and pressing clothes. There were not many people here then, but he fixed up all their outer garments.

Then he branched out into gents' furnishings in a small way, and possessing the qualifications of a natural-born business man, as well as being a good mixer and uniformly courteous, he has built up a business of which both he and the town may well feel proud.

Harry's host of friends wish him a joyous journey and a safe return.

Some New Citizens

His Hon. F.McB. Young yesterday morning admitted to citizenship Patsey Hogan, Eli Watland, Louis Kasum and Luka Pajovich.

STEWART-HYDER LOCAL NEWS

Mrs Harry Hicks is home from quite an extended visit in the States.

The Cardena brought in 300 sacks, 15 tons, of oats for the Crawford Transfer Co.

H. P. Gibson left for Seattle Monday night to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law.

Mrs Pat Campbell and children of Silver Heights left Monday night for a visit in Rupert.

Walter Broad of the local customs force, left for Portland yesterday on his annual vacation.

P. Austin, auditor for the Liquor Control Board, looked over the local vendor's store this week.

Hector McDonald, mine foreman at the Premier, is back from a visit to his home in New Westminster.

G. W. Smith, head of the Universal Supply Co., left yesterday for a visit of five or six weeks in Victoria. During his absence the store will be in charge of O. N. Mansbridge.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Newell left yesterday for the outside. Before returning they will visit Victoria, Seattle, Portland and San Diego and will also visit Monte Howe on his Langley Prairie ranch.

HOSPITAL DANCE MADE BIG MONEY

Following is the financial statement of the New Year's dance held in support of the Stewart hospital:

Receipts	
Cash from donations not used for dance	$ 45.00
Proceeds from sale of dance & supper tickets	188.05
Proceeds from Grand raffle per Miss K. Ryan	150.85
Proceeds from sale of goods from booth conducted by Mrs Tooth	63.05
Proceeds from auction sales at dance conducted by W.R.Tooth	152.75
Proceeds from P. Burns & Co. raffle	18.75
Proceeds from Exchange Grill raffle	58.75
Total proceeds	$677.70
Expenditures	
Hall rent	$10.00
Music (drums)	10.00
Coal	2.70
Printing dance tickets	3.00
Ham, sugar, milk, bread, butter, coffee	18.15
Team	1.00
Cleaning hall after dance	4.20
Total expenditures	$49.05
Receipts $677.70	
Expenditures 49.05	
Net proceeds $628.65	

R. W. Kennedy,
Sec.-Treas.

D.C.Ault left for Rupert Monday night with his household effects.

The Moose will hold their regular meeting in Stewart next Thursday.

A daughter was born Tuesday morning to Mr and Mrs Marco Savovich in Hyder.

Mrs Duncan J. McLean and son left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Victoria.

Wm. McIntomney left yesterday to look over his old stamping grounds in the Slocan.

J. A. Miller, the veteran machinery man, arrived Monday night to boost Sullivan drills.

Harry Townsend, consulting engineer for the Big Missouri, arrived from Vancouver yesterday.

At a recent meeting in Vancouver, Dalby B. Morkill was elected vice-president of the Corporation of Land Surveyors of British Columbia.

J.P.Hawkinson, proprietor of the Exchange Grill and Portland Canal Electric Laundry, returned Monday night from a business trip to Vancouver.

Miss Gwendolyn Clippingdale, daughter of W. W. Clippingdale, manager of the Portland Canal Electric Laundry, arrived on the Cardena Monday night.

Jas. Nesbitt returned on the Carmen last Friday from Bell Island Hot Springs, where he spent two months. He speaks very highly of the springs and their management.

Jack McCallum, one of the four original owners of the Porter Idaho property and still one of the largest shareholders in the company, has returned after an absence of a year or more. He has recently been traveling around through central and eastern Canada.

Harry Lyon of Lyon & Scott, butchers, left Monday night for Seattle, where he will make arrangements for establishing a meat market in Hyder, Alaska. He expects to be several days in Vancouver, and will there arrange for a cold storage plant to be installed in the firm's Stewart market next spring.

Set trap drums in good order for sale cheap. J. Cullen.

