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THE BLACKWATER DISTRICT.

Mr. W. M. Brewer, travelling correspondent of the New York "Engineering and Mining Journal," his sent to his paper the following special report on Pemberton Meadows and the Blackwater:

The trip from Lillooet up the Fraser River to Pemberton Meadows, on the Upper Lillooet, is by the same route as was traveled by Cariboo miners in 1858. The entire distance, about 60 miles, can be made either by following the trail along the northern shores of Seaton and Anderson Lakes and the wagon road across the 24 miles of portage from the Water to the Meadows, or by canoe up the lakes and across the portage. Light goods can be easily packed on horses along the trail, but heavier ones should be transported either by canoe or boat. Fourteen miles from the foot of Seaton Lake, which is four miles from the town of Lillooet, the traveller passes the Skookum or Indian Mission. At that point the trail to the Bridge River mines branches off to the north. Between the two lakes is a short portage of two miles. At either end of this is located a small Pemberton or Indian village.

The geological formations on both shores of these lakes are granites, schists and slates, with occasionally dikes or porphyry as intrusions. The slates and schists predominate on Seaton Lake and the lower end of Anderson, but from near the mouth of Roaring Creek, which empties into Anderson Lake about 12 miles below the head, granite is the country rock, with intrusions of diorite and red porphyrite. These intrusions are especially noticeable on the portage between the head of the lake and the meadows. The slate and schists dip northerly, usually at an angle of about 45 degrees, and many quartz veins occur of lenticular structure dipping conformable with the formation. The quartz in these is hard, flinty and vitrous. The mountains are quite precipitous, with an average altitude above the lakes of about 3,000 feet. But little indications of mineralisation can be seen along either shore of the lake or along the portage until a point about six miles above the head of Anderson Lake is reached.

The country to the south of Seaton Lake, which is traversed by Cayoosh Creek, has been prospected quite thoroughly, but towards the head of the creek, or Duffy Lake, southerly from Anderson Lake, very little prospecting has been done. The chief attention of prospectors have been devoted to McGillivray Creek, which empties into Anderson Lake ten miles below the head and the mountains between Six Mile and Blackwater Creeks, tributaries of the Birkenhead River, which empties into the Upper Lillooet opposite the Pemberton Meadows.

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Looking Over the District.

Mr. R. B. Skinner accompanied by W. Murray, Esq., manager Bank of British Columbia, Vancouver, W. Farrell manager of the Yorkshire Guarantee Society in this province, and F. Oliver, mining expert arrived in town over the Lytton road on Monday evening.

These gentleman accompanied by W. A. Munro, another mining expert who arrived here on the stage from Ashcroft on Monday, left on Friday morning for Bridge River. It is their intention we understand to inspect the Forty Thieves Group of mineral claims and the Lorne Group both situated on the South Fork of Bridge River. It is reported that these gentlemen will also find time to inspect the Brett Brothers group of claims on McGillivray Creek. It is a happy augury for this district when gentlemen like the above visit us they all represent unlimited capital and we are confident that the properties they will view will impress them with the mineral wealth of our district. We have untold mineral wealth here, of that we are confident only awaiting the capitalist to develop.

As these gentlemen must be impressed with the richness of the properties they will examine we cannot refrain from anticipating a prosperous time for this section.

Mr. F. Oliver we believe is the expert from the Le Roi mines, in which the British America Corporation central about 400,000 out of a total of 500,000 shares, Lord Dufferin one of the largest shareholders in the Corporation mentioned in a recent speech that the Le Rio mine had greatly increased in value in the hands of their engineers and manager since the original contract for their purchase was made.

Prospective Amendments to Mineral Act.

We are glad to learn, says the B. C. Mining Record, on very good authoritiy that some slight but nevertheless important amendments to the Mineral Act are likely to be considered at the next session of the Provincial Legislature. Briefly one of these changes will provide that all mineral claims, the locators of which failed to comply with the regulations in regard to annual assessment work or otherwise, will not be open to re-location, but will revert back to the crown and after being advertised a certain length of time will be sold by public auction. Another reform will compel owners of claims to purchase, after completing each annual assessment work requirement for five years, a metal plate with all necessary information of ownership, location and date stencilled thereon. We have had the satisfaction in the Mining Records advocating the adopting of both of these proposed measures.

