

CARIBOO'S PROSPECTS.

Old Cariboo's gold vein rose, as official returns show, from a value of \$282,400 in 1895 to a worth of \$384,050 last year, a fairly satisfactory advance when it is considered that the district's development now depends largely upon hydraulicing, which not only needs the employment of large capital and experience, but also calls for much expenditure of time; toil and patience, not being work that can be rushed. The working season of Cariboo is also of about six months only in the case of the hydraulic mines. Making allowance for these things and noting results already obtained, it would, however, seem that Cariboo should this year easily pass the \$500,000 mark as regards its gold production, although 1897 will still be in the main a year of preliminary development only. The Cariboo Hydraulic's early season clean-up of \$71,400 in gold is very encouraging as regards that venture and should the water supply hold out well, despite the small snow-fall of last winter, it would appear that the yield of that mine's gravels, which was last year \$127,000, should this season reach nearly \$200,000, the first results being so favorable.

The managers of the sister mine, the Horseshoe, which, however, has much gravel that is cemented and more difficult to work, also expect a fair season's yield, the sluices looking well. Their advance calculation is a gross return of \$75,000.

Meanwhile the Miocene Company is drifting into the bed-rock in order to open up old channels, that show promising gold indications. If these are borne out by later results and the method of working proves successful in the case of the Miocene, other like enterprises will follow and the Horseshoe country become the productive centre of work of a very large number of miners.

The Cottonwood Company is also busy at work in Cariboo, employing a large force of men and ample capital in constructing lengthy flumes and other hydraulic appliances, and various other companies are steadily employed in the district, in addition to Chinese and other placer miners, whilst in the neighborhood of Barkerville and elsewhere, work is progressing amongst the gold bearing quartz formations.

Hence Old Cariboo is still very much alive in 1897, and may ere long, as so many of its old timers and new prospectors believe and begin to assert a claim to rivalry in at least gold production with even Western Kootenay. Its present yield is still well ahead of those of Yale and East Kootenay respectively

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STOCK QUOTATIONS

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COMPANIES	No. OF SHARES	PAR VALUE	PRICE
TRAIL CREEK.			
Alberta.....	1,000,000	\$ 1.00	\$ 0 10
B. C. Good King.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
B. C. Good Fields.....	2,500,000	2 00	11
Beaver.....	750,000	1 00	10
Big Chief.....	1,500,000	1 00	10
Big Three.....	3,500,000	1 00	10
Bluebird.....	500,000	1 00	10
Bruce.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Butte.....	1,000,000	1 00	02
Caledonian Con.....	500,000	1 00	05 1/2
California.....	2,500,000	1 00	8
C. & C.....	500,000	1 00	7 1/2
Celtic Queen.....	500,000	1 00	7 1/2
Centr. Star.....	500,000	1 00	23
Colonia.....	1,000,000	2 00	23
Commander.....	500,000	1 00	20
Crown Point.....	1,000,000	1 00	50
Deer Park.....	1,000,000	1 00	45
Della Colla.....	1,000,000	1 00	2 1/2
Delaware.....	1,500,000	1 00	12
Eastern Star.....	500,000	1 00	20
Enterprise.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Eric.....	1,000,000	1 00	04
Evening Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	12
Georgia.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Gertrude.....	500,000	1 00	10
Golden Drip.....	500,000	1 00	11
Golden Queen.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Great Western.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Hattle Brown.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Helen.....	500,000	1 00	04
High Ore.....	500,000	1 00	01 1/2
Homeslake.....	1,000,000	1 00	7
Idaho.....	500,000	1 00	10
Imperial.....	1,000,000	1 00	05
Independent.....	1,000,000	1 00	06
Iron Horse.....	1,000,000	1 00	15
Iron Mask.....	500,000	1 00	10
I. X. L.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Josie.....	500,000	1 00	50
Jumbo.....	500,000	1 00	33
Knight-Templar.....	500,000	1 00	04
K. Syme-London.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Le Roi.....	500,000	5 00	7 50
Lily May.....	1,000,000	1 00	14
Mayhew.....	1,000,000	1 00	14
Monarch.....	700,000	1 00	19
Monita.....	750,000	1 00	19
Monte Cristo.....	1,000,000	1 00	12 1/2
Morning Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	07 1/2
Morning Star.....	500,000	1 00	08
Nest Egg.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Northern Belle.....	1,000,000	1 00	06 1/2
Northern.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
O. K.....	1,000,000	1 00	05
Palo Alto.....	1,000,000	1 00	12
Phoenix.....	500,000	1 00	07 1/2
Poorman.....	500,000	1 00	12 1/2
R. F. Lee.....	2,000,000	1 00	12 1/2
Red Mountain View.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Red Point.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Rochester.....	500,000	1 00	10
Rossland Star.....	1,000,000	1 00	15
Rossland, Red Mtn.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
St. Elmo.....	1,000,000	1 00	06 1/2
St. Paul.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Stirling.....	1,000,000	1 00	05
Stirling.....	500,000	1 00	20
Southern C. & W. C.....	500,000	1 00	10
Sultana.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Trail Mining Co.....	2,000,000	100 00	10
Union.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Virginia.....	500,000	1 00	11
War Eagle Con.....	2,000,000	1 00	05
West Le Roi.....	500,000	1 00	15
White Bear.....	2,000,000	1 00	10
Young British Am.....	1,000,000	1 00	06

