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MINING NOTES.

Operations in the Various Districts of British Columbia.

PETERS CREEK MINING COMPANY

James Peebles. of Stanley, returned last week from Vancouver where he has just accomplished the formation and organization of the *Peters Creek Mining Company.* James Peebles esq., D. McGilvary, esq., Charles Douglass, esq., and H. Abbott esq., are the incorporators. The new organization with a capital of $25,000 to is work a claim on Peters Creek which empties into Lightning Creek 1½ miles below Beaver Pass. Mr. Peebles, who went on to Peters Creek will set about ten men to work immediately to sink a shaft to bed rock, adjacent to a shaft which was sunk and abandoned in 1876, by parties who are now in the upper Cariboo Country. It is reliably stated that at the bottom of the old shaft, about 4x6 feet in dimension, $142 was cleaned up from bed rock, but the water came in in such quantity that the parties were compelled to abandon the works, and as at that time it was such an undertaking to transport machinery the claim was abandoned until recently claimed by Mr. Peebles. Lightning, Williams and Grouse Creeks all head in the same region as Peters Creek and run through the same character of country and in the same general direction. A lot of gold was taken out of Peters Creek in the '60's but no hydraulic work was ever done.

It is reliably stated that over $20,000,000 were taken *out of Williams Creek alone* and at one time in the '60's ground on that creek was worth $1000 a foot. About $3,000,000 were taken out of each Nelson and Mosquito creeks which are adjacent.

A recent organization is the British Columbia Exploration and Concessions Company, Limited Liability, capital $500,000 in 100,000 shares of $5 each.

The provisional directors are J. M. Browning, esq., I. M, Buxton, esq., Charles Wilson, esq., A. St. George Hammersley, esq., R. G. Tallow, esq.

Prospectus.—The British Columbia Exploration and *Concessions Company has* been formed to acquire by subscription, purchase, exchange or otherwise, gold or other mineral claims, or prospects, or interests in same, and any water rights, lands or property, that it may be found necessary to acquire in operating them, from other companies or individual prospectors throughout the various districts of British Columbia, and generally to promote the development of gold and other mining industries already inaugurated in British Columbia. This company will, in short, endeavor to carry out in British Columbia what has been so successfully accomplished in the Randt (South Africa) district, and elsewhere, by the existing great trust companies of England.

The headquarters of the company are at Vancouver and many of the most influential and solid business men of that city and Victoria are among its stock holders and promoters. Operations are to be commenced in a short time on a valuable hydraulic proposition in the Cariboo.

The prospectus predicts that a flow of capital and prospectors can be turned towards Cariboo, Lower Okanogan, West and East Kootenay; the same as to Coolgardie or the Transvaal.

The Smoky River outfit are engaged in building a scow at Soda Creek in which they intend to pursue their way up the Fraser river with their supplies and machinery on board.

Drummond and Co. who last year spent the season in sinking shafts on the high banks of the Quesnelle river just above the junction of the Beaver, will commence immediately to run a 1500 foot tunnel to prospect a part of the ground where water prevented them from obtaining the depth they wished. The ground shows up well and the owners believe they have an immense hydraulic proposition.

A man coming down from the 134 mile house says in two days, from the 134 to Ashcroft, he met by actual count, 73 white men and about 60 Chinese going into Cariboo. At the forks there are now about 500 men waiting for work and only enough work there for about one half that number. Laboring men should not go into the Cariboo looking for work at this time unless they have sufficient means to bear a disappointment, as in the entire Cariboo country *there are now more laborers than can be* given employment.

Messrs. Cameron, Ramos, Ackers, and *Brobeck, started a week ago today for a* general prospecting trip into the Cariboo country. They go well prepared for a summer's prospecting with about ten head of horses and a full prospecting outfit. Mr. Cameron is an old time prospector, having ranged the North American hills from Mexico to Northern Alaska. He first struck Cariboo in the '50's and had his ups and downs along with thousands of other prospectors who had their good and bad luck. *He was for six years on* McKenzie and Peace Rivers and for most of that time never saw a woman, and for six months was entirely alone, being even deprived of the company of a horse or a dog. He says there is plenty of gold on the headwaters of McKenzie river, but the great cost of provisions and the slow season make it difficult for the miner to make ends meet. He lives in hope of some day being able to get back to some very good "diggings" which he found on the McKenzie.

A letter from Loomis, Okanogan Co Wash., dated April 28th., received at this office, speaking in regard to the Slate and Squaw Creek mines of Washington, says, "I find here 120 men on the pay roll, Some building roads and bridges, some surveying, etc.. Work will commence in the mines on May 1st. The pay roll for May 15th. will amount to about $15,000. About 250 men will be at work within a week. The parties represented by Col. Hart would not have expended this amount of money in preliminary work with out a good showing for rich and permanent quartz ledges, More laboring men than can secure work are now on the ground and more coming every day. Many settlers *are coming into the Methow valley.* There are thousands of good homes for settlers in the Methow and Okanogan valleys.

THE FINCH MINING COMPANY.

The Gazette announcement is that "The Finch Mining Company, limited, with head office at Pittsburg, Pa., for the purpose of carrying on mining operations in this Province, has been formed."

Capt. Henry Finch, who formed the above Company, is well known personally to the editors of the MINING JOURNAL. His scheme for reclaiming the gold from the bars of the rivers of the province is a novel one, but a thoroughly feasible and mechanical one, and one that has been tried and is now in successful operation at Lytton on the Fraser, and another machine will soon be in operation near the same place. The new machine will be an elaborate, *powerful and a nearly perfect affair* as possible. A longscow, powerful engine, a centrifugal pump capable of lifting from any ordinary depth of water 150 cubic yards of sand and gravel per hour, five horse power engine to drive electric dynamo upward of fifty incandescent electric lights, all contribute to make the new machine as nearly perfect as can be designed by the inventive Captain. The pump operates on an eight-inch hose and can raise sand and gravel up to a size of 6½ inches from a depth of 50 feet to a height of over 20 feet above water level. A continuous sluice box is run around the scow inside the house and can be 500 feet long if necessary. When the operation of cleaning bedrock is being done the Captain *who is an expert diver, or one of his men,* goes down with the hose, taking along an electric light. The hose is carried by the diver to any point desired and bed rock is cleaned as thoroughly as if swept by a broom. In addition to the light the diver also carries a telephone inside his helmet and talks with his helpers above same as if face to face. The only difficulties are the boulders and any trouble with those is to be met by blasting them up and removing them with a huge crane on the scow, which is also operated by steam. It would seem that the machine would be able to work where no other process would be available. No process has hitherto successfully raised gold from river beds and the successful operation of the Finch machine will place it in a unique place amongst gold saving apparatus, for if the centrifugal dredging pump cannot save the gold in river bottoms nothing else can. The Captain does not claim to be a gold miner but he does claim to have found a plan to get the gold bearing gravel out of the river beds and he employs miners to separate the sand and gold, of which operations both are simple to men who understand the business.

The history of the South Fork of Quesnelle, and the Horse Fly are well known to all British Columbians. Quesnelle was *the first of the rivers* to attract the pioneers who came to Fraser river in search of the precious metal and the name of Dancing Bill will ever be remembered by those who knew him, when he piloted his frail craft up to the fork of Quesnelle and located what is now the Cariboo claim, at the mouth of Dancing Bill gulch.

The Horse Fly mines, like the Cariboo mines, are no doubt rich in gold and with modern adpliances such as Mr. J. B. Hobson has brought to the country for hydraulicking on an extensive scale, will no doubt yield a golden reward to the en*terprising gentlemen who are at the head* of the undertaking. These mines have long been known to be rich, but owing to the lack of capital on the part of the original owners the ground could not be operated with any degree of success, until it passed into the hands of such men as Sir W. C. Van Horne and H. Abbot, of the C. P. R.

