

# Settlers Moving Towards Nechaco

## Advance Guards Outfitting in Ashcroft—Government Survey and Roads to Be Made—Interviews Regarding the Country.

Very quietly, without any particular flourish of trumpets such as some times attends a stampede to a new country, Mr. W. P. Groesbeck conducted an advance guard of fifteen into Ashcroft Thursday morning.

Mr. Groesbeck is the British Columbia location agent for Washington Idaho, Oregon and Montana, and makes his headquarters in Spokane, Washington.

In an interview with the Journal Mr. Groesbeck made a few statements that will be of interest to those intending going into the Nechaco valley and corroborates the reports we have already published in regard to this matter.

The fifteen men who accompany him are experienced ranchers and are sent out as an advance guard by a colony of some 200 who will follow as soon as they receive a report

the ranchers in touch with a settled district and good markets for their produce the growth of which in the rich new soil of this far famed valley is reported as prolific.

The Journal will state for the benefit of those who expect to settle up there that a person is only allowed to take up a pre-emption of 160 acres but when you prove up you can take up another 160. We find that a great many expect to take up a free homestead of 320 acres, but although this is the law in the Dominion it is not so in this province.

These American cousins of ours who are going into the northern interior are a fine set of hustlers many of them family men of considerable means and the Journal expects to learn shortly of villages springing up, schools being built and



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