

mines will also be closed down early in the season. On Spanish Creek the Moore Company working a drifting mine had a fairly successful season. On Keithley Creek, the Onward Company paid substantial profits, while John Malcolm, a pioneer miner working on this creek, struck a very good prospect in the hill. Other claims on this creek have done fairly well. On Snowshoe Creek the hydraulic claims suffered also by reason of the season's inadequate water supply. However, the Hayward Company did well, and other claims on this creek worked by Chinamen yielded good wages. On Morehead Creek, Jay Pratt, with a small force of men constructed a ditch to bring in a small water supply to prospect a high bench of gravel, the prospects so far being very encouraging. On Horsefly Creek new prospects were discovered this autumn, but not enough work was done to prove the extent of these

power plant at the falls, which in their natural state are estimated to develop 15,000 h.p. There are seven placer leases in force or applied for on this river, of which this company controls five. They are said to have expended about \$25,000 already on the flume-grade, mill and dam. Work is still progressing and will be continued during the winter.

Perry Creek.—In this district the work of the season has been chiefly that of development—installation of hydraulic plants, and the commencement of active mining operations by the Perry Creek Hydraulic Company, whose operations have greatly stimulated placer mining in this vicinity. There are 19 leases in force on this river and 7 more applied for. The East Kootenay Placer Mining Company are said to have disposed of their leases and steam shovel and other machinery to a strong American company, who are applying for additional leases further up stream.



C. P. N. Co's Morrissey Mines, Surface Works.

new finds. A reasonably large gold production has been made from the district considering the unfavourable conditions.

NOTES ON PLACER AND HYDRAULIC MINING IN FORT STEELE MINING DIVISION.

WILD HORSE CREEK.—The placers and dry diggings of this creek are being worked mainly by Chinamen under lease from the crown grantees. The yearly production is estimated by the Fort Steele Prospector is \$30,000. The Nip and Tuck hydraulic claim produced last year about \$10,000, and this season's clean-up is expected to show an increase. Leases have been applied for for dredging purposes near Fort Steele.

Bull River.—The Bull River Mining & Power Company has been busy all summer continuing the work of damming the river about two miles above the falls to divert the most of the water into a flume or stave-pipe, the expectation being to recover enough gold from the dry river bed to defray the cost of a huge

Other leases have been applied for on tributaries of Perry, such as Manchester and Valley Creeks.

Moyie River and Tributaries.—Four hydraulic leases have been granted during the year on the Moyie and its tributaries, Nigger and Salisbury Creeks. Little has been done except initiatory development work.

Trent Creek.—Three placer claims were staked on this tributary of Joseph's Prairie Creek this summer, and a company under the guidance of an expert old-timer has hopes of bright things after the winter lay-off.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES AND THE BRITISH INVESTOR.

(From our London Correspondent.)

LOOKING backward over the past year one has to admit that there has been little to accelerate that revival of public interest in British Columbia mining matters, which was so much in evidence in the latter years of the old century. The flattering tale told by hope in the Machiavellian