

IMMENSE DOMINION DUMPS

Detailed Statement of Mining on a Rich Creek.

Many Machines Are Being Worked and the Approaching Washup Will Be Correspondingly Large.

Dominion has the largest dumps of any creek except Eldorado, and the cleanup will be a rich one. What figures the cleanup will reach is hard to estimate for the ground varies greatly and two dumps perhaps on the same claim will be of far different value. The ground is being worked systematically this winter and machinery is used on the majority of claims while laymen are not so numerous.

No. 21 above upper has some nice dumps out, and the pay has been first-class. Ed Hearn has lately disposed of the ground not drifted out and his machinery to his employees, a thing that speaks well for the claim for the workmen certainly know what is going on. No. 20 above has not been worked, but the owners have men at work now sinking, and the ground will probably be worked this summer. Sinclair Brothers have done some very fine work on 19 above upper, drifting under a glacier with wood fires. The boys are certainly experts in their line and have out some good dumps. No. 17 has out some fair dumps, as also has 18, the former being drifted with steam. No. 16 above has out the largest dumps in this vicinity and the boys have had some very fine pay. They used a thawer. No. 14 above has a complete thawer and hoist and are getting out a large dump. Mr. John McCormack, one of the owners, has recently moved out to the claim from 36 above Sulphur. The ground yields very fair pay and will be continuously worked. No. 12 above has had a thawer at work ever since last fall, and the dumps are very fair ones. No. 11 was not worked during the early winter, but later laymen came out and lined up with No. 12's pay and are doing very well. Nos. 7 and 8 above have some very fine dumps, and the pay is reported good. The claims were profitably worked last summer and will be worked out this year. No. 5 above had a few prospect holes sunk during the winter and the pay located. Recently Clarence Boatman, a layman, sold out to Mr. Elliot, and Mr. E. W. Mills is in charge, having a thawer at work night and day, and the dumps are growing rapidly. Nos. 3 and 4 above will be worked this summer with machinery. No. 2 above has some fine dumps out and the dirt has proved very rich. Messrs. Smith, Holden and Nichols will work continuously till the ground is drifted out. No. 1a above has a steam plant and fair dumps. No. 1 above has the largest dumps on the upper part of the creek. Mr. Beck is not inclined to talk much about his pay, but the ground paid to burn last winter, and the quiet smile of its owner speaks well for this winter's output. The claim will be worked this summer, as will also upper discovery claim. The lower half has two plants at work and some very fair dumps. No. 2 below was worked last summer and closed till the first of March. Preparations have been made for continuous work and a thawer is being utilized in taking out some very fine pay. No. 3 below has the largest dumps above Cariboo City and has also found the largest nugget this winter and next to the largest ever found on the creek. No. 4 below has out some very fine dumps and the claim is classed among the richest on the creek. Mr. J. E. McAlpine recently arrived from the outside and went to work in dead earnest. The dumps on No. 5 are growing very rapidly and prove the efficiency of machinery. The Nugget representative happened along about noon and 250 large buckets had been hoisted that day. Andrew Halsted has quite a gang of men at work on 6, and his dumps are large ones. The pay is first class and the steam plant used is thoroughly up to date. No. 7 is being worked by laymen and the pay has been first-class. The dumps are quite large and promise to sluice up well. No. 8 below has out some good dumps and will be worked this summer. Mr. Debnay has a complete plant on the claim and will open the ground up in first-class style. No. 9 below has out some very large dumps and the ground is considered as good as No. 10. Both claims have steam thawers and hoists and are being worked to their full capacities. No. 12 below has a very pretty plant and two cages are utilized to bring the glittering dust to the surface. Frank Swanson, the owner,