GOOD PROGRESS ON NATIONAL SILVER

Eli Watland and Angus McKenzie are doing great work in driving a prospect crosscut tunnel on the National Silver property, according to recent visitors. The tunnel is now in about 120 feet, the first 50 feet of which is loose rock and had to be timbered

EDWARD BRONSON DIES IN HYDER

Edward Bronson, a well known and highly respected oldtimer of the district, died in Hyder, Alaska, on the morning of Jan. 16. He had been feeling ill for a week or so, but was apparently recovering and had been up and about the cabin on Friday. Saturday morning early he asked his cabin mate, Alex Halstead, for a drink of water and shortly afterwards, while Halstead was preparing breakfast, he noticed that Bronson was breathing heavily and apparently in a sinking state. Halstead summoned assistance, but before Dr. Whillans could arrive from Stewart, Bronson had breathed his last.

Deceased was about 60 years old, and leaves relatives in California and Nebraska whom he was planning to visit, having obtained a leave of absence from the Premier company for that purpose. According to instructions the remains will be sent to relatives in Ainsworth, Nebraska

IS BURNED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Ernest Anderson, who was employed on the Premier oil tank repairs, spent three days in the local hospital this week as a result of investigating a gas leakage with an open light. Someone had left the lid off of a can of carbide, which became damp. When Anderson came near the gas exploded and burned his face.

ELECTRIC ENGINE FOR B. C. SILVER

According to information received from the office of the B. C. Silver Mines Ltd. in Vancouver, the company have decided to install a storage battery electric locomotive for underground haulage in the B.C.Silver mine. This has become a necessity owing to the great distance from the present workings to the portal of the tunnel, and will greatly facilitate the work of hauling out ore and waste.

BENNY ERICKSON NOW IN NEW YORK

Writing from New York City, B.O.Erickson, who is there in the interests of the Rufus mining company, says that the demand there for mining property seems to be good, and the Portland Canal camp is well liked. He expects to stay in the east for several weeks. His present address is 170 West 77th street.

No tobogganning Sunday eve.

VALUABLE STRIKE ON SILVER CREST

Contractors Cut Blind Vein In Crosscut Tunnel That Assays Over $200 Per Ton In Gold Values

Silver Crest has received a fine and unexpected present in the form of a blind vein of high-grade gold ore, according to the contractors, Mike Cassidy and Dan Boyd, who came down this week for personal supplies. The vein was encountered at 250 feet from the portal of the crosscut tunnel and at an estimated depth of 130 feet below the surface. Mike Cassidy says they would have liked to drift a piece on this vein, but their contract calls for crosscutting toward the big showing that was opened on the surface last year, so they kept going ahead and are now in 300 feet. For their own satisfaction they sampled the blind vein for assaying, and received returns of over $200 per ton, the values being principally in gold. The ore is quartz, carrying black sulphides. The vein is 16 inches in thickness.

UNITED SERVICES CLUB ELECTION

The annual election of officers of the United Services Club held last evening, resulted as follows: H.W.M.Rolston remains as Past President; J.W.Wilson was re-elected president; H.D.Rochfort vice-president; James Morris, secretary; S.G.Lawrence, treasurer: John Scott, sergeant at arms; Rev. A.W.R.Ashley, chaplain; H. C. Bennett, E. A. Lewis and Harry Wilkinson, members of the executive committee; G.C. Andrew, R. W. Kennedy and John Scott, trustees.

FANCY DRESS BALL WAS HUGE SUCCESS

A very successful fancy dress dance was held last Friday night in the Opera House under the auspices of the W. A. of St. Mark's Church. Many and varied were the costumes, and the hall preaented a pretty sight during the dance. "Mandy Lee" and her beau were very conspicuous and their cake walk as an extra was very much enjoyed. The music was good and everybody had a good time. Thanks are due the Orchestra, whose services were donated.

Mrs Nellie Murray returned Monday night from Vancouver where she has been for several months.

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EVOLUTION AT WORK

THE composition of the Canadian House of Commons at the moment presents a very extraordinary and complex situation. Neither of the two major parties can govern without the support of a third, the Progressives, which is a more or less compact unit, created for the purpose of legislating along certain lines, that differ in many points from the practiced policies of the two old-line parties, though more nearly related to the pre-election enunciated policies of the Liberals.

