

results of assays and mill tests, but the names of the persons who made them are by an oversight evidently omitted. It is strange, too, that the British Columbia Department of Mines, which is supposed to be well supplied with all information appertaining to the mines of the Province, has no knowledge of this wonderful three-and-a-half miles of copper reef near Revelstoke, insomuch as no mention is made of it at all in the recently published Report of the Department for 1898; but this also may probably have been an oversight on the part of the Provincial Mineralogist. Notices have, however, appeared of late in the Revelstoke newspapers, from which it is gathered that the Standard claim has been developed by a forty-five-foot tunnel and a fifty-foot shaft, that no assays of the ore have been obtained, but that a very promising copper vein has been exposed, the width of which is probably four feet. Mr. George W. Beach, "the well-known mining expert of British Columbia," from actual measurement, computed that on this prospect "there is 750,000 tons of copper ore in sight," and the prospectus promises a profit on the working of \$4,200 per day, or \$1,500,000 per annum. We should imagine that there was quite sufficient evidence here on which to prosecute Messrs. Crosbie and Beach for fraud should they have the temerity to register the Boston & British Columbia Copper Mining & Smelting Company under the laws of the Province.

WE have before us the prospectus of the Cariboo Consolidated, Limited, a company recently incorporated in London with a capital of £350,000 in £1 shares. Of the total capital 100,000 shares are appropriated to provide working capital, and of the 200,000 shares THE CARIBOO CONSOLIDATED comprising the present issue to which LIMITED. the public are invited to subscribe, 80,000 are to be at once set aside for the purpose above stated. The Directors, however, promise that "they will not proceed to allotment unless at least one-half of the shares offered are subscribed for." In perusing this prospectus, which, by the way, is a quite voluminous pamphlet of a dozen pages or more, one cannot help being immediately struck with the somewhat curious similarity between the name given to this concern and that of the big Cariboo undertaking with which so many prominent men in Canada are associated; we refer to the Consolidated Cariboo. On the Consolidated Cariboo, as everyone knows, very large sums of money have been expended with the result that the property, now thoroughly equipped and well developed, is at length in a position, so it is stated, to hereafter pay fair returns on the capital invested in it. This coincidence of name must, of course, have escaped the attention of the London promoters of the Cariboo Consolidated, Limited, but we feel sure that when it is brought to their notice, and when they, moreover, learn that under our registration laws, they will be unable to obtain a license permitting their company to carry on business in British Columbia under the title of the Cariboo Consolidated, Limited, they will promptly find another and, may we suggest, a more strikingly original name by which to designate their enterprise. We quite admit that a promoter must necessarily meet with almost the same difficulty in the choice of an appropriate and "fetching" designation for a new flotation as it is said a novelist finds in christening a work of fiction before sending it to

the publishers. It will, however, be conceded, that speaking generally, authors display more originality, at least, in the choosing of names than your company promoter, for while one rarely comes across two books written by different persons, bearing the same title, it is no uncommon thing to find a new company enterprise called after an old and successful company enterprise, or rather, the christian names, so to speak, of both will be identical, while the difference, such as it is, will be noticed only in the surname. Patriotic parents very frequently and laudably enough, bestow upon their offspring the cognomen which some great warrior or statesman has made distinguished, but when this complimentary style of paying tribute to eminence and success is introduced from domestic into stock exchange circles, cynics are apt to awkwardly misconstrue or question motives. Hence, with the Cariboo Consolidated, Limited. And in view of the wide area over which its properties are spread, how much more appropriately might it not have been styled (say, for instance) the Cariboo "Scattered," Limited?—a title at once, distinctive and suitable. But this after all is a matter of detail and we pass to the more important consideration of the prospectus itself. We find the company has been formed to acquire from the Gold Lands Corporation, Limited, who are the vendors and promoters, nineteen claims in the Lillooet and Cariboo districts, comprising an approximate area of 12,000 acres, exclusive of five miles of dredging rights. At the instance of the vendors these properties have been reported on by Mr. Rathbone, the South African engineer; Mr. W. J. Newall, a mining engineer recently from Mexico; Senator Campbell, Mr. J. B. Hobson, Mr. W. Thompson, formerly Government Mineralogist in Queensland; Mr. James Champion, C.E.; Mr. J. J. Nickson, M.E. (*sic*); Mr. W. E. Brett, M.E. (*sic*), and Mr. J. Cobeldick. Messrs. Campbell, Hobson and Thompson are well known in British Columbia as highly qualified authorities on hydraulic gold mining. Of the capabilities in this direction of the other gentlemen mentioned nothing is really known in this country, though we can cordially congratulate both Mr. Nickson and Mr. Brett upon their sudden elevation to the dignity of mining engineers, the one from being a Vancouver carpenter and contractor and the other a Lillooet prospector. Mr. Cobeldick, we note, is the only expert in the list quoted, to whose name no distinguishing initials have been appended, an omission doubtless attributable to that gentleman's presence in London, and his refusal to be described as a mining engineer in the company's prospectus. Be this as it may, an extract from Mr. Cobeldick's report, in which he says, "I have examined, as requested, Lowhee Creek property and Lightning Creek property, and advise you strongly to purchase both," is specially quoted in the prospectus, and if Mr. Cobeldick is not a mining engineer it would be interesting to learn in what capacity he makes this strong recommendation. However, we quarrel not so much with the selection that has been made of properties this company propose to acquire, but with the manner in which their merits have been described in the prospectus. We submit that to quote from engineers' reports short extracts without giving the context is a dangerous practice, unfair to the engineers themselves, and calculated to deceive the public. This practice has been followed entirely in the present case, and it is needless to say that in