A Montana man has taken hold of a quartz proposition in the Cariboo on Island Mountain known as Graphite Ledge and is favorably impressed with the results which he has obtained by crushing several *lots of ore in the government reduction* works. There are many other quartz propositions in Cariboo that have been partially developed and actual development will show that the ores of that region will yield treasure in quantity favorable in comparison with the placer mines.

THE WHITTIER CONCESSIONS CO.

The Whittier Concession Company of the Cariboo claim near Quesnelle Forks, has one of the most valuable properties in Cariboo. Mr. Whittier, the promoter of the enterprise, and organizer of the company, worked hard for three years, and made two trips to London before he finally succeeded in securing the capital with which to develop the enterprise. The *ground is known by old Cariboo miners* to contain vast deposits of gold in gravel that has never been worked, and underneath the tailings of years of sluicing, and hand work, and there is no dispute by men who know Cariboo as to the richness of the ground.

The mode of working is by the hydraulic elevator, which is now extensively used in California and Australia. This class of mining is more expensive in opening up than any other, as it requires a large quantity of water with great pressure force to elevate the debris. It requires a 600 foot pressure to elevate tailings 45 feet.

Mr. Whittier had to buy out a number of small holders in order to acquire sufficient property to interest capital, and now owns one and a half miles of ground. The old Nason ditch which is fed from the head of the Jack of Clubs creek is the main source of supply and will have to be augmented by storage to obtain sufficient water for the purpose required.

During the winter of 1893-94 Mr. Whittier had a competent engineer sent out *from London to view the property* and several shafts sunk on the ground gave results highly satisfactory to the parties who were backing the enterprise. On his last trip to London the company was organized and the pipes and machinery were ordered made at Birmingham and a lot of it is finished and the balance *in* process of construction. The pipe and machinery for the company alone to be taken north from Ashcroft this season is estimated to weigh over 600,000 pounds, and will take all the teams on the road some time to deliver.

In commencing work on the mine Mr. Whittier has let a contract for 2,000 feet of tunnel that will strike a point on bed rock where he will commence operations.

Cariboo miners are sanguine that the ground is rich and should no unforseen circumstance occur to thwart the enterprise there can be no doubt but this will be a great dividend paying proposition and it is to be hoped that such a gigantic enterprise will meet with the success that the *interesting parties anticipate.*

The Finch Mining and Dredging Company which are working on the Fraser, about five miles north of Lytton, are said to be making about $20 an hour, the cost of operating the plant being some $20 per day. The fact of the water being low in the river accounts for their ability to do so well with their light appliances. The latter consist of a six-inch centrifugal pump on a small scow. There are about 500 *men at* work on the bars between Lytton and Lillooet, and these average from $2.50 to $6 with a rocker.—Ex.

Stern and uncompromising measures should at once be put in force to prevent the flagrant acts of theft known as "claim *jumping,*" and to punish the perpetrators. Several valuable claims have of late been "jumped" in the Trail creek district and notably the Great Western and the Golden Chariot. These claims were purchased by Messrs, Burke & Jones, of Spokane. Since the purchase the claims have been jumped and *renamed. The right*ful owners, however, have determinedly signified their intention of maintaining their right of title in the law courts. The Tribune thus notes: "Judge Walkem should preside at the next session of court in Kootenay. Afterwards there would be few jumpers."—Midway Advance.

Johann Wulffsohn, R. G. Tatlow, A. Williams, Chas. Stinson, Robert Hamilton, J. W. Campion and C. S. Douglas have been incorporated under the Companies Act, Part 11., 1878, Provincial, for the purpose of carrying on mining operations, *formation of companies,* etc., with a capital of $500,000 in 5,000 shares of $1 each.

The Bureau of Mines has *received* a letter from Jabez Williams, a Hudson Bay Co. officer in Rainy River district, eppraising them of important discoveries of gold on an island in Lonely Lake. This shows that the gold district extends to the northern boundary of the Province.

WILLOW RIVER.

Willow river promises to be in the front rank of enterprises recently started in Cariboo. Mr. Laird, the manager, acquired a lease from the government. In the winter of 1894 the preliminary work was started by the construction of shaft house, mess house, etc., and following the example of Mr. Ramos, a Chapman boring machine was placed on the property early in 1895 and a series of holes were bored across the channel the depth of which was 109 feet, when permanent operations were started, but owing to quantity of water, work was temporarily suspended till more powerful machinery was brought to bear and during the past season the progress of the work has been very satisfactory. In old times Willow river was the scene of great activity and several millions were cleaned up by work done in the most primitive manner and as usual a large amount of the deeper and richer ground was left untouched, and has laid for years waiting the advent of capital and modern methods.

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The British Columbia Mining Journal is put before the public for the purpose ofgiving weekly news regarding the rich placer and quartz mining industries of British Columbia. After carefully viewing the situation the publishers decided that no other point in the province could offer the facilities for the gathering of mining news from the various districts that Ashcroft could, and while the Mining Journal will endeavor to give the Ashcroft region a good and reliable gist of weekly news, it will be principally devoted, as stated above, to gathering and publishing happenings in Cariboo, Yale, Lillooet and Kootenay mining districts and will endeavor to fill a long felt want in the province—i. e., to be distinctly a mining Journal.

At Ashcroft the B. C. Express and stage line carrying Her Majesty's mails leaves the Canadian Pacific railroad and pierces for three hundred miles northerly various rich and prolific placer mining regions. For 35 years Cariboo with its multitudinous creeks, gulches, and canons, the Fraser, with its bars, the Peace River country and dozens of other regions, have stood before the mining world as districts of unqualified richness and now as the season of 1895 opens up, a revival of old time interest is being manifested all over the world as regards British Columbia mines, and it is more than probable that for the whole province an era of unparalelled prosperity is at hand.

The most reliable statistics as to the output of gold from the mines of British Columbia to be had, from government reports and conservative estimates it is estimate that since the discovery of gold in the province Cariboo alone has added $60,000,000 in dust to the world's store of the yellow metal.

When the easily accessible diggings had been over run by the white miners the out put fell off, but Chinamen and Indians and hundreds of white men—where there had formerly been thousands—continued to wash the gravel along the creeks and rivers tributary to the Fraser, Thompson and Peace rivers.

The advent of the Canadian Pacific made transportation of provisions to the mines much cheaper and consequently where an ounce a day would hardly pay the old timer, $5 or $6 a day would pay the latter day miners and mining was again resumed on an extensive scale.

When California passed the "debris laws" and hydraulicking was so seriously intefered with capitalists of the world naturally turned to a field where they could have fair show to invest their money in productive enterprises without being obliged to fight for every privilege they deemed necessary in order to carry on operations. The mining laws of British Columbia are a wise feature of legislation of the province Long ago was recognized the fact that mining would play an important part in the prosperity of the country. Therefore, during the last two or three years, hydraulic operations on an immense scale have been inaugurated in Cariboo and this season will see several of them, notably, the Horse Fly Hydraulic Co., on Horse Fly River; the Cariboo Gold Mining Co., at Quesnelle Forks; the Hydraulic Gold Mining Co., on Quesnelle River; the Victoria Hydraulic Elevator Co., represented by Mr. Whittier and backed by English capitalists, whose operations will be on William's Creek just below the canon where so many millions were taken out in an early day; Hydraulic Co., at Quesnelle Forks; the Slough Creek and Willow River enterprises, and many other organizations and enterprises in a more or less advanced stage of progress are in active operation and duly cleaning up thousands of dollars per month. In addition to the big hydraulic plants are thousands of miners working in groups or singly on the bars and in the gulches of nearly every stream in the province.

