

ing and developing property similar to other bench claims on this river. The last property before we reach Quesnelle mouth is the McLaren property, on which work has been progressing for some little time.

As I am afraid that this paper has gone beyond the space which you may feel inclined to spare in your journal, I must defer my description of Upper Cariboo until your next number. I hope, however, that I have given you sufficient data to arouse the interests of would-be investors, so that they may feel inclined to personally examine the deep deposits of a district which all British Columbians will agree with me in naming "Golden" Cariboo.

J. M. BUXTON.

The Starting Point to the Interior.

It may be interesting to those who have never travelled over the Cariboo Road and to others who may wish to ship goods into the interior to learn the following particulars:

Ashcroft is, it may be said, the jumping-off place on the C. P. R. for travellers bound for Cariboo. Immediately opposite the station is the Ashcroft Hotel, a roomy house with comfortably furnished rooms and other conveniences, where the night is spent before taking the stage; or if the travellers wish to spend a day or two at the "Gateway City," as it is called, the Ashcroft Hotel is a good house to stay at. A few doors away is the office of the B. C. Express Co., from which the stages start Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; or, if a party of five or more persons wish a special stage, it will be furnished to them at regular rates. The B. C. Express Co. are famous for the excellence of their conveyances: The horses are the best that can be procured, and the drivers are careful and thoroughly experienced men. The stopping places along the road are most comfortable, so that the traveller experiences no hardships, but a good deal of pleasure, on the trip.

A short distance down the street, and on the opposite side from the Express Co. are the commodious stables of Collins & Haddock, where a large stock of neat buggies, etc., are always on hand for those who wish to take a spin around the country. In connection with this it may be well to mention, for the benefit of those who have time, and who love a delightful drive, that the road from Ashcroft to Lillooet presents to the eye some of the most magnificent bits of scenery to be found in British Columbia. For about fifteen miles approaching Lillooet the road skirts the river, and with a comfortable rig behind a pair of good horses a most enjoyable trip can be had. If a party desire to take time to thoroughly enjoy the road to the interior, they can obtain a most comfortable conveyance from Collins & Haddock, and travel into Cariboo at their own sweet leisure. There is thus every convenience afforded to travellers going into Cariboo.

Near the Ashcroft Hotel there is a well equipped drug-gist establishment kept by Mr. Clements, so that parties going into the country need not cumber themselves with anything in that line coming from the east or west.

And now we come to a most important item of information to those who are interested in mining development. From Ashcroft all goods and machinery have to be hauled by team over the road, and a few doors from the hotel are the offices of Harvey, Bailey, & Co., who undertake to forward anything, from a needle to the largest piece of machinery, to any point in the Interior. Their facilities are exceptionally perfect for this work, and while at Ashcroft we saw a pile of steel piping consigned to their care, for a large hydraulic company, the inland freight of which alone will amount to over \$40,000. This piping was manufactured by Thos. Piggott & Co., Ltd., of Birmingham, England, and is of the very finest quality made.

Mr. F. W. Foster, who carries on two immense mercantile establishments, one at Ashcroft and the other at Clinton, also does a very large amount of freighting, so that parties having machinery or goods to go into the Interior have every facility at Ashcroft for forwarding them.

Parties going to Cariboo should stop at Mr. Foster's establishment at Clinton, where they will be able to form a good idea of the immense trade being done, and at the same time obtain articles necessary on the journey or in the work of prospecting or mining.



BARKERVILLE, B. C.

The Golden Eagle Mine.

An auriferous ledge, from eight to ten feet in thickness, of free milling gold quartz, has just been discovered on Cayuse Creek, ten miles above Lillooet, which assays all the way up to \$1,320 in gold per ton. This mine is owned by a syndicate represented by McKinnon, DeBeck & Co., Vancouver, some of the members of which, with pardonable enthusiasm, predict that it will prove a bonanza of startling dimensions. Although prospectors have, for years, hunted for this ledge, judging of its near vicinity by the float found in the neighborhood, and also by the richness of the creek, which has yielded in the past ten or fifteen years one million dollars, yet the ledge could never be found.

Last month a half-breed named Joe Copeland, while hunting mountain sheep, found the croppings of the ledge on the face of a bluff, in a place almost inaccessible.