

was right at their cabin door. My contention is the country is too large, the mineral extends and covers too extensive an area for the number who attempt prospecting in that section. The inclination being to find something better or the next man might, and so on until the system of prospecting has practically been regulated to what may be characteristically termed skirmishing.

This system I am confident will be changed as the situation becomes better understood, and the North Thompson will take her proper place among the mineral wealth producers of this province.

Local Claims.

THE COPPER MINES (LTD.), OF B.C.,

Has been formed with a capital of \$125,000, in 125,000 shares of \$1 each. Mr. F. J. Deane, of Kamloops, is the President of the Board of Directors, which is formed of Vancouver gentlemen, with W. Thos. Newman as superintendent of mines. The company has been formed to purchase and develop six claims, four of which are situated on Coal Hill, Kamloops, and two on Harrison Lake.

The Kamloops claims are the Earncliffe and Norma, which adjoin the Iron Mask, the Con Verdant and the Gold Filled. Assays of ore from the Earncliffe gave \$3.50 in gold and 17 per cent. copper. Total values \$33.80 per ton.

Several claims surrounding this group have made shipments, and

following are the returns from the smelter:

Iron Mask-Copper Queen gave on 70 tons, in separate lots, \$2.50 to \$4 in gold, and from 12 to 17 per cent. copper. Total average \$44 per ton of 2,000 lbs.

Iron Cap, adjoining the Con Verdant, on five tons trial shipment, \$58 in gold and several per cent. in copper.

The company has given three-fifths of the capital stock in payment of the purchase price, 50,000 shares having been set aside for working capital.

THE O. K. GROUP.

The O. K. group, consisting of the O. K., Iron Chancellor, and Prince Charlie, owned by Messrs. Freeman Harding, Lane, and Williams, is one of the most promising properties on Coal Hill. The Group is situated S. E. of the Iron Mask about 5 miles S. of Kamloops. On the O. K. a shaft 60 feet has been sunk on a stringer about 8 inches thick of carbonates and iron oxides which gradually increases in width. At the 60 foot level a cross cut 25 feet west, and 24 feet east has been made, exposing in the west cutting a seam of silicates of copper running over 15 per cent copper. Six feet of this seam has been cut through, already and evidently there are several feet more.

Assays from the surface of the O. K. shewed \$46 gold, and 18 per cent copper. On the Iron Chancellor, a quartz lead over 25 feet wide carrying gray copper and bornite, has been cross-cut.

On the Prince Charlie a tunnel has been driven 24 feet in on an iron dyke, cutting seven stringers of