In addition to the stupendous placer operations hitherto, now being carried on, and in contemplation, the quartz mining operations of the province are now and have for years been ranking highin the mining world and now that quartz operations in the Cariboo are being inaugurated something wonderful may be looked for in these regions in the near future.

The fierce and aggressive warfare against hydraulic mining which has prevailed in the states could not possibly get a foothold in British Columbia, therefore, capitalists from all parts of the world have no hesitation in planting their money where returns are certain and legislation sensible.

To assist, in an humble manner, to advertise the mines and report their progress, is to be the mission of the BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING JOURNAL and in locating at Ashcroft can the best interests of both miners and inquiring public be subserved.

The publishers of the BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING JOURNAL ask the cooperation of all mining men or interested persons, and will give mining news as they find it.

The struggle going on in the states between the goldites and silverites is being watched from Canada with great interest. British Columbia, in addition to great placer and gold mines has inexhaustible silver ledges which can be operated for their millions as soon as a market is provided for the white metal. Kaslo-Slocan mines rival the famous Con.-sol. Virginia in Nevada, but unlike those great mines are in condition to be worked profitably and even now are paying immense monthly dividends. A large population are now supporting themselves by mining and shipping those rich ores to smelters in the vicinity and at Tacoma and Everett.

The publishers of the B. C, MINING JOURNAL expect to be able to more than return dollar for dollar for all the support they receive from the mining and agricultural regions of British Columbia. It is impossible to have a newspaper in every busy mining camp and agricultural center in the province. Thus it is that a journal is forced to select some natural point where news centers and where the efforts of the publishers can be rewarded by the latest and most authentic reports of doings and progress in the several districts. It is not that we wish to apolgize for having located at Ashcroft, but an explanation is due our northern neighbors who are ceaselessly working for the development of the grand old Cariboo region. As a business venture we have no doubt but a journal could do well at any of half a dozen points in Cariboo, but the gathering of news from all the mining camps would be a very hard and expensive matter compared with what it will be at Ashcroft.

A prominent mining man says: "Cariboo is in no sense a poor man's 'diggings" While all practical miners agree that it is the richest country they ever mined in, it is unquestionably the hardest one for poor men to develop, and without the aid of capital, it is impossible in most cases to secure the gold.

Last season the Gold Commissioner of Cariboo issued over 100 leases to miners for placer ground. If the holders of the leases carry out their intentions of working, Cariboo will take on an activity this season not seen since 10,000 miners lived and worked at Barkerville and vicinity.

The recent murder of two girls in a San Francisco church has furnished the public with one of those exceedingly dramatic mysteries which only grows in intensity as the search for the real murderer is prosecuted. While the public seems to agree that Durrant, the man in limbo, is the culprit, yet the evidence so far adduced is simply circumstantial and plainly shows that even if he were guilty he took cunning pains to cover up his tracks and to shift the awful responsibility off upon any one else but himself. The crime stands patent, however, and some one, for some reason, from sheer fiendishness and brutality or from insanity's freak, brutally murdered and outraged two beautiful virtuous girls, whose innocent lives were worth more than all such brutes who ever lived. Such exhibitions of fiendishness as exhibited by the mutilations and disfigurements on the bodies of those two girls only seems to show that a savage deformity of mind really exists in society in spite of civilizing influences.

Bob. FitzSimmons says Jim Corbett will not fight and Jim says Bob won't. They ought to be be made to fight.

A dispatch was received at Simla from Sir Robert Lowe, Commander of the British expedition against Umra Khan, confirming the announcement that Chitral fort had been relieved by Col. Kelly Gen. Calacrei's flying column has reached Deir, and the main body is following.

A sensation has been caused in military and other circles by the discovery by Sir Robert Lowe at Miankalai of a letter to Umra-Khan from a firm in Bombay, offering to supply him with every kind of modern weapon, and enclosing photographs of quick-firing guns.

THE INLAND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the officers and directors of the Inland Agricultural Association was held in the Court House at Ashcroft on Saturday, 27th. of April, 1895. Present:

J. C. Barnes, President,
Wm. Walker, 1st. Vice-President,
Chas. Pennie, 2nd. Vice-President,
J. J. MacKay, Secretary,
Wm. Lyne, Director.

A letter was read from Mr. T. G. Earl, a Director of Lytton, apologising for his absence and making several valuable suggestions. A letter from Mr. Jas. Haddock, was also read expressing his regret at not being able to attend the meeting. Mr. Haddock, however, announced, on behalf of the establishment he represents (F. W. Foster, General Merchant) that the store would donate liberally, as usual, towards the Association's exhibition, and the races connected therewith. Mr. Wm. Lyne also promised a very handsome donation.

Others present promised valuable assistance.

Careful estimates were then made of the receipts and expenditures for the coming fall show. It was seen that by careful management on the part of the association and a reasonable support from the people doing business in Ashcroft, as well as the support of exhibitors of the surrounding Districts, who are sure to have something worth showing and worth seeing, that this year's Fair would not only pay dollar for dollar but outstrip any Fair which has been held in the place.

One interesting feature of this year's show will be that instead of a cash prise, a silver medal wid be given as a first prize in a number of cases. As this is the Pioneer Association of the Interior of British Columbia and the Pioneer Association giving medals and medals may not be given another year, it is expected that this feature will add greatly to the number of exhibitors and the success of the Fair.

The date of this Fall's exhibition will be the constitutional date of the Association, the second Thursday in October, and will be open on that and the following day.

The Association will very shortly issue their usual annual prize list pamphlet which will elaborate all the details of the exhibition. No pains will be spared by the Association to not only induce a first class exhibition, but to entertain the large crowd of visitors who always come to Ashcroft to attend the Fair. In addition to the pamphlets, posters will also be sent out duly announcing the date and attractions of the exhibition.

Paris, April 27.—It is learned on authority that France does not intend to make a naval demonstration against Japan in connection with Russia in the event of Japan refusing to recede from its demand for territory of the Chinese mainland. It was said, however, she would not be surprised if Russia took such action.

"How's your political contest getting on, colonel?" said the visitor to his Kentucky host.

"Dull, sah, very dull," replied the colonel. "They has been two preliminary meetin's which were well, attended, but none of those present did moah than jest show their shootin' l'ons sah. Nothin' of genuwine interes', you understan'."

A long, loose-jointed pilgrim, in a faded brown hat and venerable overcoat, strayed into one of the parks the other day where a hotly contested game of football was in progress. He watched the players for some time in silence and at last asked a by-stander, "what d'ye recon that thing they're fightin' for is wuth?" "About two dollars and a half, perhaps," replied the man to whom he had spoken. "They're a' pack o' durned fools!" exclaimed the pilgrim, stalking away in disgust.

The oolachan run continues heavy and catches were very large again to-day. The price per bucket is now 25 cents, and a considerable portion of the catch is finding its way into the country, farmers buying them freely to salt for use later, when fresh fish are neither so plentiful nor so cheap. Victoria and Vancouver dealers are also heavy buyers, the oolachans being in great favor in these cities.—Columbian.

JOHN HENDREIC HANSZ DEAD.

