

The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, August 2, 1864.

LATER FROM CARIBBOO!

PLACER DIGGINGS DISCOVERED YIELDING FROM 50 CENTS TO \$9 TO THE PAN.

Enormous Yield of the Aurora Claim.

GENERAL MINING NEWS.

The steamer Enterprise arrived Wednesday from New Westminster with a few passengers and Bernard's and Dietz & Nelson's Express with Cariboo dates to the 18th instant and \$15,000 in treasure. Our Cariboo correspondent's letter which appears below contains intelligence of a highly interesting nature:

LETTER FROM CARIBBOO.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

Richfield, July 18.

SURFACE DIGGINGS.

Within the last week some excitement has sprung up on account of the reputed discovery of placer or surface diggings. From reliable information, I learn that a large tract of country, almost level for this region, and lying between the head waters of Bear River and the North Fork of Queneau, has been prospected, and from five cents to two dollars to the pan have been obtained. The dirt is from five to eight feet deep. This new gold region is about sixty miles from the mouth of Keeleley's Creek. The country around it is rather open and is dotted here and there with lumber of a very large growth. Over 100 men have left Williams Creek for the new diggings. Dr. Langerman claims to be the discoverer, and, therefore, entitled to the reward offered by Government. If the rumors about be correct, and be fully borne out in their results, such a discovery will prove of immense value to Cariboo and the colony generally. Little is said as to the new creeks, which engrossed the attention of prospectors lately. It will require time to develop any of them, except they prove as Williams Creek at the very outset.

THE CORNISH CO.

The CORNISH CO. have been driving a tunnel into their ground in search of a channel supposed to exist in the hill.

THE STEEL OR CALIFORNIA CO. are getting good pay. The whole bank of the creek from the Cornish Co. down to the mouth of the canon is being worked. The ground hitherto has remained unworked till the companies on the front line of the bank have finished and worked out their portion.

Below the canon the old companies, the BANKER, CHIFFS, FOSTER, CAMPBELL, BEANS, BLACK JACK, EVANS and DILLER are all at work with varied success.

THE AURORA CO. is now par excellence the company of the creek. They divided this week has been over \$1570 to the share, the amount of gross yield during the week is 1600 ounces of \$24,000. (Private letters in confirmation of the above statement say that Sunday's washing yielded 473 ounces—Ed.)

THE WAKE-UP LAKE Co. are again in good luck. It is supposed that they have the same lead as the Aurora.

THE HARVEY DIXON ground behind the Aurora and in the hill have found some very heavy pay. They are waiting for the completion of a ditch now in course of construction before they begin to wash.

THE SHAVESHEAD CO. are getting some pay in their ground.

THE CARIBBOO CO. have, so it is said, found dirt which will pay over eighty ounces a day.

THE RAY, PRINCE OF WALES, RANKIN and CAMPBELL companies are all at work. Some of them are getting excellent pay. In Conklin's Gulch.

THE ERICSSON CO. continue to find good pay. Within the last few days they drifted into a rich channel.

THE RED CO. above them struck a heavy prospect last night.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

[From the "Columbian" of Yesterday.]

SIX INDIANS DOWNED.—On Sunday morning six Indians were crossing the Fraser at Sailor's Bar, the canoe swamped in a riffle, and all were drowned.

ACCIDENT ON NIAGARA SLIDE.—On Friday last a horse and cart, belonging to Messrs. Ross & Bosson, and employed on the road, went over the precipice on Niagara Slide, falling into the Fraser some 400 feet below.

Very great excitement was caused at Williams Creek by the reported discovery of rich diggings, supposed to be in the neighborhood of Cariboo Lake. It appears that the discoverers are unwilling to divulge the secret unless they can secure greater advantages than the Gold Commissioner has the power to confer. Men to the number of 5000 are out in every direction eagerly searching for them. They are supposed to be the same that Ross and Johnson were in search of about two years ago, when murdered by Indians.

Surveyor General Trutch and Capt. Holmes were at the Mouth of Queneau awaiting the arrival of Governor Seymour, as the tenders for constructing the new road are not to be opened until His Excellency arrives. Mr. Trutch had been ill, but was recovering.

Mr. Spence has completed the contract for widening the piece of road beyond Cook's Ferry. He intends shortly to resume work on the Thompson river bridge. It is his intention to drive piles instead of constructing piers, having ascertained that the bottom is favorable for that purpose.

The crops along the line of travel are generally looking well.

Our Receipts during week ending Saturday, 23rd July, 1864: Duties, £1262 16 2; harbor dues, £28 15 6; head money, £14; tonnage dues, £105 13; Total, £1411 4 8. Number of passengers entering at this port during same period, 70.

CHILCOATIN EXPEDITION.