R. H. Brett and P. Santini returned to town this week after a visit to the coast.

THE FORTY THIEVES.

The Forty Thieves group of claims on Cadwallader is considered by every one who has seen it as one of the best in the country. The claims are under bond at present to R. B. Skinner.

The lead of the Forty Thieves lies on the right bank of the South Fork of of Bridge River. At the place where the ledge is situated is a canyon about 300 feet deep and nearly perpendicular walls.

The lead lies in one wall of the canyon at an angle of about 25 degrees and is on an average ever eight feet wide. The work that has been done upon these claims makes it possible for one to walk over 2,000 feet directly upon the ledge, the trail itself following the ledge for some distance. In one place on the vein a spring has been moved over from above and free gold can be seen at this point. The country rock is diorite and the ledge itself lies in a contact between porphyry and diorite. The quartz is blue tinged and each side of the pay streak is highly imbued with mineral in the shape of iron and copper pyrites.

The most of the work done is through the country rock and at the creek bottom. The idea of the engineer being to tap the vein at a very low level and thus have better advantage in stoping afterwards. The vein runs very little from what geologists would call a true fissure vein and also considered as one of the most favorable conditions in which to find a good substantial lead. Lately the ledge has also been developed on the Why Not claim in the same formation as the Forty Thieves and also in line.

Good Surface Prospects.

The Lorne group of claims situated on Bridge River, has recently been visited by Mr. Charles F. Law, who reports that it is the most promising surface prospect which he has seen in the district says the Province. There are three veins on the Lorne which gives high values in gold and a zone of mineralized porphyry from five to seven feet wide, averaging $7 in free gold. On the days of Mr. Law's arrival the arastra was started up, and by this time is probably reducing two tons per day of decomposed surface ores rich in gold. The future of this and some adjacent properties undoubtedly depends on a strong company taking the property known as the Forty Thieves and erecting a chlorination plant capable of treating all the sulphide ores of the district. A small mill on each group of claims would be sufficient to take care of the free gold ores, and the concentrates would be all treated by a central reduction plant, situated on the Forty Thieves property which is at a low elevation and possesses unusual facilities to handle the sulphide ores of the other groups in addition to its own. Mr. Law believes that at depth all the mines on Bridge River will run to sulphides and any mistake made at the outset in erecting machinery, which will only treat free gold ores, will later on be a disappointment to investors and an injury to the camp. The various group of mines situated on Bridge River are all looking well and only requires capital and experience to make them profitable.

The Prohibition Question.

EDITOR PROSPECTOR: SIR.

Your correspondent in last weeks issue, proves himself very persevering in his efforts to show that tea is an narcotic.

The labor, while commendable, is unnecessary. I did not deny the fact at all, but simply stated, as I do again that to put tea and coffee on the same level as alcoholics and narcotics is not fair treatment. It is purely a question of technics, or degrees. There would be as much wisdom indeed, in calling a cat a tiger!

As regards species, this would be correct but is no other sense. We are not afraid of cats, but we have strong objections to tigers!

There is as wide a difference between whiskey, chloral, opium; and tea and coffee.

If your correspondent will pay $100 to charitable institutions for every bona fid case of ruin, which I can prove by medical testimony has been brought about by an abuse of whiskey, chloral or opium; I will do the same for every like case which he can prove by medical testimony has been the result of the abuse of tea and coffee!

Tea is a narcotic in the laboratory, and in the school of technicalities but to push the fact into practical every day experience against the powerful poisons before mentioned is, I say again—bad chemistry. It is yoking the pop-gun, with the savage rifle. I cannot enter into a discussion upon the other part of last weeks letter, but I am greatly obliged both to you and your correspondent for the courtesy which has been evidenced.

I am dear sir, faithfully yours—

Robert Hughes.