At Hat Creek, April 28, 1895, died Johan Hendric Hansz, aged 73 years. Mr. Hansz was born in the city of Stettine, in the province of Pomeramia, in the German empire. He and his family took part in the rebellion of Baden in 1848 and was a political refugee with Carl Schurz and several others. He reached London and later came to Victoria. For some years he was a seafaring man. After making Victoria his head-quarters for several years he settled at the mouth of Harrison river, then lived at Port Douglass, then went to Cariboo, then to Ashcroft for several years, and later to Lillooet. For several years he was a Justice of the Peace for Her Majesty. His family were in good circumstances in Germany prior to the Baden rebellion but were broken up at that time. He was a man of good information and intelligence and had hosts of friends. For some years he was a partner of Mr. Puckett of this place.

INFORMATION.

Post Office at Ashcroft.—Mails exchanged daily with train mail clerks east and west. These mails close week days at 7 45 p. m. Money order and registration branches close at 7.30 p. m.

Cariboo and Intermediate points—Registration closes at 7.30 Saturdays. Other matter for these points may be mailed at the office up to 2 a. m. Mondays.

Clinton and Intermediate—Registration closes Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7.30 p m. Other matter mailed up to 5 a. m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 2 a. m. on Mondays will go forward.

Lillooet—Registration closes Tuesdays and Saturdays 7.30 p. m. Other matter mailed up to 5 a. m. on Wednesday and 2 a. m. on Monday will go forward.

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MINING NOTES.

Operations in the Various Districts of British Columbia.

C. F. Adams of Fairview recently took a contract to haul 300 tons of gold ore from the Aurora Bar mine to the quartz mill at that place. The ore is to be run as a profit paying scheme and the owners of the mine propose to let subsequent contracts, and keep the mine in operation during the season. Fairview camp is being steadily developed and much of the ore being tested for future treatment. The 20 stamp mill has been running steadily the past year on custom work and there is apparently no lack of ores offered to keep it running.

The Cariboo quartz mine at camp McKinney has proved a payer from the grass roots. The company were in very moderate circumstances when they bought the old Rain Bow mill, from off Palmer mountain, Wash., a machine without a concentrator or settler, or any other contrivance except amalgamating plates, and moved it over to McKinney. But it was proved that the mine did not need concentrators. The ore was indeed free milling and the quartz simply had to be crushed and the gold could be conviently saved by any of half a dozen processes. From the very start the Cariboo has paid over $12,000 a month above the expenses of and paid for all dead and drift work.

The Anglo American Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Co., limited, of which Mr. J. B. McLaren is President, Mr. Steen secretary and Captain S. F. Scott, V. P. and General Manager, will shortly be in full blast on their ground on the Similikameen river. They will shortly have a force of about 70 men at work with 2 no. 3 monitors and a good supply of water from Whipsan creek brought down to the Giants through 22 inch steel pipe. The ground has been well prospected and from its favorable location and good showing, great hopes are entertained. The enterprise has men with abundant capital behind it and it will be put in shape as soon as possible, to be made a producer.

J. Barnett MacLaren of New Westminster, passed throught Ashcroft Thursday night on his way to inspect the mining outlook for the Tronquille Creek Hydraulic mine, of which company Mr. MacLaren is one of the directors and stock holders. Mr. MacLaren is President of the Quesnelle River Hydraulic Gold Mining Co., ten miles above Quesnelle Mouth, where the mine is in full operation with Mr. A. E. Palmer as Superintendent in charge. A large quantity of gravel is being washed and the outlook is good. Unfortunately, the dam put in to back the waters of Big Lake, fails to hold back the water as expected, the marshy ground being too soft for the timber dam to do any good. It is very unfortunate, as the dam is nearly 200 feet in length and from 4 to 8 feet high and was put in at an expense of nearly $2000. Mr. MacLaren informed us that he would return to Ashcroft in a few days and go up country and that it was the company's intentention to run a ditch to bring in Three mile creek to add to the present supply of water which will give them from 600 to 1000 inches of permanent water. The work on the ditch will be commenced immediately.

A COMMENDABLE ARTICLE.

The marvelously rich deposits of wealth explored and developed in the Cariboo gold fields, British Columbia, are at present attracting the notice of mining men from the State of Washington, who find safe and profitable investments for their capital. The quartz excitement for the past three years throughout the State of Washington and the northwest has kept investors in mining, properties at a fever heat during that time; but a reaction is evidently taking place in favor of placer mining circles, and Cariboo is spoken of as the favored center of attraction, where the discoveries of gold in the valleys and small streams that traverse them would appear almost like tales from fairyland were they not attested by thousands of miners and the cold unvarnished fact that $60,000,000 worth of nuggets and dust have been produced from these sources. The bed of every gulch or creek in the district that has been worked has paid the enormous sum of $50,00 to $1,000 to the foot of ground, and it is the general belief, based on well known facts that there are immense deposits of gold in the deep channels that have never been explored. Like California and Australia, the deep diggings in Cariboo were beyond the limited means of the average miner. Thus, the richest placers have remained for the advent of capital to take hold and develope them.

By consulting the reports of the Department of Mines and the Geological Survey of Canada, it will be seen that there are of immense possibilities for the investment of capital in this famous gold field. Gold abounds in every valley, and every stream that empties into it. Should there be any doubt in the mind of the reader as to the richness of this Eldorado, a reference to the Review of May, 1891, will set them at rest. In that issue it was pointed out that 202 pounds of gold was taken out by two men in one day. Thirteen hundred and forty feet of ground paid $1,510,000, and one pan of dirt yielded 287 ounces—$9,579.

These figures are given for the purpose of showing the operatisns of the past, when little capital and machinery were employed, which necessarily continued explorations to the deposits that lay near the surface.—The Canadian Mining and Mechanical Review, January, 1893.

THE SLOUGH CREEK MINING CO.

Incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, Jan, 1892.

One of the largest properties in the Cariboo district is the Slough Creek mine. It was located in 1890 by Charles Ramos who was one of the early pioneers in Cariboo when Williams, Lightning, Grouse and Antler Creeks were yielding thousands of ounces of gold per day. Mr. Ramos was the originator of the idea to prospect the deep alluvial deposits where the wealth of the Cariboo lies undisturbed, with the Chapman Hydraulic jetting process machine, and in order to carry out his idea applied to the Provincial Government for a lease of three miles of the new famous Slough creek property. The lease was granted to Mr Ramos in July, 1895, while he was then a resident of Anacortes Wash. It was not as easy then, to enlist capital in mining enterprises in Cariboo as it is at present but through perseverance Mr. Ramos succeeded in organizing a company in Tacoma, Wash. The officers were, W. H. Fife W. H. Magee, Hon. Henry Drum, Hon. John Grant, J. D. Caughran, E. N. Ouimette and Charles Ramos.

