

NEAR DONALD.

The Golden Era states that an important find has been made in the Wait a Bit, about 8 or 10 miles from Donald. The Era adds that, "it will be remembered that some months ago several locations were made on Gid's Creek, a tributary of the Bluewater, by C. Barnes and others. The claims were located on a very promising ledge which showed free gold. An extension of what appears to be the same ledge has been discovered on the divide between the Wait a Bit and Gid's Creek by A. W. Brown. The ledge is 10 feet, and it is stated can be seen for miles. The ore body is quartz in slate. The trail runs to within three miles of the property. An assay of the rock has been obtained, giving a result of 26 per cent. of copper, valued at \$52 per ton. This assay was from the discovery claim, the Mary Ann. The lead is one that should carry gold as well as copper, though no gold return has been given in the assay. The quartz carries chunks of copper glauco, as well as copper pyrites. Several locations have been made by Donald people. When the Gold Commissioner returns he will be asked to run a trail so as to give access to the property, and Messrs. Shoto and Pitts, and Forrest and Vye, intend doing considerable development work as it can be easily opened by tunnelling."

A LONG WALK.

Alexander McKay has returned to New Denver from a three months' trip in the direction of Clondyke. His mission north was to examine some galena ledges. He went in a canoe with an Indian guide from Wrangell to Telegraph creek, the lake to Dees lake and down the Dees river 260 miles and up the Liard river 26 miles, where he found plenty of galena ledges from two to ten feet wide, carrying about 200 ounces of silver to the ton. The formation is similar to that of the Sloan and McKay thinks it will be profitable mining when a railroad taps the region. Upon the return trip he had to walk 326 miles owing to rain having swollen the streams. It took 25 days of hard walking before Wrangell was reached on the return trip. Game was plentiful and many a grouse and porcupine did Sandy stow away behind his belt. On the Liard river every bar prospected showed \$3 to \$6 a day in gold. He met two Colorado outfits, one guided by Gillespie, of Victoria, going up to Francis lake to winter. In the spring they intend to push on to Clondyke via Peily river. McKay says that this is the best route to Dawson City and that he would not be afraid to make the entire trip with only a gun, some salt and plenty of blankets.

The above quotation from the New Denver Ledge indicates that there should be good placer gold possibilities in Northern Omineca within the boundaries of

our own province, the Liard being a B. C. river. Along it too, climatic conditions are better than those of the bleak and barren Yukon.

EQUITABLE AND BUSINESSLIKE.

The Northwest Mining Association has taken up the matter of the difference between the "exchange" and "brokers'" price for lead, and at its recent meeting in Spokane passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, In the daily market quotations for lead there are two separate prices given, one being that of the New York Metal Exchange, and the other what is known as brokers' price; and,

"Whereas, The margin of difference in these quotations varies widely from time to time, the least being about 10c and the largest about 50c per 100 lbs., thus in our opinion entailing a greater aggregate loss to the lead producer than is just and equitable.

"Resolved, That this association, acting in the interests of its numerous members and lead producers generally, respectfully urges the smelting and refining industries to adopt a uniform rate of 10c per 100 lbs. under the actual New York Metal Exchange's daily quotations for lead; thus abolishing a system which is uncertain, unjust, unbusiness-like and unfair to lead producers.

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the association be instructed to have copies of this resolution printed and forward same to all smelting and refining companies and lead producers in the United States and British America."

EAST KOOTENAY.

A SANGUINE ESTIMATE OF AN UNDOUBTEDLY RICH COUNTRY.

Mr. W. H. Fletcher, one of the locators of the Coronado, in East Kootenay, in an interview regarding that district, said: "I believe the East will excel the West. I am enthusiastic on that point, and I am sure I have reason to be. I have spent considerable time in the Fort Steele district, and have learned something of its resources. We know enough about that district even in its present undeveloped state to distinguish three distinct mineral belts. If we are after silver-lead claims, we know where to find them. If we are seeking copper mines, the region in which they are to be found is clearly defined, and if we want a gold mine of assured richness, there is a gold belt up there as yet scarcely touched by the prospector's pick. We have some great placer claims besides, and taking it altogether we have resources awaiting development which the West Kootenay does not possess. Give us the same amount of development and the same transportation facilities, and with all its wealth West Kootenay won't be in it with us."

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