

in any district in the world, and our copper deposits are as encouraging as one would wish to see considering the amount of work done on them. If we want to persuade British or any other capital to come in here we must not ask prices for practically undeveloped properties that should; only be asked for proved mines. If a man possesses a claim and does a few hundred dollars worth of work on it exposing what looks like a vein, often times the man that owns the adjoining claim, although he has hardly done his assessment work, will ask a fabulous price for his property, on the strength of the other man's showing and work. It is just such hoggishness as this that keeps a camp back and the sooner it is remedied the better.

Up to the present British Columbia has not had a fair chance on the London market. There have perhaps been a few legitimate companies floated that may reasonably be expected to pay dividends, and for that matter may be doing so now; but there has been a very fair amount of "wildcats" started from which the investors will never receive a cent. It seems a peculiar thing that people can be induced to put their money into such hollow schemes, but we verily believe that if someone started a company for the purpose of extracting gold from the concentrated rays of the moon, and issued a plausible prospectus, he would find plenty of fools ready and willing to put up their money. What could be done with a really sound mining property put through in a perfectly business-like manner?

The questions asked by the mining and stock brokers in London about

this country are many and varied. In handling properties they always prefer groups, not single claims. They want to know how far they are from a railway, the cost of freight, treatment at the nearest smelter, rate of wages, cost of living, how much per foot for drilling rock, whether timber and water is plentiful, and a hundred other things. Also it is very evident that some of them keep posted on our legislative affairs out here for we were told that one thing against our country was that its government was in such a disturbed state.

It seems to be the opinion of many people that as soon as the Boer war is over British capital will crowd into South Africa, and that there will be no chance for any other country to obtain a share of it. There will be plenty left to come out here if we offer it some inducement, and also if we keep the name of British Columbia in general and Kamloops in particular before the eyes of the British speculator. This can only be done by advertising the camp as much as possible.

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"Gold is wherever you find it," at least that is what old prospectors say, and they ought to know for some of them have spent a lifetime hunting for it. That there must be a peculiar fascination in the search for the elusive glittering yellow metal everyone knows who has tried it. We all like gold, and never seem to get too much of it—especially newspaper men. There is a certain amount of pleasure in looking at it even if we do not possess it. We like to think of all the nice things we could buy—for our