A soon as the company was incorporated Mr. Ramos went to Victoria and sold some 15,000 shares of stock at 25 cents. Among the purchasers of stock in the Capital City are James Dunsmuir, the late John Robson, premier of the Province, Forbes G. Vernon, ex-commissioner of lands and works, J. H. Turner, W. P. Sayward, John Grant, ex-mayor of Victoria and W. H. Ellis of the Colonist, Tacoma, Wash also had confidence in Slough creek and purchased 15,000 of the first series of stock at 25 cents. Having received such favorable encouragement, Mr. Ramos proceeded to the field of operations and engaged the services of a competent engineer from the American milling works, Aurora, Ill., to operate the machine and locate the deep channel. The work was started on the 27th of June, 1892, and by September of the same year four holes had been bored and the deep channel located at a depth of 24 feet. The success of the operation induced Mr. Ramos to advise the trustees to commence work on a permanent basis, and without the loss of a single day. Work was begun on a shaft 5x8 feet, about 150 feet from the last hole bored. The work of sinking progressed rapidly and in two months a depth 32 feet was reached when water prevented further sinking without the aid of machinery. The company at that time were short of funds and to carry on the work without cessation Mr. Ramos started a drain tunnel to tap the surface water. This drain was constructed 600 feet by June, 1893, when the work was temporarily shut down by order of the directors and a contract let to Messrs Magee, Cobb, Hopp and Morris of Seattle, Wash., who for 100,000 shares of the capital stock of the company, fully paid up, agreed to sink the shaft to bed rock and drift from the bottom 50 feet each way to reach the channel. The company reserves 80,000 shares until the completion of the contract to protect the share holders. The contractors started work November, 1893, built a shaft house, mess house and stable, and erected a saw mill and placed 30 horse power boilers, and with the aid of a steam pump capable of discharging 200 gallons of water per minute sunk the shaft some 30 feet lower and drew the tunnel within 7 feet of the shaft when an unlooked for flow of water forced them to stop work about August, 1894. In the mean time they had a steam pump built in Seattle of the capacity of 1000 gallons per minute which was taken into Slough creek last winter since which time the contractors have been sinking the shaft with positive assurance of ultimate success.

The work now being done at Slough creek is in new diggings and has never been run over by old tailings and every foot sunk by the company gives ample assurance of the amount of gold that will be found on bed rock. In the mean time the public is watching the Slough creek operations with great interest.

LILLOOET.

From the discovery of gold on the banks of the Fraser river, the town of Lillooet has been prominent as a placer mining center and distributing point for a large area of mining ground, and many valuable claims have been worked in the immediate vicinity which yielded from one to five hundred dollars per diem to the man. The ground was hastily run over in an early day and in the past five years the prospecting of the benches lying in many places high above the river give flattering returns and by good judges is believed to be valuable for hydraulicking. Recently a number of prominent capitalists from Vancouver have made extensive purchases of gravel beds above the town of Lillooet and intend to work them on a large scale. They propose taking two thousand miners inches of water from Bridge river in pipes at considerable expense. They have had a number of men under the supervision of Mr. D. F. Hughes from California, for the past two months sinking shafts to test the depth of the pay gravel and it is reported that reasonable prospects have been obtained. There are also a number of creeks in the vicinity of Lillooet that have been very rich, notably, Bridge River and Cayouse creek, which have yielded very coarse gold and some nuggets weighing over one hundred dollars each.

KOOTENAY NOTES.

[Kootenay Mail.]

Robert Caley and Mark Hyatt have made application for a lease of one-half mile of ground near the mouth of camp creek, Big Bend,

Wm. Kirkup and John Cloonan started today for a trip to Big Bend. They will visit Smith, French and McCulloch creeks and will prospect other creeks in the district.

Mr. N. W. Nestelle, of Fairhaven, one of the members of the Bellingham Bay Hydraulic M. Co., which is operating on French creek, arrived from Fairhaven yesterday morning and will go out to Big Bend in a few days.

The movement of ore continued this week in large volume. There were 36 carloads shipped, all of which went to Omaha. The Slocan Star sent 23 cars containing 400 tons; the Idaho 12 cars, 215 tons; Noble Five 1 car 15 tons—total number of tons, 630.

The manager of the Black Prince mining Co.'s manager states that he will be in by the first of May, and commence taking out ore for shipment and will develop the mine in earnest. Considerable quantities of gold dust have been taken out of Lardeau creek during the last month, but the water is getting rather high. W. H. Vickers is taking up a considerable quantity for C. B Hume & Co. by tomorrow's boat.

M. Beaton has brought out his pack train from their winter quarters to Thompson's, and Andrew Craig is expected with his horses on Wednesday next. Two pack trains will run from Thompson's landing to Trout Lake City during the summer, or until the wagon road is completed. After that they will move the base of operations to Trout Lake City, and Thompson's will be the headquarters of the freight and ore teams. Business is reported lively for the season at Trout Lake City and all hands at Thompson's and at Trout Lake City expect good times during the coming summer.

DIFFERENT PHASES OF HUMANITY.

The young and hopeful when on his way up country, says cheerfully,

"Golden Cariboo."

The "old timer," who has roamed the world over and is returning to his earlier love says hopefully, "Cariboo"

The weary tourist with his 50 pound pack and sore feet has only strength enough left to gasp out "boo."

F. W. Wardhaneh, of Westminster dropped off to spend a few hours in Ashcroft and while here he astonished the boys with some of his ledgerdemain. He can turn a cork into a potato and the potato into a lemon all in plain sight and you can't see how he does it. He says he is making a tour of the world but he is so full of tricks that we presume he was joking.

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ASSAYERS.

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The Dominion express rates from points west of Ashcroft to Vancouver will be very materially reduced after May 18th. The reduction runs to as high as $1 per 100lbs to the extreme coast points, being smaller farther inland. Shippers will be notified of the reduction.

ANTI-TOXINE.

TO THE EDITOR—SIR: In the Colonist of the 5th is a leading article on Antitoxin, the new remedy for diptheria. I am not a practitioner, but my reading is mostly scientific subjects, medical and otherwise. From what I have perused on the use of this new cure I should say it was a most dangerous fad, and like Brown-Sequard's discovery to rejuvenate old folks, will soon pass into disuse. I could furnish you with many proofs, if required. The letter enclosed relates a case about two weeks ago.

"Antitoxin was injected into the left arm of Bertha Valentine, seventeen years old, of 311 Robeling street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday, to cure a case of diphtheria. The girl died in awful agony in ten minutes.

Dr. Kortright, who injected the fluid, said: "It was the Behring preparatson. I sent the girl's father for the preparation, and when he handed me the box containing the vial it was sealed. When I opened it and took out the vial it was tightly corked and sealed. The fluid was of the same color as the other antitoxin I have used. Almost as soon as injected it into the girl's arm she became uneasy and complained of a tickling in her throat. Then she was seized with convulsions, and never before have I seen such a horrible death."

This may perhaps set men thinking before they try the so-called cure on British Columbians. F.W.F.

Ashcroft, May 6th. 1895.

Samuel Archer, one of the old timers, came up from Victoria last week and has gone north to join a party of miners on Cayouse creek.

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ASHCROFT LOCAL NEWS.

Several of the young men about town took a little outing first of the week, and very foolishly burdened themselves by *carrying* shot guns, fishing rods, &c. Next time they go out they will travel light.

A number of the brethren assisted by their lady friends are assiduously practicing for the entertainment to take place about the 20 h of this month when the new Odd Fellows Hall at Ashcroft will be *appropriately dedicated*. Members of the order are coming from Clinton, Kamloops and other neighboring towns and much enjoyment is expected to be derived on that occasion.

Numerous cars are switched off from every train here which are quickly unloaded of their goods for Ashcroft and vicinity and the *various points in the Cariboo* country. The freight to northern points promises to be far in excess of any year hitherto known, as much of it is to be ponderous machinery and piping.

We print in another column notice of the annual meeting at Ashcroft this fall of the Inland Agricultural Association of B. C. The meeting this fall will be, probably, one of the best entertainments of the kind ever occuring in the province Much interest is being taken by the farming population of the province in the exhibition and the *competition promises* to be heavy in all lines of stock and agricultural products

Last week Moussa Essa, a Syrian peddler, was arrested by constable Burr, on complaint of *E. N. Zachariah*, for peddling in the province without a license. He very reluctantly paid his fine then with blood in his eye he started on a campaign of vengeance. He found that two Zachariahs and another man, three in all, were working the province under one license. He swore out a complaint in justice Lehman's court and Zachariah was put in the box and went through much the same process and was fined the same, *cost, fine, and license footing up to* $32.50 in each case.