has charge of the work and the large dump is an evidence of his ability. C. E. Coy has been working 14 below continuously since last winter and his dumps this winter are very good ones. No. 15 below has a thawer at work and some fair dumps. No. 16 had to close down some time back, the water driving the men out. No. 17 is being worked on lays and the dumps are a prominent feature of the creek's development. The pay is good, and smiling countenances are found in each cabin. No. 18 below is in charge of the Edgar brothers, who own half the claim. They have out a very large dump and the dirt has a high average. No. 19 was worked out last winter excepting a small portion of the upper part. The workmen were driven out by water early in the winter, and work has since been abandoned. No. 21 has the lower end working, and the pay will average very fair. Nos. 21a and 22 have out the largest dumps on Dominion not using steam. The ground is very good and both claims will be worked this summer. No. 24 has good dumps out which promise to sluice well. A number of men have been employed burning and windlassing. No. 31 below upper to No. 3a above lower is the most extensively worked portion of the creek. Every claim has machinery and the dumps stand like mountain peaks. It would be hard to tell which has the largest dumps, or which is the richest, as no two claims utilize exactly similar machinery. No. 34 was forced to abandon some very rich ground, as the water entered their drifts. A similar misfortune occurred to No. 33. No. 36 uses a trolley line and the dumps come up to a peak like the dome. No. 13 above lower has two plants at work and pay has been located over a hundred feet wide. J. C. Felix has about 20,000 buckets out on his fraction, 11a, a very good showing for himself and two men. The Nugget representative saw eight pans taken from various parts of the dump rocked, and they averaged 20 cents. Mat Duffy on 11 has some very rich ground as has H. Holst on No. 10. Both claims are being worked thoroughly with machinery, and the dumps are above the average. No. 9a is burning the ground and the dumps are of fair size and the pay is good. No. 9 above is being well opened up and will be worked during the summer. Some very fair dirt has been hoisted and the dumps are good. No. 8a above is worked by laymen, who have out large dumps—steam again leading its power to secure the earth's treasure. No. 8 above has two plants and the men are raising some very fine pay. No. 7a above has four lays and machinery is employed. The pay is above average and a good cleanup from the claim is anticipated. Jack Nelson on No. 7 above is employing a number of men and has a very fine plant, including pumps for raising a sluice head. His dumps are large and said to be rich. From 7 above lower the pay seems to leave the creek and enter the left limit hillsides, many of which were worked last summer. Of those doing winter work, Nos. 5 and 6 have out the largest dumps and are said to be very rich. Mr. Wallace of 6 has had some very fine pay and his dumps are large ones. Several lays are being worked on these claims, among those doing good work are Mr. Lamb on 6 and Al Bartlett on 5, both having good dumps. The Anderson property on No. 3 pup has been successfully worked by laymen and some good dumps are in evidence. Lower discovery claim has at last located the pay near the hillside lines and fair dumps have been taken out. No. 2 below is being worked by laymen who have out some good dirt. The next two claims, 2a and 2b, were working on a poor pay streak and accidentally struck a second streak that is a winner. The boys quickly lined up and the dumps on the right bank of the creek are good ones. Mr. Hebb, one of the owners of 2b and 5 below recently made a tip out and he says the ground is showing up far beyond his expectation. Nos. 5 and 6 below are being worked by laymen and both claims are dotted with dumps. The pay is said to be very good. No. 7 below is being worked by the owners, as is 9 and 11; all three burning the ground and having out large dumps. No. 12 below is let on lays and this claim and No. 12a are said to be extremely rich. Messrs. Zimmerman, Crowell and Stenwick have a nice plant on the latter claim and will work the ground till drifted out. No. 18 below has few dumps and 19 has out some very large ones. The ground is above the average and the owners will have a nice cleanup. No. 21 has shown up unusually well, and although the dumps are not as large as some other claims in the vicinity, the expense is smaller and Messrs. Gerow and Whalley will have a profitable winter's work. Nos. 22, 23 and 24 have good dumps, and the pay continues good. It enters the hillside at No. 25, and Mr. Richards and part-

