

left our official guide to make such arrangements as should best enable us to see as many varieties as possible of the mining operations. He arranged that we should drive in a four-horse conveyance through the principal creeks, under the guidance of a constable of the Northwest Mounted Police. I do not think that a more satisfactory method of making our tour could have been devised.

To visit the mining camp in this way has only recently been rendered possible by the newly constructed government roads, which were nearly completed at the time of our visit. These roads are the greatest boon to the country, and have been welcomed with much gratitude by all the inhabitants.

The following were the most important properties which we visited during our trip, including a preliminary day's drive, and a final day's expedition on foot :—

- (1) Messrs. Chute and Wills' claims in Gold Run.
- (2) Mr. C. C. Johanson's claims on Hunker Creek.
- (3) Messrs. Quigg, Cooke and Mizner's claims in Trail Creek, on Bonanza.
- (4) The Lewes River Mining and Dredging Company's operations in Bonanza Creek.
- (5) Messrs. Stewart, Chute and Corthoy's quartz claims, Lone Star and New Bonanza, on Victoria Gulch.

So much has been written about the Klondike district that the nature of the region and of the gold deposits is now fairly familiar, and most of what I can say on this subject is doubtless well known to you. I need not pause to describe the many signs of prosperity and stability which the traveller now sees in Dawson City—the large stores, the banks, the saw mills, the churches, the electric supply works, the vegetable gardens—because I feel sure that all these are well known to you. But, in order to omit nothing that may be of interest, I propose to give you a somewhat full account of all that I was able to see in the camp, and to write