The promise of some excellent racing at the Fair at Ashcroft this fall will have the effect to add greatly to the many attractions already promised by the managers. Liberal purses will be offered.

The stream of travel going north from Ashcroft the past four weeks has been immense. Prospectors, freighters, business men, and all classes have joined th northern hegira and a prominent hotel man of Ashcroft says the travel north this year has been four to one for a corresponding time last year. All of which points to very busy times in Cariboo and adjacent country this season.

The stage went north to Barkerville on Monday April 29, with nine passengers.

A competent milliner and dressmaker arrived last week for F. W. Foster's establishment.

The fine new hall which the I. O. O. F. are erecting in Ashcroft is *nearing completion*, being now in the hands of the plasterers. It is a two story building 26x44, the lower part of which is fitted up as a dwelling house, and is already engaged by Mr. Oliver Harvey, of the firm of Harvey Bailey and Co. The upper story, which is *divided into ante rooms, preparation* room, and the lodge room proper will be lathed and plastered throughout, and wainscotted all around. When finished it will be one of the finest buildings in town and a credit to the Order. Ashcroft Lodge No 23, I. O. O. F, was instituted on March *the 30th 1893, with about 20 members on* the roll and has steadily increased in numbers until now there are about forty members. Nearly all the principal residents of Ashoft belong to the lodge, also quit a number who reside further in the interior. The Grand Master will be up from New *Westminster to dedicate the new Hall* when finished, which will be in about three weeks, and a very interesting programme is being prepared for the occasion. A number of invitations will be issued by the members of the Lodge, to friends, to be present at the dedication ceremony and the "at home" *to be given afterwards*.

The Lodge meets every Saturday night at 8 p. m. in the Town Hall at present, where all Odd Fellows will be made welcome.

In Justices Court at Ashcroft, Sarah, an Indian woman was convicted by F. W. Foster and Isaac Lehman of vagrancy and sentenced to one month in Kamloops jail.

Ole Thompson, convicted of supplying *liquor to Indian Lucy at Spatsum*, sentenced to pay a fine of $50 dollars and costs or in default two months imprisonment in Kamloops jail.

Sample copies of the MINING JOURNAL ten cents each.

An unknown man supposed to be a tramp was run over by the west bound train night before last near Spence's Bridge and was found and picked up by the watchman. An arm was cut off and he was badly injured internally. Dr. Williams of Ashcroft went down and ministered to him.

Ah Chee's pack train started north Tuesday morning with about 40 packs of total weight of about 12,000 pounds. The freight consisted of China goods for China store keepers in the Cariboo region.

The new government bridge at this place has received a new coat of paint and is now in excellent shape to withstand the waters of the *Thompson river and also the elements*.

The Thompson river is raising very rapidly. Agent Burr is soon to start on his initial trip down the river with the government ferry boat which is to be taken down to Spence's bridge. Mr. Burr has not yet sent in his tariff rates for passengers. Each passenger will be *provided with a life preserver but as a* matter of precaution had better settle their business affairs before embarking. We have been offered editorial passes but business and a family to provide for will prevent our taking passage.

Later—With a crew of five men, in*numerable ropes, pike poles, a skiff*, and other sailor like apparatus, the scow was launched yesterday morning and sped down the river to its destination.

Later—The scow made a successful run from Ashcroft to Spence's bridge in six hours.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ASHCROFT HOTEL.

Jas Gannon, Clinton.
Hon. Jas Reed, Quesnelle.
D F Hughes, San Francisco.
A T Dunbar, Vancouver.
C H Woodruff, Buffalo, N Y.
Harry L Walker, "
F A Hernan,
A Stevenson, Lytton.
E Farr, Lytton.
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James Dowler, Toronto.
O Doerin, 150-Mile House.
J Duncan, Vancouver.
Miss McCready, Calgary.
J Barnet MacLaren, New Westminister.
M Shermer, 117 mile House.
N Shaver, Kamloops.
H B Chambers, Kamloops.
L Launders, Kamloops.
Charles Haddock.
R A Walker, Cache Creek.
A M Smith, Cache Creek.
J Beaumont, Victoria.
M D Rainbow, Victoria.
Wm. MacIntosh, Buckingham.
James Sellors,
Sidney Dunham, Bradford Can.
M Dennis,
J B Conner, Quesnelle.
Antonio Gaboroni, 83 mile-house.
Frank Williams, Seattle.
W. E. Fisher, Victoria.
Alex McErven, London, Ont.
Ralph Willard, Clinton.
J D Spreckles, San Francisco.
F C Laurence, Whatcom.
Harry H Davison, Toronto.
W H Houseman, Cariboo.
Jas Gordon, Whatcom.
C A Holoud, Victoria.
I D Prentice, Gong Ranch.
May 9.—D Rowe, Olinton.
Thos Borton Clinton.
S Ferguson, Manitoba.

Repair work on the C. P. R. is about to be resumed between Ashcroft and Great Bend. A large force of men will be put on although not as much damage has been done by frost and flood on the division as during some former years.

The fishing stories of our Clinton correspondent must be accepted as true (as a matter of fact they are) as he privately informs us that any fish stories he might *tell to the readers of the MINING JOURNAL* that should be questioned, he stands ready and willing to prove at any time by two other fishermen.

Brakeman John Madigan, an old employee of the C. P. R. was seriously injured Monday at Kamloops by being struck by no. 2. His jaw was fractured and he was badly shaken up but he will probably be around again in due *course of time*.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. Barnet McLaren president of the Quesnelle River Hydraulic Gold Mining co., passed through Ashcroft last Thursday night on his way to Kamloops.

Mr. F. W. Foster, who conducts general merchandise business at both Ashcroft and Clinton, is in Ashcroft a few days looking after his interests here.

Rev. Yolland, of the *Anglican church* here, gave a reception to members of his church last Thursday evening and entertained them in a very pleasant manner.

William Horking, a mining expert, and two sons passed through to the upper country last week. Mr. Horking visits the upper country in the interest of some Vancouver capitalists *who are testing the* quartz of a certain mountain which is said to be full of quartz of a rich quality.

Friday, April 26,th. a special was sent north to carry J. M. Buxton and D. D. Duhig to forks of Quesnelle.

The stage April 29 th. carried north Rev. Father Bedard, for St. Joseph's Mission at Williams Lake; H. Carry and S. Williams civil engineers, for Quesnelle; W. Forrest Quesnelle; R. Thompson, T. H. White, civil engineer, James Hansen, F. Duhig, Forks Quesnelle; F. R. Young, Chilcoten; H. Runtson. Lillooet. The same stage carried over 1000 pounds of express for the various up-country points. An extra was *also sent with the Cariboo regular to carry* excess of express, and a stage was sent specially to Lillooet.

John Glassy, formerly of Ashcroft, was in town first of the week.

Dutch Charley who will be remembered by many old Cassiar and Alaska men and (as ye ancient mariner,) is one of the owners in a hydralic mine now being operated about two miles above Lytton on the Fraser. The ground shows up well. It is being worked with canvas hose and is a good property.

Sam Adler, who will be remembered by old timers as at one time the owner of the 150 mile house is now the landlord of the Globe Hotel at Lytton.

Mr. Roeder, formerly of Vancouver, started last week for the Peace River country and expects to be in that wild country for a year and a half.

James Peebles, esq., of Stanley started north last Monday morning on the h rricane deck *of the first bicycle that ever hit*, the Cariboo road. In the main the road is level but there are some parts of it where he will have to carry the beast.

