

## A TRIP THROUGH CARIBOO—No. 2.

BULLION, QUESNEL MINING DIVISION.

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**B**ULLION is the camp of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company and the centre of the biggest enterprise in Cariboo. You can get to it from Ashcroft, either by departing from the main stage line at 180-Mile House and going—through the Horsefly Country over an exceedingly



Big Lake—A Comfortable Stopping Place.

bad piece of road—the way the Japs chose this year when they walked out because too economical or too poverty-stricken to pay stage fare; or, and preferably, by transferring from the B. C. Express at 150-Mile to Parker's Express and driving over fifty-two miles of moderately bad road. Perhaps we were prejudiced in our impression of the road, but pouring rain, and corduroy, and Beaver Lake Hill, ugh!

The journey from 150-Mile House to Bullion and Quesnelle Forks occupies two days, the intervening



No. 1 Pit, Bullion.

night being spent at Big Lake. Here, at an elevation of 3,000 feet, Mr. Parker has a ranch of four thousand acres on which near the margin of a beautiful sheet of water seven miles long, are a comfortable house and good outbuildings. In spite of high altitude farming is carried on successfully. Oats generally

average 1,500 pounds, but one field was seen which would yield 3,000 pounds to the acre. Wheat is raised only as feed. For farm, stage, and freighting purposes one hundred horses are kept. Profitable as farming is, cattle ranching would be more so. This Mr. Parker realizes, and has made a start with a hundred head. The country is an ideal one for grazing purposes—park-like, with abundance of wild hay and pea-vine, and many lakes. This pertains generally to the whole section between the Mountain House and Quesnelle Forks, yet the only land so far taken up is that of Wm. Parker at Big Lake, and of Hamilton at Beaver Lake.

The Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Company, Limited, incorporated in 1897, and composed principally of C. P. R. officials, has for six seasons been carrying on extensive mining operations at Bullion, which is situated on the South Fork of Quesnelle River midway between Quesnelle Forks and Quesnelle Lake. There being abundant capital at the disposal of the company, it has been possible to equip the mine and camp in a model fashion, in fact, in a style commensurate with the wealth which the gravels are believed to contain. Already the mine has produced one



Two 8-inch streams opening up Pit No. 2 at S. Fork Mine, Cariboo.

million and a quarter dollars, inclusive of what was taken out during the four seasons previous to '98 when the company was known under another name, although the shareholders were practically the same. In consideration of the large mining area, the high-grade gravels and the complete hydraulic plant, the Bullion mine is maintained to be the greatest mine of its kind on the North American continent and probably in the world. Not only so, but it has in J. B. Hobson, its manager for eleven years, a man of ability and great experience, one who has devoted his life to the study and pursuit of hydraulic mining, one who understands what he is about and does not experiment at the company's expense.

The property comprises thirty-four placer mining leases, aggregating 2,584 acres of land, extending a distance of about ten miles, and embracing a system of ancient river channels. If you refer to the accom-