

new creeks were located and to some extent prospected. The most notable developments were on streams near the head of Forty Mile, the best results being shown by Chicken Creek, which enters Forty Mile about 125 miles from its mouth. Discovery claim on Chicken Creek is reported to have produced \$70,000 during the season, only five men being employed. Dome Creek, in American territory, has shown \$4 to the pan. Large areas of placer ground on Forty Mile and its tributaries were located in 20-acre claims for hydraulic purposes, quite a number of associations of eight persons taking up 160-acre tracts, as they are allowed to do under the United States mining laws. Many claims thus relocated have in the past produced from \$6 to \$10 per day to the man, but were abandoned for the richer ground on the Klondike, and it is the opinion of experts that large returns will be obtained under hydraulic processes. Several companies have made contracts for the introduction of hydraulic machinery, and it is probable that during the season of 1899 a thorough test will be made of the possibilities in this direction. The output for the past season is estimated at \$200,000. Several hundred men ascended Forty Mile during the spring, and in the latter part of June prospectors were passing up the stream at the rate of fifty per day. As most of those entering the district are practical miners and fairly well outfitted, it is safe to predict that Forty Mile will show a large output as the result of the coming season's work.

The American Creek district was thoroughly prospected last winter and a great deal of development work was done, but it was impossible to secure any accurate data in regard to the output. It is reported that some claims yielded 3 ounces per day to the man. Several claims have been sold at prices ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000. At the mouth of Mission Creek, of which stream American Creek is a tributary, a town known as Eagle City has sprung up during the past few months, and on June 25 there were about 300 people there, living principally in tents. A number of substantial log houses have been built, and many more are in course of construction. This is the natural distributing point for the Forty Mile district, there being a short portage over a low divide, and the mines at the head of Seventy Mile can also be reached from American Creek. The commercial companies are establishing trading posts at Eagle City with a view of supplying the American Creek, Forty Mile, and Seventy Mile diggings. Capt. P. H. Ray, U. S. A., located a military reservation at Eagle City in February last, and has recommended the establishment of a post there.

Much prospecting and some development work have been done in the Seventy Mile district. Over forty new creeks have been staked, the locations numbering over a thousand. A few sales are reported at small prices. Old timers have great faith in the future of Seventy Mile, and hundreds of men will try their luck in the district the coming year. A town site has been located at the mouth of Seventy Mile Creek, and the place is known as Star City. A number of buildings were in course