Lillooet. October, 14th.

Seaton Lake Property.

Mr. Mat Gilfoil was in town yesterday for mail matter and supplies, he reports work progressing steadily on his claims on Seaton Lake. It is his intention to immediately start building a comfortable cabin on his property so that work can be carried on continuously all winter.

Mr. Armstrong the mining expert who came here specially to view this property was much impressed with the value of it and from his last letter from Seattle speaks very favorably of the prospects of forming a strong American Company to work it.

Two services were conducted by Rev. Archdeacon Small in the English Church on Sunday.

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LILLOOET, B. C. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1898.

There is no doubt that there is a large future for the Blackwater Mining Section and we have every reason to believe that this particular district which has been so neglected the last year will next Spring receive the attention of capitalists and others. A large number of good properities have been staked out this fall and on several of them work will be continued this winter. The whole camp is rich in minerals timber besides having ample water power, the only two things needed being developement and capital. Several of the ledges can be traced for thousands of feet—the one is a copper proposition carrying free gold and has a fine showing.

A good six mile waggon-road to connect the camp with the Pemberton road is badly needed and the trail round Seaton and Anderson Lakes wretchedly out of repair the small bridges being in a highly dangerous conditions no time should be lost in getting the roads built as the value of the camp is far beyond question. We hear that a party of Canadian Pacific Railway officials intend paying the Blackwater district a visit this fall or in the spring.

The Prospector is published a little late this issue. The delay being caused by one of the staff visiting the coast.

Lillooet Mining District.

List of claims, assessments and transfers recorded in the Lillooet mining district from October 6th to 13th:

RECORDS.

Copper Rio.—J. C. Morrison, 7 miles from the Fountain.

Cpoper Rein.—F. Gott 7 miles from the Fountain.

Cladstone.—J. S. Bell. McGillivray Creek.

Comstock, Rosebud. H. McEdward McGillivray Creek.

NewYork.—G. P. Adams, Anderson Lake.

RoseBush.—H. Smith. McGillivray Creek.

ASSESSMENTS

Wooloomooloo.—J. J. Patterson.

Crown Prince, Night Hawk—N. McDonald.

Chili Fraction.—R. B. Skinner.

Surprise, Moonlight-Fraction, Omega, Alpha Bell Fraction. W. F. Gibson

Lush.—J. F. Gibson.

"Jews and Gentiles," the long looked for novel arrived in town and are for sale by R. H. Brett. Call and get one before they are all sold.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

The Post Mineral Claim.

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Take notice that I, Robert G. Tatlow, free miner's certificate No 16504 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 26th day of September, 1898.

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The Maud Mineral Claim.

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There is a widespread opinion among many people who came down from the north that the overland route to the Klondike are among the worst ways of the earth and that the suffering on the Ashcroft trail is something terrible.

Then, again, there are people who say just the opposite.

"Its all nonsense," said J. B. Sanbury to a World reporter just after the Cutch came in from the north. His partner, J. B. Hall backed up his stauements and said that most other people would do the same. "It is just rot that the papers are quoting in interviews with northern people. The trail is now a pretty good road, except for a few places where there are bogs. We only lost one horse going through from Ashcroft to Hazloton, and that horse was weak before we started. The only man who died on the trail was Sir Arthur Curtis, and that was pure accident. There may be a few isolated cases of privation as there would be on any trail, and the most of the people have already got through and a relief expedition would be of no use I bought a saddle from a man who I see in the Colonist gave an awful interview but he and a few more were soft. They ought to have been home and nursed instead of being out on the trail. We went through from Ashcroft to Hazleton in 21 days, there is no need of staying three months on that route. We went to Babine creek. There has been no special find this summer."

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

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The Stanley Mineral Claim.

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THE BLACKWATER DISTRICT.

(Continued from first page.)

From McGillivray Creek considerable placer gold was taken out some years ago, and since then quartz veins have been discovered, especially about two miles above its mouth. This creek has its source from the same lake on the summit as Cadwallader Creek which empties into the South Fork of Bridge River.

