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To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, praying for copies of all papers relating to the resignation of the Honourable Ebenezer Brown, as President of the Executive Council.

By Command.

A. C. ELLIOTT,

Provincial Secretary.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
28th February, 1877.*

The Honourable Mr. Elliott to the Honourable Mr. Brown.

VICTORIA, September 10th, 1876.

MY DEAR BROWN,

The part you have taken in reference to those resolutions regarding the Carnarvon Terms has placed me in a most absurd and unenviable position here. I am, as you know, firmly and faithfully bound to the Carnarvon Terms, and yet the President of the Council has publicly declared himself hostile to that arrangement.

My best friends, as well as my enemies, say that I ought to resign as I am identified with your opinions publicly expressed. Any split with you on any question would pain me very much, but on the point in question it is impossible that we could agree; what therefore is to be done? I can only see the alternative, that either you or I resign. Our division on this point will never prevent our agreeing hereafter and being joined more firmly in any subsequent ministry.

I hope, my dear Brown, you will take this communication in a proper spirit, the way it is intended—in perfect good nature and with great regret.

Drop me a line by return mail, should you not come down to-morrow.

Ever, very truly yours,
(Signed) A. C. ELLIOTT.

The Honourable Mr. Brown to the Honourable Mr. Elliott.

NEW WESTMINSTER,
September 11th, 1876.

MY DEAR ELLIOTT,

In reply to yours of yesterday's date, I beg to hand you my resignation as President of the Executive Council.

I quite understand the position in which you are placed, but you will see the view that I take of the matter by my letter in the newspapers.

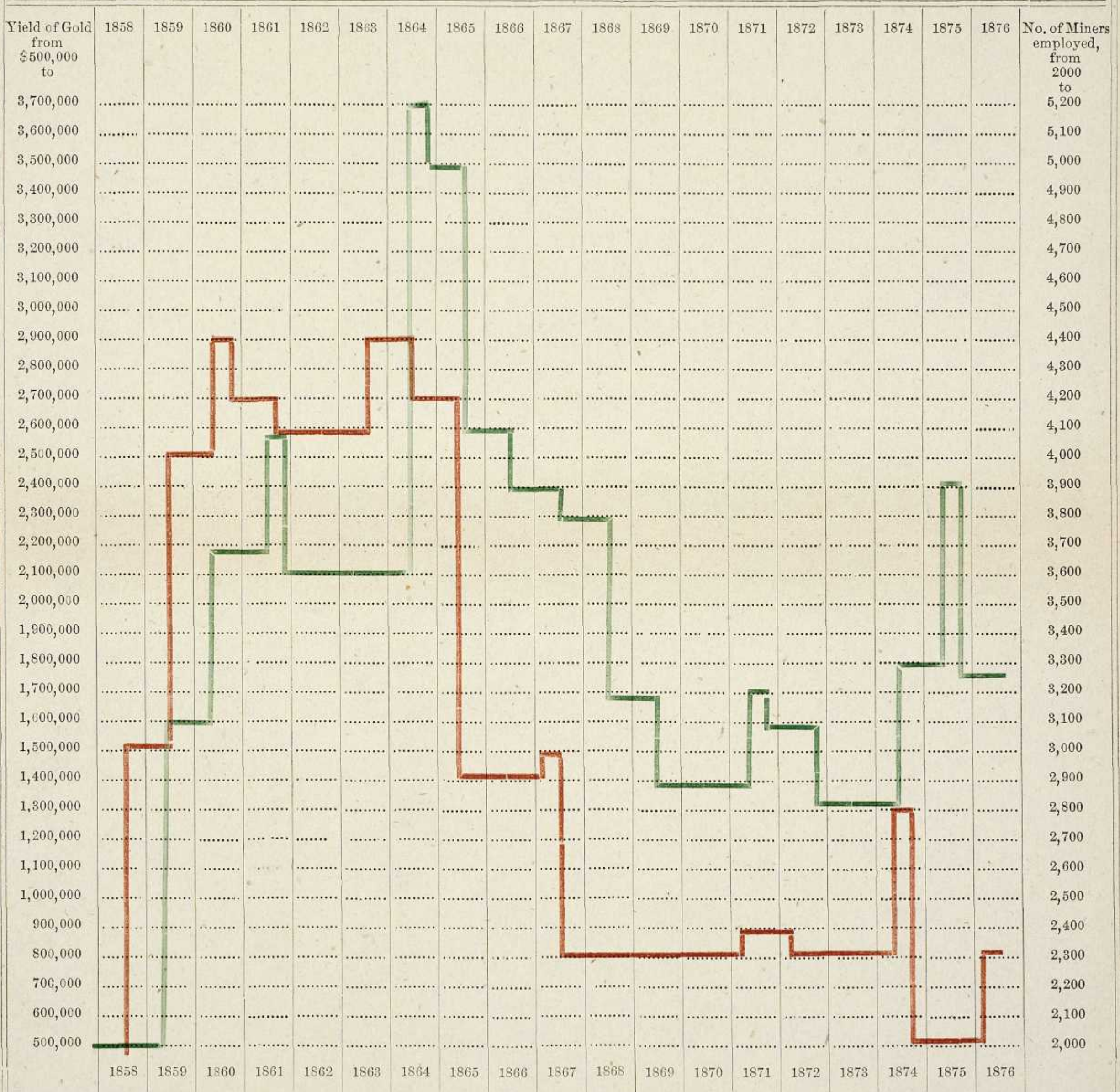
I shall be down on Friday next.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) E. BROWN.