AINSWORTH.			
Delide.....	700,000	1 00	13
Ellen.....	1,000,000	1 00	07 1/2
BOUNDARY			
Old Ironsides.....	1,000,000	1 00	05
CAMP MCKINNEY			
Cariboo.....	800,000	1 00	50
CAMP FAIR VIEW			
Occidental.....	600,000	1 00	5
NELSON.			
Eschequer.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Hall Mines.....	2,000,000	21 00	6 35
NORTHPORT.			
Red Top.....	1,000,000	\$1 00	10
SLOCAN.			
Athabasca.....	1,000,000	1 00	25
Alamo.....	500,000	1 00	1 00
Bon Diable.....	75,000	1 00	00
Bondholder.....	1,000,000	1 00	00
Buffalo.....	150,000	1 00	25
Cumberland.....	500,000	10 00	18
Dardanelles.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Grey Eagle.....	750,000	1 00	10

COMPANIES.	No. OF SHARES	PAR VALUE	PRICE
Reco.....	1,000,000	1 00	1 50
Slocan Star.....	1,000,000	50	2 30
Sunshine.....	500,000	10 00	08
Washington.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Wonderful.....	1,000,000	1 00	08
TEXADA ISLAND			
Texada Proprietary.....	1,000,000	\$ 25	\$ 0 25
Van Anda.....	5,000,000	1 00	00
Victoria-Texada.....	500,000	25	00
ALBERNI DIST.			
Alberni Mtn Rose.....	250,000	1 00	00
Alberni Con.....	1,000,000	1 00	20
Mineral Creek.....	500,000	1 00	00
Mineral Hill.....	750,000	1 00	00
Quadra.....	500,000	1 00	00
CARIBOO			
Cariboo Gold Fields.....	2,000,000	1 00	10
Cariboo Hydraulic.....	300,000	1 00	10
Columbia & Cariboo.....	1,000,000	1 00	10
Horseshoe Hydraulic.....	200,000	1 00	10
Horseshoe Gold M. Co.....	1,000,000	10 00	13
Slough Creek.....	500,000	1 00	30
LILLOOET DIST.			
Golden Cache.....	500,000	1 00	15
Lillooet Gold Reefs.....	200,000	25	20
Domain Development.....	22,500	1 00	10
Alpha Bell.....	500,000	1 00	30
Cayosh Creek Mines.....	500,000	1 00	30
B. C. Mining Prospectors' Exchange.....	1,000,000	25	00

Dividends paid to date are as follows:
Reco, \$40,000; War Eagle, \$187,000; Rambler, \$40,000; Reco, \$150,000; Slocan Star, \$350,000; Cariboo, \$100,000.

It is estimated that the profits of the mines subjoined have returned the sums plus opposite their respective names:

Payne.....	\$50,000	Goodenough.....	\$50,000
Idaho.....	132,000	Noble Five.....	50,000
Poorman.....	50,000	Northern Belle.....	50,000
Ruth.....	50,000	Antoine.....	50,000
Whitewater.....	40,000	Surprise.....	50,000
Washington.....	20,000	Monitor.....	50,000
Slocan Boy.....	25,000	Last Chance.....	50,000

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WORTH NOTING.
The New Denver Ledge, speaking of Government road construction in Cariboo Creek district, has the following to say, which is apt enough:
"The contracts for the wagon road from Burton City to a point near Mission City, has been let to various contractors. Work will commence this week. A government grant is \$4,000, and claim owners should be well pleased. It is seldom that the government pays money for a road along a creek that is not shipped a carload of ore."