An old trail was cut by the Indians up McGillivray Creek, and down Cadwallader, some time ago, but was little use during the past summer. Some prospectors have traveled over it during J l and August, but few discoveries have been reported on McGillivray except near its mouth.

The Blackwater and Six Mile camps created quite an excitement during 1897, when every foot of the territory over a large area was located as mineral claims.

The indications of the occurrance of mineral are very pronounced in the mountains adjacent to both these creeks; but I should judge after visiting some of the most prominent claims that the chief valued in the ore is its content in copper, and of course nothing could be done on account of cost and transportation to smelter. This, under the present conditions, would not be less tha n $80 or $100 a ton, because by the nearest route to the coast the Squamish trail to the head of Howe Sound, all transportation has to be done by packing on horses and by the other routes by Lillooet or by Port Douglas several transfers from packs to canoe would be necessary.

The country rock and the structure of the ore bodies in this camp resemble very closely those in the Rossland district. There are no quartz ledges or veins, but the country rock has been in pregnated with iron and copper pyrites for varying thicknesses. The fractures are apparently very persistent and can be traced for considerable distance by the oxidised pyrites or gossan. The mineral belt appears to be covered quite a large area, but the actual prospecting has been confined to a circumscribed zone.

Another tributary of the Birkenhead River on which very similar conditions exist to those occurring in Blackwater is Owl Creek. This empties in about eight miles southwesterly and only about three miles from Pemberton Meadows. Most of the prospecting work done on this creek has been by Indians, who have brought away many pieces of float showing iron and copper pyrites, but having found no ledge or well defined veins. But until cheap transportation is furnished the discoveries will have no value unless some are made where the ore carries sufficient gold to warrent the use of the chlorination process and loss of the copper contents.

The investigations of the writer in this heretofore practically unknown portion of British Columbia have resulted so far in establishing the fact that the mineral belt which promises to become the most imortant and yield the most permanent results lies westerly and southwesterly from Bridge River.

How far towards the Coast and beyond the Upper Lillooet River this belt extends is not determined. Reports of discoveries along the coast above Howe Sound have been circular during the present season by the press of Vancouver and a few mineral claims were located in 1897 along the Squamish trail. The country lying between the Upper Lillooet and Bridge River north westerly from Blackwater is to-day almost virgin, because only three expeditions of white prospectors have ever attempted to pen - trate even to the summit from the Lillooet, and none have explored the Bridge River country beyond Cadwallader Creek. The writer in June last and a party headed by William Cusick and guided by Stickine Johnny, an Indian, formed two of these expeditions, while Edward Atkins, of Westminster, with two Indian guides, formed the third.

The Cusick party traveled over a different route from the others, but reported the canditions with regard to the indications of mineral as very similar to those heretofore mentioned.

During the writer's residence in this section he has been unable to learn of any discoveries of lodes or veins on the northeasterly side of the Bridge river. The lower portion, though, from Jack's Landing, 40 miles above the mouth down, is virgin ground so far as regards prospecting for quartz. Considerable placer mining has been done from time to time and the yield was satisfactory, but the source has yet to be discovered. Certainly it was not the quartz ledges of the South Fork and Cadwallader creek which enriched the lower river, because the fall does not exceed 100 feet between the mouth of the South Fork and Jack's Landing, a distance of about 40 miles.

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The Bend 'Or Mines.

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We are given to understand that the description of the property given in the prospectus just issued at Vancouver was more than realized by Messrs Robertson Talbot and Hamilton and that the value of the property exceeded their expectations.

Mr. Burwell has been engaged in surveying for a mill-site and ditches for water-power, and Mr. Hamilton in ascertaining the possibilities of putting a stamp mill on the property this winter.

We hear that in spite of the absence of roads it is the intention of the owners to have a stamp-mill in working order by the spring, the machinery will be taken in over the ice and snow on sleighs this winter. It is to be hoped that the provincial government will surely in the spring see the necessity of making a possible road into Cadwallader Creek, the enterprise and outlay of the Bend'Or company ought surely to show the Government the confidence this company has in the future of this rich mineral section.