GRADUATED SCALE

Showing the rise and fall in the yield of Gold in each year, from 1858 to 1876 (coloured green).

Reference to left column for yield of gold.



And of the number of miners employed in each year, from 1858 to 1876 (coloured red).

Reference to right column for number of miners.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

TABLE

Shewing the actually known and estimated yield of Gold; the number of Miners employed; and their average earnings per man, per year, from 1858 to 1876.

| Year. | Amount actually known to have been exported by Banks, &c. | Add one-third more, estimate of gold carried away in private hands. | Total. | Number of Miners employed. | Average yearly earnings per man. |
|-----------------------|---|---|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1858 (6 months). } | \$ 390,265 | \$ 130,088 | \$ 520,353 | 3,000 | \$ 173 |
| 1859 | 1,211,304 | 403,768 | 1,615,072 | 4,000 | 403 |
| 1860 | 1,671,410 | 557,133 | 2,228,543 | 4,400 | 506 |
| 1861 | 1,999,589 | 666,529 | 2,666,118 | 4,200 | 634 |
| 1862 | } 3,184,700 | 1,081,566 | 4,246,266 | 4,100 | 517 |
| 1863 | | | | 4,400 | 482 |
| 1864 | 2,801,888 | 933,962 | 3,735,850 | 4,400 | 849 |
| 1865 | 2,618,404 | 872,801 | 3,491,205 | 4,294 | 813 |
| 1866 | 1,996,580 | 665,526 | 2,662,106 | 2,982 | 893 |
| 1867 | 1,860,651 | 620,217 | 2,480,868 | 3,044 | 814 |
| 1868 | 1,779,729 | 593,243 | 2,372,972 | 2,800 | 992 |
| 1869 | 1,331,234 | 443,744 | 1,774,978 | 2,369 | 749 |
| 1870 | 1,002,717 | 334,239 | 1,336,956 | 2,348 | 569 |
| 1871 | 1,349,580 | 449,860 | 1,799,440 | 2,450 | 734 |
| 1872 | 1,208,229 | 402,743 | 1,610,972 | 2,400 | 671 |
| 1873 | 979,312 | 326,437 | 1,305,749 | 2,800 | 567 |
| 1874 | 1,383,464 | 461,154 | 1,844,618 | 2,868 | 643 |
| 1875 | 1,566,178 | 618,726 | 2,474,904 | 2,024 | 1,222 |
| 1876 | 1,339,986 | 446,662 | 1,786,648 | 2,282 | 783 |
| | | | 39,953,618 | 60,251 | |

Average number of miners employed yearly 3,171
 Average earnings per man, per year \$ 663
 Total estimated and actual yield of gold, 1858 to 1876 \$ 39,953,618