The following extract from a private letter received by a gentleman in New Westminster, dated Mouth of Queneau, July 19th, appears in the *Columbian* of yesterday:

"We had, after a long interval of anxiety, news which I consider trustworthy (although at second hand) from Mr. Cox's party, under date the 12th inst., at Pincheon Lake. A party of about 15 men, with their families, had returned, and the Chief, had come into camp. The Governor stated to have been communicated with, and three days off. This report I believe, substantially. His Excellency has made good time, with his numbers, and is in the least time he could come to Alexandria. I look for him by the next steamer, viz., Thursday the 21st."

The writer of the letter is represented to be a responsible gentleman, who may be considered an excellent authority upon the subject.

[Since the above was in type we have been shown an extract from a letter addressed to a gentleman in Victoria, dated Soda Creek, the 26th, which states that information had been received at Mud Lake, through Indian sources, that Governor Seymour's party was within three days' travel of Alexandria, with 40 of the Indians alleged to have been implicated in the recent massacre.—Ed.]

THE KOOTANAI MINES.

[From the *Columbian*.]

A gentleman residing at Soogoo Lake, writes under date July 17th, as follows:

DEAR SIR,—The quiet little town of Colville was thrown into a state of great excitement on the 5th inst., by the arrival of a party of miners direct from the Kootanaes, on a route for this place (Soogoo Lake) for the purpose of recording claims and securing miners' licenses, from the Government officer.

They brought down some very rich specimens of quartz rock, and also a considerable quantity of "dust," which they left at Colville, to be forwarded by express to Portland, proceeding immediately on their way to secure their discoveries by compliance with the law.

Another party of miners have also arrived from the Salmon River mountains, who report rich discoveries both of quartz and placer diggings on the new trail made by the citizens of Colville from the mouth of the Pen D'Ouille to Kootanaes. (The H. B. Co. are not making a trail from Fort Sheppard on Pen D'Ouille, as stated by the *Standard*.)

Mr. McKay, British Columbia is indebted to the citizens of Colville for the construction of the trail. The diggings along the river and creeks in the Kootanaes country, are paying very well. My informant states that himself and partner took out \$1400 in 20 days, and he reports many more doing equally well, some much better. He says he knows of no company making less than \$3 to \$10, and so on, up to \$300, per day to the land. He states that he has been twenty days on the road from Kootanaes, travelling the circuitous route of Our-de-Louis and Spokane, a distance of 400 to 500 miles, in order to secure his discoveries. The miners, after recording their claims, and taking out licenses, immediately set out for the Kootanaes, taking the new trail, which shortens the distance between Colville and Kootanaes 200 miles. They report provisions plenty at moderate prices. They left their diggings on the 27th June, and report that there had arrived at the mines 500 to 600 pack animals with oxen, and they set on their way down a great many more freighted for the mines. There were, up to the time they left, only 500 men in the mines, but they were daily arriving in large numbers from all quarters.

If the people of British Columbia wish to compete with their more enterprising neighbors of Oregon and Washington, they must be up and stirring, push the Hope wagon road through, and improve the road down Colville or Sheppard, and thence to Kootanaes. If something is not done, and that quickly, British Columbia may bid farewell to the trade of the Kootanaes country.

Major Ramvill, U.S.A., stationed at Colville, and Mr. Smith, of the firm of Orsted & Co., of Colville, have discovered a quartz ledge within a short distance of that town which assays \$40 per ton. They have sent below for machinery.

The following remarks on the above are from the *Columbian*:

These new diggings appear destined to give rise to that mount "croaking" on the one side and exaggeration on the other which has ever characterized the opening up of new gold fields in every country. While cautioning the public against swarming uncalculated, such information appeared in the *Victoria Chronicle* of Friday, under the heading "The Kootanaes mines Hamburg" on the one hand, we would, on the other, suggest that such information as is contained in a letter published in the present impression should be received with considerable caution. It is rather a sorry proof of credence. The fact is, prospecting may be said only to have commenced. Yet, so far as the ground has been tested, the result would appear to justify the most sanguine expectations entertained respecting that section of country. It is known that the mines have proved a "number" is believed that they extend over a large tract of country. The character of the gold obtained would indicate anything but superficiality. It is coarse, resembling very much in form water-melon seeds, though much of it is larger. A sample sent to the Hon. Colonial Secretary has been assayed in the Government office here and has proved to be 930 fineness, yielding \$19 25c. to the ounce, being superior in quality to any hitherto obtained in British Columbia.

The letter from which the *Chronicle* publishes an extract may or may not be genuine. But, be that as it may, our contemporary, in the heading and remarks with which he accompanies it, would seem to exhibit either very great ignorance upon the general subject or an overweening desire to deride the Kootanaes.

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WITNESSES:—W. H. DILL, T. de NOUVION.  
Hope B. C. July 20, 1864. 1126 Tw d&w

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between me, the undersigned, and carrying on business under the name of Simpson & Danielson, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and from this date the business will be carried on by Charles Danielson, who will collect and pay all liabilities of the firm of Simpson & Danielson, as witness our hands this fifteenth day of July, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-four.

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