Mr. John C. Colbreath of the Cassiar country, has been in town the past ten days, having come down from the Cassiar, nearly 800 miles, and much farther the *way he had to come*, to purchase horses or mules for use in operations in his country. Mr. Colbreath is a merchant and trader and deals with the miners and Indians in his region. He is getting on in years, but last winter made a trip on snow shoes from his home to Dease Lake, 150 miles and back. Just now his pet scheme is salmon hatching and we predict that his scheme will be one finally adopted to preserve the salmon and get reliable returns. *He has carefully studied the habits of the* fish and takes advantage of their instin t to make his plans work out to a success.

Mr. H. Cleaver, of the G. N. R. R. is at the Ashcroft waiting for a friend to join him, after which they will make a business trip to Quesnelle Forks. Mr. Cleaver expresses himself as much pleased with this part of *British Columbia*.

Mrs. Corne and two children of Victoria are sojourning in Ashcroft. Her husband is proprietor of the Angel House, Victoria. Mrs. Corne, who came here for her health, *finds herself much improved* since her arrival. She is stopping at Mr. Newland's.

Mr. Shaver, of Kamloops, who is doing the mason work on the new Odd Fellow's hall, commenced work on Monday morn*ing of this week*.

Wm. Clark of Loomiston, Okanogan Co., Wash., who spent the summer in Cariboo last season and has valuable hydraulic ground on Quesnelle river near Beaver, is on his way up and will spend the season in *development work on the claims held by* himself and David Beaver of East Sound.

W. C. Fry of East Sound, is expected *soon*, as is Edward Friday of Everett. They are both good practical men and will mekaa good showing in any enterprise they are connected with.

Mr. Dougherty of the Twenty-two Mile house is sojourning in town for a few days looking after affairs on his ranch across the river. Mr. Dougherty was kind enough to bring down our office boy's *celebrated cayouse Ginger (worth six bits* but valued by said boy at $200,) from his winter quarters.

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

From Ashcroft, from May 1, to May 9, 1895:

By the firm of Harvey, Bailey & *Co.*, Ashcroft, B. C.

Teamster,	Point,	Pounds.
C. Rayson,	150-mile House	8,300
B. C. X. Co.,	Clinton,	2,100
A. Foccault,	150-mile House	5,100
Ah Chee Pack train,	Forks Quesnelle	11,300
I Chenlan	Williams Lake,	8,250.
A. McDonald,	150-mile House	17,500
A. Kealley,	Lillooet	1,000
A. W. Walker,	Quesnelle	12,000
Jean Camp	Forks Quesnelle	10,000
	Total	75,500

By F. W. Foster, of Ashcroft:

For Lillooet	17,100
For Soda Creek	3,034
For Quesnelle	9,084
For Stanley	1,385
For 150-mile House	25,894
For Clinton	8,964
Total	65,461

For the period from May 1 to May 9, 1895, the B. C. X. Co. *have shipped* over their line north over 8000 pounds of express matter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

150-Mile House.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL: The inrush of miners and men looking for work in the mines began over six weeks ago—a month at least too soon. There are too *many men now in the district without* means looking for work. No more of that class are needed, but genuine prospectors able to "grub" themselves for a season are welcome and wanted in any number.

Said to be over 200 men at the Forks most of them without work. These are white men and yet crowds of Chinese are flocking in to do the work that the men of our own race should have.

Three monitors at work in the Cariboo Hydraulic Co's. claim. Work on the long ditch will be under full headway *shortly*.

A party of French capitalists from Paris including the editor of Le Soir, went up a week ago to inspect certain mining claims on the main Quesnelle, owned by Mr. Gormley of Seattle and his partner. It is to be hoped they will invest.

Mr. Buxton *of Vancouver and our old* time friend Dan Duhig went up last week to start work on the company's claims on *Quesnelle river*.

The dredger at the Forks has proved that that method of extracting gold from the river beds is practicable.

Joseph Hunter, M.P.P., and Mr. Bell, C.E., went up to the Forks two weeks ago in connection with the long time talked of scheme of damming the South Fork lake and thus drying the river bed for a time.

At Horse Fly considerable piping has *been already done*, but now preparations are being made to set off the gigantic powder drifts.

On the Hapner leasehold the chief interest still continues in the strife between the company and "the jumpers," who had started work again this spring. Injunctions were served on them a day or two since.

A piece of very rich ground on Horse Fly has just been taken up by a company *formed at the 150-Mile House*, and work is now going on to develop it.

The Black creek property it is said, will be worked this summer, and many new claims have been staked off up the Horse Fly river.

An American company in which Mr. Hawks is interested is building a small steamer at Soda creek to go up as far as Smoky river, where it is proposed to mine the river bed.

Tom Sword and John *Brodie are about* starting for the Omineca country. Tom is firmly impressed with the belief that up *there should be the richest mining camp* in the province.

Farmers in the Williams lake and Fraser river valleys are pretty well through seeding, and in some of the earlier spots the grain is already up and looking well. The season has been favorable for work, but rain is much needed.

Our cattle men were *very fortunate in* bringing their stock through the winter with only trifling losses.

Many new pre-emptions are being made in the lower part of the district.

Veith & Borland are fitting up the old Hamilton house in good style. This is the building, it was proposed to use as a hospital for the benefit of the miners in the Horse Fly and Forks sections.

Billy Parker is on duty again—not as stage *driver*, but as a *protector of stages*.

Quesnelle.

QUESNELLE, May 4th, 1895.

EDITORS MINING JOURNAL:—The Quesnelle River Hydraulic Gold Mining Co. has been for some time in full swing, employing a large number of men. As theirs is much the most important mine in the district their ultimate success, which no one doubts, will greatly encourage hydraulic mining in this vicinity.

The other mines which may be considered in the Quesnelle district viz: The Boomerang San Juan, and the Bonanza are all working. The Montreal and British Columbia mining and development Co. have two engineers here at present who are employing several men. These various enterprises have afforded considerable work to the large number of unemployed who have *some from the south this* spring.

Those who look forward to Quesnelle becoming a town of importance find further confirmation of their views in the excellent report which three men who have wintered in the adjacent Nechaco country bring of that district.

We look forward also to the early inauguration of river dredging on the Quesnelle and Fraser rivers. The entire course of the former from the lake to the mouth has been already taken up for that purpose and work, we are assured, will be shortly commenced.

Clinton.

CLINTON, May, 6, 1895.

EDITOR:

One of the topics of the day in this vicinity is:

The new paper to be issued at Ashcroft: "THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING JOURNAL" What will it be like? Will it be a worthy addition to the several newspapers now being published throughout the province, or will it be better.

It will be the only mining journal published in the interior if not in the province.

And now with the Cariboo country opening up, by large companies, putting on large plants to work the immense gravel beds of the Cariboo country, and along the banks of the Fraser river, by powerful monitors and dredges. It is high time that British Columbia should have such a journal, to make known to the world the immense advantages to be had by capitalists who would reap riches by judiciously investing their wealth in B. C. mining properties.

The country wants a journal that will honestly report the mining news of the country and not try to raise a boom on untruthful reports. All will wish you success if you carry out this policy.

There is very little mining news of this immediate vicinity. There is some mining going on on Fraser river.

A company consisting of Messrs. Dunn, Hailer, Jones and others are bringing in a ditch to work a bench nearly opposite to Big Bar.

Mr. F. C. Clark, one of the largest ranchers of Pavillion mountain was in town last week. He reports seeding as nearly finished in that section. All are putting in large areas of ground. Grass is commencing to start, growing in good shape. All well in that section.