The life of the present Parliament rests in the hands of the Progressives; Mackenzie King is Premier, not so much by the grace of his own party as that of the Progressives, who have been elected for the purpose of putting into effect, if possible, changes desired by their supporters. No greater opportunity could be offered them than they now have. They can get all the fruits of governing without any of its responsibilities. They were elected to get results, and can do no other than take full advantage of their position for no party is justified in forcing an election until such time as their work is, if possible, completed. It therefore is only to be expected that they will support the Government, and as a result Premier King will carry on until such time as the Progressives force his hand to a point where his high tariff supporters in the east call for a show-down.

It would appear that before Canada gets back to a two-party system of government, considerable fusing of political thought will have to take place. At the moment there are three different and well defined lines of political thought within the country, finding expression in three as well defined and different political parties.

As the Progressive party appears to have adopted pretty much the original platform and policies of the Liberals, it is possible that developments of the future will bring these two parties more and more together until they eventually merge into one united political unit. This process will of course experience many political battles, producing, as they always do, many able men.

Summarized—While the present situation may be deplored for its many bad, or weak features, history will prove that it has also its compensations. No party really wants or is justified in putting the country immediately to the expense of some $2,000,000 for another election.

That the Progressives are justified in retaining the present Government in power.

That great new political alignments will be features in the immediate future.

That as a result Canada will find herself, and emerge with a national policy in place of the vacillating, shilly-shallying of the present and past.

That our political leaders, and the people as a whole, whether they will or no, have been, and are, mere puppets in the guiding hand of evolution, which is forcing our nation to a greater destiny.

REFLECTED CREDIT

The visit last week of Mr. J. P. Forde, Chief Engineer on this coast for the Dominion Department of Public Works, and Captain Saunders, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, indicated the growing importance of Stewart. Last year the Provincial Minister of Mines, and Minister of Public Works were here in connection with our requirements in the way of roads and trails, which visit resulted very satisfactorily to the entire district, as at last a definite policy was laid down.

With a visit this year of Dominion Government officials, again good results are apparently in immediate prospect, as announced in last week's news columns. The thorough, courteous and considerate manner in which both gentlemen discussed dock matters with the Board of Trade was not only greatly appreciated, but also reflected great credit not only on themselves but upon their respective departments.

The Trail News, one of our most highly valued exchanges, has ceased publication and is succeeded by the Trail Daily Bulletin, the change being made necessary by the natural growth of a good paper published in a progressive community. The Daily Bulletin will be under the management of Elmer D. Hall, who for many years has been at the helm of the News, steering that paper along the course leading to the fulfillment of its destiny. We wish the new daily every success.

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Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land $2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

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

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

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AN AGGREGATE VALUE OF $859,427,386
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KAFUE DREDGE IS MAKING GOOD

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Reports of the Department of Mines is to the effect that the dredge is handling 2000 yards of gravel a day at an operating cost of ten cents a yard. The ground worked carries from 25 to 40 cents a yard in gold values and several years' supply has been proved, the statement says.

On that basis of production and cost it may be determined that the returns, above cost of operating, would run from $300 to $600 daily.

Placer men recognize that to be a handsome profit, and are giving credence to the report that Australian capital reckoned in millions of pounds sterling will be operating a fleet of dredges in the Cariboo country before many months have passed.

The Kafue Copper Development Company is allied with the Selukwe Corporation of London and South Africa, holders of controlling interest in the B. C. Silver mine in the Portland Canal and owners of a number of promising properties in the province.

Success of that British capital in British Columbia will, it is hoped, have the effect of renewing confidence in this field and attracting much more money to development here.

SCOUTS IN FIELD FOR PROSPECTS

Interest of the Porcupine Gold Fields Company Limited in mineral resources of British Columbia is manifested by the fact that the organization has no less than nine scout engineers in the field looking for promising ground, it was learned Tuesday from the British Columbia Chamber of Mines, says the Vancouver Sun.

"More than ever in the history of British Columbia is the mining world turning to our province for future mineral supply." said Henry Browning, secretary of the Chamber of Mines.

"The Eastern Canadian company is only one of many great mining concerns actively engaged in exploiting British Columbia for good prospects.

"There is good reason to believe that this coming year will see fully as many, and possibly more, scouts at work and that they will in a number of instances turn in reports which will result in the investment of thousands of dollars in the mining industry of our province."

OPERATIONS NEAR TERRACE

The first large consignment of heavy mining machinery to go into the Terrace district arrived there the first of the week consigned to O. P. Brown who is in charge of the development work on the Dahl Olson group on the Thornhill mountain at Six Mile Point, says the Omineca Heraid.