ners have a thawer at work and have taken out some rich dumps. H. Bou-lais is working the lower part of No. 30 creek claim with a complete steam plant and the upper part is let out on lays. A large number of men are employed here and a small village has sprung up. The dumps are very large and said to contain good pay. No. 32 hillside is a summer proposition and from here to 7a the pay is in the hillsides. Several have out good dumps and the remainder will be worked this summer. The great drawback will be water to sluice. Murphy brothers have out good dumps on creek claim 73b. Their dirt is not rich, but it will hold up to a good average and there is quite a depth of it. No. 73c had a thawer and quite a gang of men at work and some fair dumps are ready to be sluiced. Nos. 73d and 74 divide the pay with the hillsides and all the ground is being worked. The creek claims utilized a thawer. McCrimmons brothers prospected 76 hillside and have located fair pay. The hillsides to 80 below are being worked or prospected, fair pay has been located on many and the dumps are fast putting in appearance. Messrs. Dillman and Winters have out some good dumps on 80 creek claim, as have also their neighbors on 79. Pay has been located on the hillsides in the eighties and on several creek claims on the extreme lower creek; but very little has been done. The coming summer will see a great deal of prospecting on lower Dominion hillsides and some good pay will be located.

Of the hillsides on the upper creeks, Nos. 5 and 9 below upper have been drifted with thawers and considerable dirt taken out, the latter claim having a very large dump. Nos. 27 and 28 below upper have complete plants of machinery and good dumps, while 15 below drifted with fires. These three hillsides are considered among Dominion's best property. Today, sluice boxes are being built, dams are being constructed and every one is preparing for the cleanup that will surprise the country and place the creek second only to Eldorado. Several Dominion claims have had small cleanups already. Frank Swanson on 12 below upper had his boxes in last week and run the dirt from the cage in wheel barrows to the boxes. Joe Barrett and Geo. Lamore on 12 above lower started sluicing a little on March 20, but did not continue the work.

THE LAD FROM INVERNESS.

He would go, they could not keep him, for he came of fighting stock. Though his widowed mother pleaded, he was firm as any rock. Well he loved the patient woman who had nursed him on her breast. Been quite blind to all his follies, but he loved his country best. "I'll come home again," he told her; "I'll come home again some day." Laid his face to hers and kissed her, said good-bye to the maid and away. Stronger than the voice that pleaded, "Laddie, laddie, bide at home." Was the shrill voice of the bugle and the deep voice of the drum. Calling to him all the day, calling to him in his dreams. "Come, lad! Come, lad! Come! Come! Come!" His face was like a maiden's face, so smooth it was and fair. The laughter in his eyes of gray, the sunshine in his hair. But a man's heart, true and gallant, beat beneath the tartan plaid. And a strong right arm he boasted, did this Bonnie Highland lad. Oh, the battlefield is gruesome, with its dying and its dead. But 'twas to the field of battle that the drum and bugle led. Magesfontein—and the bullets biting fiercely right and left. And the tartan kilt and hose there in the thickest of the fight. Fearful odds, and none to help them, fight they boldly, undismayed. Gallant clansmen of the northland! Brave soft Highland brigades! Someone blundered, this we know. When you met the ambushed foe. But you fought as heroes fight, and you died as heroes die. This we know, this we know.

Where the fighting had been fiercest, as the sun sank in the west. Did they find the widow's laddie, with a bullet in his breast. And his smiling face turned upward. Did he dream at last—who knows? Of the far-off hills of Scotland? Lying there in kilt and hose. With the gold hair gleaming brightly underneath the bonnet blue. And the tartan plaid laid gently o'er the heart so brave and true. Stilled forever. With death's coming did there fall upon his ear Music that he loved to list to, bugle call so high and clear. Thrilling, stirring, sweeter, shriller, and the deep voice of the drum, calling to him through the shadows, calling softly through the shadows. "Come, lad! Come, lad! Come! Come! Come!" — Jean Blewett.

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