Nearly all the farmers in Cut Off valley near Clinton are about through seeding and putting in their garden seeds. I might say Clinton is in Cut Off valley.

All are calculating on large crops providing we soon have a change in the weather. It has been cold and windy here lately.

Latest news from Dog Creek and Alkali Lake says crops are all in and grass, growing fast. The hills are beginning to look green, trees are leafed out. All that is lacking is a good rain and warm weather.

Cattle are in fair order, and on the new grass will soon be in condition to ship to market *provided that the stock men can find buyers*.

Last week Mark Adams and Joe Smith went to Echo Lake and in about three hours caught seventy four nice trout, not large, but beauties *and when cooked and on the table oh, my*. Echo Lake is about thirteen miles from Clinton. It is a beautiful summer drive. The fish are plentiful and take either bait or rise *to the fly. Kelly's Lake is nearer to Clinton* on the same road as Echo Lake, it being eleven miles from Clinton and in this lake fine large trout are caught averaging from one to five pounds. There is a boat on this lake, but the most success is obtained by wading There is a reach of about a mile of white mud bottom covered with from a foot to two feet of water. This mud bottom reaches out from the bank, from a few feet in places to over eighty feet in other places. The anglers utilize this bottom to wade over. Outside of this shallow bottom it drops off perpendicularly to an unknown depth and it is at this line that trout are mostly caught. The waters of Echo and Kelley lakes are clear and cold at all seasons of the year, consequently the fish are firm and solid. It is nothing unusual for an expert disciple of I. Walton's to leave *Clinton in the morning returning* the same evening with a catch weighing from twenty to fifty pounds. This is no fisherman's yarn but can be proved.

There have been a large number of people passing up the road this spring bound for the gold fields, too many, in fact, for the number of work men that will be required. Such is the case in *all mining excitements*.

The boom has not struck Clinton yet, but the little town is slowly growing larger. New residences are going up and a big demand for residences and not near enough houses to supply the demand.

Mr. H. Murray has opened a meat market, which will be a great boon to this section.

Business has increased generally *in the last* year and every one is in good spirits, expecting good times.

MORE ANON.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

We wish to extend our thanks to our correspondents at Clinton, 150 mile house, and Quesnelle for their prompt and favorable response to our request for news from their vicinities. We trust that they will continue to send us weekly news at least until such time as we can personally visit the upper country which will be within a few weeks. We shall be pleased at any time to hear from miners and prospectors or others any legitimate news, from any section, that will be of interest to the reading public.

Fraser river was, on Sunday the *5th. inst., higher than usual* for this time of year. Has been falling since. Weather cool. The probability is that the flood of last year will not be repeated, but it largely depends upon the weather and just how fast the snow melts.

Increased activity at the coast sawmills calls to mind the fact that the *great forests of Douglass fir* on the Pacific slope of the province can furnish lumber for the world for a thousand years to come and not exhaust the supply.

There are more than twenty sawmills in the Cariboo country north of Ashcroft, all cutting to supply the local demand of miners and farmers.

Mr. Finbow of the Inland Sentinel made a pleasant call at this office on Wednesday.

From the earliest days of settlement *British Columbia* has ranked high as a farming region. All through the valleys of the coast there are many valuable ranches while all the province ranks high in agricultural products. Several carloads of potatoes were shipped from Ashcroft *last week to points both east and west*.

The Thompson river has been gradually rising for three weeks past but so far is not much above water level. The exceeding high water of last year is not likely to recur again for a long time.

Bar silver is quoted in New York at $67\frac{1}{8}$—$67\frac{1}{4}$ *per oz. which is an im*provement but little encouragement for the silver miner to expend large sums in developing mines and placing expensive machinery to work them. Silver has been very unfairly treated. Is is not time for the *Dominion of Canada to take her pro*per place as one of the supporters of the white metal of which she could well be one of the greatest producers? Think of Kootenay, Slocan, Lardeau, *Boundary Creek, Trail* Creek, Answorth, Nelson, and many other districts with silver as a money metal and endorsed as money—its proper place. Is it policy for us to depreciate the value of one of our chief productions, for the sake of the *policy that makes the man with his* fixed income, his million invested in bonds, worth twice their original cost, because with his income money in hand he can buy anything he desires for consumption, investments in real estate or any thing else that will con*tinue to pile up his ducats*.

Think of the condition of as prosperous a country as the world can point to today, viz: France. Her circulating medium 55 dollars per capita. The ratio obtains in the U. S. only 23 dollars per capita and *this amount very much reduced by* the banking laws. We have no statistics at hand to show the amount in circulation in Canada per each inhabitant but certain it is that the free and unlimited coinage of silver with reasonable safeguards thrown around *it, would add immensely* to the general prosperity of the Dominion and the cup of joy, instead of the dregs of bitterness, would be presented to the thousands of unfortunate silver miners thrown out of honorable employment, their families caused to *suffer want and privations* and cause a check in the enlistment in that vast and unfortunate army of unemployed.

When Cariboo was first discovered the trip from civilization into the wilds of British Columbia entailed more hardship than a trip to Patagonia, around the world, and Stanley's "Darkest Africa," tells of not much more dangers than the hardy pioneers were subjected to arrive at the "diggings." Very much changed now are the conditions. The prospector boards the cars at either end or at some point on the C. P. R. and a few hours, occasionally a few days, are consumed in reaching Ashcroft, where he boards the B. C. X. Co.'s *stage for Cariboo*, or buys cayuses and after a few days spent in fitting out, hies away for a summer in the mountains.

One never grows tired listening to the old timers tell of their early struggles and triumphs, but it occasions one to be glad it is no longer such a hardship to get to the door way of the mines.

The liberal manner in which the citizens of Ashcroft, Clinton, the Cariboo road houses and others have patronize the columns of the MINING JOURNAL shows that they recognized the value of a medium that is destined to push its way into every community and mining camp in the province.

The *publishers of the* MINING JOURNAL have labored under many difficulties in getting out the first issue but a little inconvenience must usually be put up with.

Wherever the pupils can be found in proximity in the province the government builds a school house and inaugurates a school. British Columbia really believes that education and intelligence is the true foundation of the state.

Mr. D. F. Hughes, of Lillooet, accompanied by Charles F. Dunbar of Vancouver came up on Saturday morning train May 4th and departed by special stage the same morning for Lillooet. It is reported that they go up to close out the deal on the hydraulic claim back *of Lillooet so thoroughly prospected of late*.

The party of French people in charge of Mr. William Gormley, which went north two weeks ago has divided, one of principals and expert going down Ques*nelle river and the other principal stop*ping at the 150-Mile House. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Gormley has had a serious sick spell since going north. At last accounts he was at the 150-Mile House and convalescing.

The B. C. X. Co's. stage leaves Ashcroft every Monday morning at 4 a. m. and the passengers take breakfast at Hat Creek, 14 miles from Ashcroft, dine at the Clinton Hotel, Clinton, and stay overnight at the 83 mile house where they meet the down stage. Tuesday night they stop at the company's house on Carpenter's Mountain. *Wednesday they reach the thriving* little town of Quesnelle, and on Thursday they arrive at Barkerville, one of the *largest towns and a trading center for the* Cariboo district. Returning passengers leave Barkerville at 6 a. m. and stop at Quesnelle. Sunday night they stop at the 150 mile house, Monday they stop at the 83 mile house where they meet the up stage, and on Tuesday arrive in Ashcroft at 6 p. m., making the run of 280 miles in four days. During the summer months a trip to Barkerville is one of pleasure especially when seated on the box with Mr. *Emil De Forrest, who enjoys* the reputation of being the best six horse whip on the road.

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