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Both the Red Mountain and Columbia & Western railroads running into Rossland report very satisfactory increase in the volumes alike of freight and passenger travel. The Columbia & Western in particular claims an increase of nearly 50 per cent. in business during the last few weeks.

THE MOVIE PLACERS.

The Movie Placer Mining Co. of East Kootenay is about to work energetically this fall on its gold-bearing gravels at Moyle Creek, making a first cleanup next May. The interim expenses in connection chiefly with ditching and hydraulicking will amount to about \$3,000, and Mr. McVittie, the manager, expects as a result a big return when the cleanups of 1898 begin.

THE GOLDEN CACHE.

A letter from Superintendent Rivers, of the Golden Cache, dated Sept. 27th says that the mill has not yet been started up, the delay being caused by the tramway, which was not completed. Mr. Rivers, however, expected the tramway would be finished in a couple of days, and then he would immediately commence sending down ore. Messrs. Oldroyd, Mackinnon, Robertson and Munroe are still at the mine and will wait till the first crushing takes place.

THE HALL MINES, LIMITED.

The British Columbia Review, of London, Eng., thinks that the loss by this mine and smelting company of Mr. Paul Johnson's valuable services as manager is "not exactly good news to the shareholders." Doubtless the company has lost a good man in Mr. Johnson, but he seems to be replaced by a man who is also highly competent in Mr. Robert Hedley, who is working the blast furnace at the smelter to its fullest capacity, one considerably in excess of its nominal one. He has lately treated between 240 and 250 tons per diem.

CHANNE MINING COMPANY.

The Channe Mining Co., Ltd., is pushing development work day and night on its East Kootenay properties and the ore bodies now exposed are very promising. Several miners were sent from here this week on account of the scarcity of men in the Fort Steele section. G. W. Willis, the Company's superintendent, left on Tuesday's train to visit the mines and will remain several weeks to personally look after the work. The Channe Company is also opening up a very promising copper property on the coast, and judging from the fine samples of peacock copper ore in the Company's office the claim should

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