The new machinery came from Vancouver and consists of about two tons of cable for a short tram line, compressor plant, drills etc. which will permit of rapid development. The first load went up to the mine on Monday, it being the cable, and work on the tram has been started.

It is the hope of Mr Brown to start shipping ore from the dump by the first of February. During the early stages of development a considerable quantity of good ore was taken out and only awaits the tram line. Once the road is in shape the transportation costs will be very low as a good team will make four trips a day between the mine and the railway.

The syndicate which bonded the property has formed a stock company and ample money is available to open up the ground. The ore carries chiefly gold values and is said to average about $60 to the ton. During the winter ten men will be employed working two shifts.

BOB MARTIN IS ON WAY TO ATLIN

On his way to Atlin, from which point he will lead the first mining expedition of this year into the Dease Lake country. R. W. ("Four-Finger" Bob) Martin was a passenger aboard the Princess Mary yesterday afternoon accompanied by three men, says the Prince Rupert News. Mr Martin is one of the best known mining men in the province and has operated extensively in the Stewart district, his last venture there having been the Victoria Mines Ltd.

Mr Martin owns valuable claims on Palmer creek and it is his intention to mush over the ice from Atlin to that point—a distance of something like 200 miles. He plans to lay out a program of hydraulicking work which will be proceeded with in the spring.

The only thing that was worrying Mr Martin when seen yesterday afternoon was that the mild weather that has been prevailing in the north may interfere with his plans of getting into the Cassiar district as rapidly as he had anticipated.

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Local Stocks

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The market during the past week slackened off though considerable activity was noticed in all the popular stocks.

Dunwell dropped a few points but was in in active demand, and with the arrival of the present snowstorm the active shipping program will be put into full force. At the time of going to press the Dunwell mine has some 250 tons of ore sacked and ready to come down the hill.

The diamond drills are still working on the Glacier Creek and further good reports are expected

Exceptional results are being obtained at the Independence. The management reports that the ore bodies on which they are working are proving very satisfactory. This stock is expected to reach higher levels in the near future.

B.C.Silver is in steady demand and even at the present price offers every chance of enhancement owing to the little amount of stock being actually on the open market.

Porter Idaho slackened off during the week, though ready buyers are always found at the lower levels.

The approach of spring is again drawing attention to properties which closed during the winter, and on commencement of summer operations there will be a big enhancement in their respective stocks.

Local reports are to the effect that the Silver Crest has run into some very fine ore. This stock has always been a public favorite and offers every chance of a rapid rise in the market.

The markets closed as follows:

	Bid	Asked
B. C. Silver	$ 1.70	$ 1.85
Dunwell	1.45	1.60
Glacier Creek	.12	.15
Independence	.08	.09½
Indian	.03½	.05
National Silver	.12	.16
Lakeview new issue	.—	.10
Premier	2.25	2.40
Terminus	.—	.25
Silver Crest	.13½	.20
L&L Glacier Creek	.10	.16
Victoria Mines	.25	.40
Marmot Metals	.—	.10
Porter Idaho. Co.	.09	.12½
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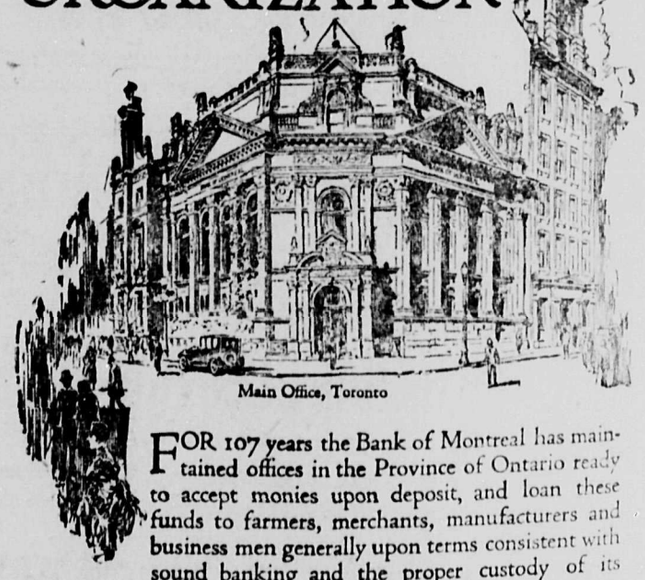

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