

From the Mining Camps

KLONDIKE OUTPUT.

Estimated That it Will be About Fifty Millions This Season.

L. H. Gray, General Traffic Manager of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, has been trying while in the north on this trip to secure reliable figures on the probable output of the Klondike district. He talked with a great many miners and has reached the conclusion that the output cannot fail to be between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

His notebook contains many interesting interviews, including one with Guyes & Apple, stove makers of Dawson, who have a good chance to judge the prospective output because they are manufacturing the galvanized iron boxes in which the bulk of the gold will be brought out. "From the number of miners who have been to our establishment to enquire after the iron boxes we would place the figure at \$50,000,000," is the statement made by the firm. "We have made many inquiries about this matter from miners who have visited us and in that way made up the estimate."

L. R. Fulda, of the Alaska Commercial Company, who just arrived down from the north, says that the output will be \$40,000,000. He has visited the entire country in the vicinity of Dawson in the capacity of manager of the big San Francisco Company and his figures are from personal observation.

G. C. Sanford, of Green Lake, Seattle, and R. King, of San Francisco, also declare \$40,000,000 as the proper figure for the Klondike output. They think the rich bench claims will add many millions to the creek bed output. The gold will be distributed more than last year on this account.

Dr. Martin Damourte, of Butte, Montana, and Denver, Colorado, announces himself one of the luckiest men in the north. Through the chance friendship of a couple of Chilcat River Indians, he says, he was taken to one of the richest gold deposits in the whole Alaskan coast country. The Indians passed his cabin very much fatigued from a long trip in the mountains. The physician invited them into his cabin for the night and fed them well. In return for such an unexpected welcome, the Indians told him of a wonderful discovery they had made a few weeks before in the hills. They led him to a hidden gulch which they called Skookum and told the physician to dig anywhere and he would get gold. A few feet from the surface he began to get rich colors and long before there was an indication of bedrock the great worth of the diggings was proven. Several large nuggets were found. The Indians took the doctor further into the mountains until they came to a lake which was fed by a large stream. The Indians called this Slocan. They got around a 60-foot waterfall and came to two more small streams. All of these were prospected and everywhere many evidences of rich gold deposits were found. In several of the prospect holes \$2 and \$3 to the pan were secured. So runs the doctor's interesting story.

San Francisco, May 8.—A letter from Dawson dated April 8th, says: The Yukon "Sun" estimates the total output of the Klondike region for the Winter of 1898-99 at \$20,000,000. It is doubtful if this estimate is up to the mark, which may reach twice that amount. Notwithstanding the predictions of last Fall that the Canadian royalty would stop work, more dirt has been taken out this year on the creeks outside El Dorado and Bonanza than was taken out in the whole district last year. There has been a general exodus to the creeks of men seeking work, and the trails where the dumps are thickest are lined with the tents of those seeking employment during the clean-up.

LAKE BENNETT.

Max Macgowan, son of A. H. B. Macgowan, returned yesterday from a visit to Lake Bennett, where he has been lately on business. The latest sensation in that district is the discovery of gold six miles out from Log Cabin on the Pantall trail, on the way to Atlin. When he was coming through the news of this discovery was creating quite an excitement. Over 100 claims had been staked then and many more were being laid out every day. The strike was said to be pretty rich, and the man who found it stated that he scraped the gold off the rock and had a very satisfactory result to the pan. Reports showed that the prospects at Atlin were exceedingly good for the season and people expect to have very good cleanups there this season. More miners are, however, now going in to Dawson than to Atlin on account of the exclusion law, and there promises to be heavy business on the river this season.

Mr. Macgowan says that Bennett is now the busiest place in the north and is likely to be so all Summer. Five steamers are building there, and one for the Canadian Development Company is of steel. When the Vancouverite left, work had been done on it for three days and then they were putting the deck planking on the vessel. She was a boat about 150 feet long and very well adapted for use in the north. The other steamers were all nearing completion, and will be ready before the river opens.

The railway people are getting along very well indeed. They are contracting to take goods in to Lake Bennett, to which place they will have completed building the line by the 22nd of June. On the day that Mr. Macgowan left the Red Star Transportation Company, who handle goods along the trail for the Railway Company, had completed their wagon road on the line of the railway survey all the way from Log Cabin to Bennett, and were in a good position to take stuff all the way through. The line is thus all graded between these two points and almost all the way from the Summit to Log Cabin, so that building can go ahead without any delay. A boat will leave Bennett every day for Dawson during the Summer. The Parsons Produce Company have a fine store at Bennett and McLennan, McFeely & Co. are now making arrangements for opening theirs.

VALUABLE TEXADA FINDS.

The largest and most valuable find in the Texada mining camp was brought to light last Thursday in the Marble Bay mine, owned by J. J. Farmer & Co., of Toronto, and managed by F. W. McCrady, M. E. The mine, although only some twelve months standing, considerable work being done in so short a time. The shaft which is splendidly timbered, is 150 feet deep and contains five drifts, in which are found rich deposits of gold and copper ore. Thursday's find created something of a sensation among the residents, six lots for building purposes being sold within an hour or two of its being brought to the surface.

TEN INCHES OF COPPER.

A new strike has been made on the Silver Cup mine near Revelstoke. 115 feet in the drift a 10 inch view of the famous gray copper of the Silver Cup was struck. This is the richest strike yet made in the mine.

A PROMISING PROPERTY.

Revelstoke "Herald." W. B. Pool and D. F. Cameron returned from the Lardeau yesterday from a visit to the Nettle L to make a report for the Great Western Mines Limited, which Company will hold its annual meeting here next Tuesday. They are well pleased with the appearance of the mine, which fully comes up to the recent newspaper reports which have been made of it. They will prepare a report for the meeting and outline a plan of development which will appear in our next issue. Specimens from every part of the lead have been sent away for assays, but only two have been returned so far, which are as follows, made by Howard West of Denver: No. 1 galena, containing gray copper, zinc blende and traces of iron pyrites; gold, 75c.; silver, 351.8 oz. lead, 65.6 per cent., copper 4.9 per cent. No. 2, fine grained galena; gold, 80c.; silver, 134.7 oz.; lead 29, 29.1 per cent. copper, 2.6 per cent.

A RECORD OF SHIPMENTS.

Shipments of ore from the Slocan country are growing in volume weekly and the utmost of activity prevails in the interior. This year promises to be the record one in the matter of shipments and mineral production. Although the Slocan Star and the Ruth, two of the largest shippers of Slocan, have been closed down practically since January 1st, the record of that camp has been kept well to the front. The Payne is out-doing all previous records, and the Last Chance has taken the place of one or the other of the named as silent since the first of the year. The Star has entered on the list and will soon take its old place again, but the Ruth will do but little until the concentrator is built. When the