Mr. Arthur Noel returns to the Bend Or mines on Monday taking with him supplies for the winter. Work will be carried on steadily all winter part of the work will include a 400 foot tunnel.

The Lorne Cleanup.

Mr. Darby Beattie returned on Monday morning from Bridge River. He paid a visit to the Lorne Group. Messrs. Williams, Coughlan and Young have just completed a clean-up after a ten days run of their arrastra. The return amounted to $400 which is considered very satisfactory.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Golden Cache company will be held at Vancouver on November 16th.

We understand that Rev. R. Hughes will in all probability remain in Lilliooet now until the May conference in 1899. A strong appeal was made to him to remain, which he felt bound to obey. The parsonage will be fitted up and made habitable. Mr. Hughes says that he is down with the usual Methodist disease "the dollar rash." He wants the modest sum of $60 to fix his place up. A social evening will be held on behalf of this fund shortly.

A poor man lay dying and his good wife was tending him with homely but affectionate care. "Dont you think you could eat a bit of something, John?" "Now what can I get for you?" With a wan smile he answered feebly; "Well I seem to smell a ham cooking somewhere, I think I could do with a little of that."

"Oh no John dear" she answered promptly. You can't have that.—That's for the funeral."

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs A. Mcdonald has been on the sick list this week.

D. Sutherland returned from a trip up the lakes on monday.

We are glad to state that Mr. Blanchard is now convalascent.

Rev. Hardie of Clinton held service in the Methodist Church last Sunday morning,

The Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs J. B. Arthur has been very sick for the past few days.

Charles Diamond came in on last Friday's stage and will be engaged as book keeper for Arthur Noel.

W. J. Thompson representing the Inland Sentinel at Kamloops spent a day in town last week in interests of his paper.

Ab Brett returned from the Coast on last Friday's stage and will join his brothers on McGillivray Creek claim for the winter's work.

Mr. Miller, Duguid, Durban and A Phair went up to the North Fork on a hunting expedition and will be absent for several days.

W. F. Gibson returned from a trip to the Ida May mine last Friday evening and put the week in arranging for his winter's supply of grub for the mine.

Mrs. Glencross who has been running the dining-room at the Hotel Victoria for the past fifteen months left on last Saturday's stage for Ashcroft where she will reside for the winter.

Mr. Charles Wray came down from the North Fork of Bridge River on Saturday and left with supplies on Monday. He reports very satisfactorily of the placer prospects there.

Mr. John Collum left on Monday for his hotel at Sucker Creek. He has been down on business, ordering considerable things for the external and internal comfort of his patrons.

It is very much to be regretted that samples of the quartz from the Pioneer claim owned by W. Allen were not on exhibit at New Westminster show. They are considered by all who have seen these samples to be the richest gold bearing quartz ever brought down from this wonderful district.

The Rev Arcdeacon Small held service on Sunday in the Church of England both morning and evening which were both fairly attended. It is the intention of the church authorities to dispose of one lot of land belonging to them in in order to raise funds to repair the church so that services can be held during the winter months. With the church made habitable and the remaining lots fenced in, it would add considerably to the appearance of our Main Street. A notice calling for tenders for the purchase of one lot has been po t d up

G. Dougherty came in town on Monday from McGillivray Creek.

A. Martley and W. Munroe were passengers on Monday's stage.

Mrs A. W. Smith has been sick during the past few days but is slightly better now.

Last Tuesday morning Me sr . R. F. Skinner, W. Place, W. Farrell W. Munroe and W. Murray accompanied by W. Gibson went up to the Brett claim on McGillivray Creek to examine the property there. The tunnel work is being pushed ahead.

Kitchener to Retire.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—It is reported that General Kitchener will retire from the British service. His eyesight is badly effected. He regards his work as finished.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at the court house, Clinton, on Thursday 27th October, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

4 F. SOUES,
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo.

COUNTY COURT.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at the court house, Lillooet, B. C., on the 31st day of October, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon. By command

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