

QUARTZ MINING OF YUKON.

Developments Disclose Plenty of High Grade Ore.

Recorder Milton Martin Gives Interesting Information Relative to This Class of Property.

The quartz properties of the Yukon territory are becoming matters of interest to capitalists and mining men. Since last August innumerable locations have been made and recorded. Until then but little faith had been evinced in the quartz resources of the country; but assays have since proven that the Yukon only requires development to be a great producer. The laws respecting this class of mining are more liberal than those governing placer claims. The payment of \$100 in cash, or \$100 worth of work, holds a quartz claim for one year; and upon proof of \$500 worth of work having been done, an absolute grant to the property is made by the government.

"Every quartz extension which has been prospected thoroughly has shown satisfactory assays. Conglomerate of quartz has given assays which have run very high in gold. There are stories of specimens of such rock, which put the valuation as great as \$600 and \$800 to the ton. Galena ore, bearing silver, lead, and a small per centage of gold, has been found in the vicinity of Dawson. Fine specimens of antimony, giving returns as rich as 60 per cent in silver, evidence the occurrence of vast bodies of such ore. Asbestos, though not in paying quantities, has been uncovered on the west side of the Yukon river.

Mr. H. Milton-Martin, the quartz claim recorder, is enthusiastic over the quartz aspect of the territory, and places great confidence in the richness of the Yukon in this class of mining.

In speaking of these sort of mineral resources, Mr. Milton-Martin said: "The extent of quartz properties in this country will be a surprise to many people who are otherwise well informed. True, numerous extensions have been staked with out any previous prospecting, and this fact has tied up considerable property, but nevertheless most of the locations have been made after a thorough investigation of the particular ground. This latter class of property has been developed, and it has prospected well. I have seen many specimens which assayed from \$40 to \$75 in gold to the ton.

"At present there are 13 groups of claims which are being operated, each group being comprised of from four to eight claims, and a claim is 1,500 feet square. Work is being conducted on the quartz extension on the Dome, and on six claims which are situated up the Yukon about ten miles distant from Dawson. Considerable money has been expended in developing what is termed the Eldorado reef group, which is owned by a London syndicate. An application has been filed at Ottawa for an absolute grant for this Eldorado property. The N. A. T. & T. Co. and the A. E. Co. are interested in quartz claims, and are industriously engaged in working their ground.

"There are 1182 quartz claims recorded in the Dawson office, 276 of these locations having been made within the past three months. I predict that there will be more quartz locations next summer than applications for placer ground. Every day I receive inquiries relative to the law applicable to quartz mining, and when spring opens, I expect that there will be extensive prospecting for this sort of property."

Probst Improving.

M. A. Probst, the aged assistant engineer at fire house No. 1, who sustained a compound fracture of his right arm about two inches above the elbow by the explosion of a barrel in which a steam pipe terminated during the fire a week ago, is getting along as well as

could be expected of a man of his age, Probst being 54 years of age. Dr. Geo. H. Duncan reduced the fracture and the patient is at the Good Samaritan hospital, where every care is bestowed upon him by the attendants. The injured man is much worried over being incapacitated for work, his wife and child back in North Dakota being wholly dependant on him for support. Had the unfortunate accident occurred two minutes earlier, his excellency, Governor Ogilvie, would have been the person injured, he having been standing in the identical spot where Probst was when the explosion took place. As yet no order has been made striking from the pay roll the name of the unfortunate old man who was injured while on duty at a time when nearly the whole city was threatened with total destruction.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Ben Everett, good natured and popular, has assumed the management of the Pavilion, and will prove a most valuable attraction to that resort.

Several thermometers, the kind that come as prizes in chewing gum packages, went out of business last night and this morning, the spirits in them becoming congealed. However, this sort of weather has a tendency to congeal all kinds of spirits.

Eddie O'Brien, who was left homeless by the late fire, was almost, but not quite, left dogless, only saving one of seven. Even the harness of the surviving dog was burned, and Eddie was out today looking for a new set of dog regimentals. He is not engaged in freighting, neither does he contemplate a trip out over the ice; he merely keeps his work dog for fancy driving.

People who expected to see Dawson's population materially increased by the arrival of travelers over the ice from the outside are not realizing their predictions. Up to the present time the number of people who have left Dawson for the outside is greatly in excess of the number that has arrived. Besides, many will leave here for down the river within the next few weeks.

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