

Companion Pictures.

The scenes represented by the engravings on the two pages before us are striking portrayals of two of the most important and interesting episodes in mining life often experienced in British Columbia. The one shows a party of adventurous gold seekers, preparing to start on a prospecting tour. The mule, already laden, is seen vigorously protesting against the load or the proposed journey or both, and as is his wont, presents his demurrer, and urges his objections in the unmistakable logic and conclusive argument of his heels. In "sinching up" the other hybrid, it will be observed that great care is taken by the men not to stand in the way of any "objections" that may be raised, at any moment, by one so proverbial for knock down arguments.

Leaving our friends to settle their disputes with their long eared companions, and to complete their preparations for the journey, and wishing them *bon voyage* we will now, if the reader please, take a glance at the next page and note the scene there presented. Here they have arrived safe and sound, and again pitched their oft moved tents.



OFF ON A PROSPECTING TOUR.

The old man of the party, who has been engaged in the gold quest since the "fall of '49 and spring of '50," has sunk a prospect hole, and is now engaged in washing the first pan. To judge of his success, it is not necessary to examine the large nugget of the precious metal displayed in his open palm, for the bright gleam of his practised eye and the broad smile on his hopeful, honest face, sufficiently attest the fact, that he has, indeed, "struck it rich."

The "Resources" in Europe.

During the last month we have received a large number of orders for this publication from Europe, especially from England and Wales. We feel that we are indebted to our friends here for this welcome increase to our already large circulation, as those thus favoring us with their orders invariably state that they have received one or more copies already; and are desirous of having it come regularly to them.

Railroad Rumbblings.

MONTREAL, June 26. The contract for another great railway enterprise was given out today, to build a new line, called the Ontario and Pacific Railway, from Cornwall, on the bank of the St. Lawrence, to Sault Ste. Marie, to connect with the Northern Pacific Railway, over a big bridge, to the western terminus 700 miles. It is claimed this will make the most direct and shortest line to the west from the Atlantic seaboard, and will give the Northern Pacific an advantage over both the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk from ocean to ocean. The Dominion government's charter gives the company power to build a bridge over the St. Lawrence, and American connections are already secured from the border line to Portland, Maine, Boston, and New York. A large part of the new road will run almost parallel with the Canadian Pacific, to Sault Ste. Marie. It will receive subsidies from municipal and several other sources. The contract was given to Philadelphia men, and the promoters are American and Canada capitalists. Bonds to the extent of \$12,000,000 will be issued. Duncan McIntyre, B. R. Angus, direc.

tors, and Van Horne, general manager, went off in a hurry to meet President Stevens of the Canadian Pacific relative to this threatening scheme. How they can counteract it without purchasing the charter is a mystery. The project, which has been kept a secret, produced a sensation here to-day. It is popular, as the Canadians have been crying out against the Canadian Pacific men.

We sincerely hope that the proposed connection will be built and operated, thus practically giving British Columbia, which is interested only in through rates, the advantage of competing lines and consequent minimum rates for through transportation. The C. P. R. magnates will doubtless now become convinced that no time is to be lost in pushing their road through to the Pacific seaboard, as it is found to be a matter of great difficulty to divert traffic from its accustomed channel. By vigorous work the C. P. R. can be completed one year before the other road.