

Lake, which is more particularly opened up by the new railway, is also receiving considerable attention from prospectors. On Canyon Creek, particularly, several promising silver properties are being opened up, while free-milling ores have been found on Tenderfoot and Poplar Creeks.

MINING AT KAMLOOPS.

From our own Correspondent.

A MONTH ago the dredge was moved from the North Thompson River to the mouth of Tranquille Creek at the head of Kamloops Lake. The Boyd Dredging Company have secured two half-mile dredging leases on the creek, extending from the lake to the mouth of the canyon. Promising returns are being obtained by the dredge in dredging its way into the creek.

At the Iron Mask development work is being done on the five hundred-foot level, where the ore body is reported favourable. A four drill air-compressor has been installed and is now in continuous operation. The Glen Iron has now been working continuously for four months, shipping thirty tons of iron ore per day, to the Hall Mines and Trail smelters for fluxing purposes. An extra force of men has been put on development work.

The Hardie Cinnabar Mines near Savonas have fifteen men employed. The property is being developed under the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Luce, M.E., of Utah, by a series of three tunnels to cut the ore body at depth. The property has a very extensive outcropping of cinnabar ore, and the tunnels are being run to deliver the ore near the place of treatment. The ore has been struck in the lower tunnel.

The Tenderfoot Mining Company have started operations, a small force of men being employed drifting on a body of high grade ore. The Copper King group of claims at Cheery Creek has changed hands, having been purchased outright by Eastern Canadian parties. The late owners by recent work on the property have proved the ore body to be several feet wider than previously anticipated.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

THE Gold Mines of the World (second edition), written after an inspection of the mines of the Transvaal, Rhodesia, India, Malay Peninsula, West Australia, Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, New Zealand, British Columbia, the Klondike, United States, Alaska and Mexico; illustrated with plans and photographs; by J. H. Curle. London, Waterlow & Sons, Limited.; Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Limited. New York, Engineering and Mining Journal, Incorporated. Price, 10s. net.

We had reason to criticise and dispute some of the statements contained in the first edition of this book relating to the gold mining industry in British Columbia. In the second edition these statements have been withdrawn, but we still have to regret that we find ourselves at disagreement with Mr. Curle in the opinions he has formed and the conclusions he has arrived at in respect to the condition of gold mining in this country. In the introductory portion of the work the following reference is made to Canadian mines. "British Columbia has not fulfilled expectations. Three years ago its gold mines looked more promising than they do at present. The Atlin hydraulic find may prove successful. . . The Klondike has passed its zenith. Its production in 1900 of over a million ozs. will never again be reached." It is this sort of dogmatic assertion, without a vestige of proof, that we object to, and one is almost inclined to ask, "Who, pray, is Mr. Curle?" Again, later, in a chapter dealing with the gold mines of the province, the author remarks on the "so far and almost complete failure" of effort in this direction, but he fails to explain how, notwithstanding this "almost complete failure," gold production has increased in the interval between the publication of the first and second edition of his book nearly a hundred per cent. But British Columbia is not and does not pretend to be a country of gold mines. Gold mines, by which we understood free milling quartz in which no other metal than gold is present, are the exceptions rather than the rule, and if it is fair for Mr. Curle to consider the Le Roi mine as a gold mine and describe it as a failure, why has he omitted to take into consideration the "gold mines" of the Boundary or of the coast districts, which are by no means failures. Even the Le Roi mine has paid a million and a half dollars since Mr. Curle visited it in 1898, and if this sum has been spent in mine equipment and developing instead of being distributed among shareholders, it is in line with the very policy Mr. Curle recommends should be followed by the Ymir company. The greater part of the chapter on British Columbia is taken up with a description of the Atlin camp, while the far more important field of Cariboo is dismissed in a couple of brief paragraphs, one of which states: "In the first edition I dealt with the English companies floated to work the alluvial gravels over a great area, of which Cariboo is the centre. These mines up to that time had all been failures, and I can see no reason to alter my opinion about them now." Should this remark be brought to the attention of Mr. Hobson and other eminent hydraulic mining engineers, who have the utmost confidence in the future of mining in Cariboo, it will doubtless cause them much uneasiness. The volume, however, contains much matter of interest and even of value, relating to gold mining in the different chief centres of this industry throughout the world, and up to a certain point should be of use to investors.

C. J. Walker, of 24 Coleman St., London, E.C., has just published a third edition of that very admirable work of reference the "Advertisers' Ready Reckoner," price 1s. in paper or 2s. in cloth binding. The third edition is in handier form than previous issues, while much valuable data has been added. Hints on the art of advertisement writing are given, followed by a short article on "How to Achieve Success in Advertising," by an expert. The book also contains a full list of changes for the insertion of advertisements in leading British and Colonial newspapers.

A CHANGE OF TITLE.

WE have received the following notification in the form of a circular from the Vancouver Agency, Limited: "We beg to draw your attention to the change in the title of our Company, from 'The Vancouver Agency, Ltd.' to 'C. F. Jackson & Co., Ltd.' The change is one in name only and in no way affects our constitution or the continuity of our business. We trust that with your assistance we may still further increase our rapidly growing business, and beg to call your at-