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GOLD STREAM.

The Gold Stream Fall, a view of which is presented in this number of The Resources, is situated in a westerly direction and about twelve miles from Victoria. As will be seen from the picture, the country is much broken, wild and romantic. In the year 1858, when thousands of miners from California and elsewhere, fascinated by the reports of rick auriferous discoveries on the banks of the low Fraser, were camped in and around Victoria, impatiently waiting for low water, the news came that gold had been discovered on a small creek in the immediate vicinity. and a general rush for the new el dorado took place. Gold was found everywhere in the gravel and banks of the stream, but not in sufficient quantities to pay The miners called the place Gold Stream by which name it has ever since been known. The name itself is musical and captivating, and as a distinguishing feature, is all that can be desired, but to the miner it has ever proved a delusion and a snare. As a pleasure resort, however, it is an interesting and lovely spot, and the summer tourist will be amply rewarded for any trouble he may be put to in paying it a visit. In 1881-2, several quartz ledges were discovered in the vicinity of Gold Stream. Speculation rose to fever heat and the lucky "owners of quartz," counted their prospective wealth by millions. Much money was spent, and a good deal of work done, but the only return therefor was in the form of anticipation. Many laughable scenes are said to have taken place during the excitement, and thousands of dollars were offered and refused for claims one week, that were declared worthless, and abandoned the next. It is reported as an actual fact that one company appeared at the diggings and began work with masons' trowels. They were gentlemen, of course, and were quite excusable, seeing, as the miners say, they were a little green. The Fall is I

about a mile-and-a-half above the bridge which crosses the stream at Gilmore's on the Leech River trail. When viewed from the deep gorge at the foot of the Fall, the scene is beautifully picturesque. The Douglas fir, cottonwood and other trees form an areade of great beauty over the sparkling, silvery stream as it dashes down the steep incline into the pretty little rock-worn basin which nestles at its foot. The vertical, and at some points, overhanging rocks which form a natural amphitheatre in the deep ravine, possess quite as much interest as the fall itself and add much to the beauty and grandeur of the scene. Here upon the walls and in the crevices of the rocks, a variety of Maiden Hair fern and natural grasses have grown for ages undisturbed and unattended by any save the ever thoughtful hand of nature. A brief description of the Fall, with notes taken on a drive to Gold Stream, should have appeared in this number, but in consequence of the publication of the reports of the various fairs held in the Province. is unavoidably postponed. It will appear in our Christmas number.

FROM ONE TREE.

A Douglas fir, felled at A. C. Frazer's camp at English Bay, cut the following logs:

1	log,	62 ft.	long,	40 in	. dia	meter,	5299 5600	ft.
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1	44	36	"	54	**	"	5625	ft.
1	"	24	**	56	**	٠.	4056	ft.

20,580 ft.

This was all clear lumber for the export trade. There could have been cut another log 32 ft. long, fit for local trade.

C. Woods of North Arm, Frazer river, has a field of forty acres, from which he has been cutting timothy for fourteen years, and this year his crop averaged three tons per acre.