

matters were set right and general satisfaction was expressed with the decisions and promptness with which they were delivered. This district is reached during the summer by rail and lake steamers within twenty-four hours of leaving the ocean steamships. This convenience together with the excellent climate and comparatively cheap living has brought wages down to an average of \$5.00 per day. The placer claims are 100 feet long by the entire width of the creek upon which located. The representatives of several companies were on the spot early and purchased, from the locators, groups of them with the intention of hydraulic mining. This will necessitate the importation of heavy plants, the cost of which will be greatly increased by transportation, the rail charges alone between ocean navigation and Lake Bennett amounting to \$60.00 per ton. It is hoped that the railway company may see it to their own interest to reduce the freight on mining plants. Prospecting for quartz is progressing with encouraging results, some well defined fissure veins having been discovered containing gold with iron, copper and lead. It is probable that there will be great development in quartz mining in the Atlin district. It would be a great advantage to the Atlin district if increased powers were vested in the Gold Commissioner. In the past, Gold Commissioners have exercised the powers desired in a manner generally satisfactory, as evidenced by the few appeals against their decisions.

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In the case of Vancouver Island a departure can be made by mentioning the Lenora mine. This property is situated south of Chemainus, about six miles from the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway, with which it is connected by three miles of waggon road and the remainder tramway. Development consists of a tunnel over 500 feet and there are 400 feet of crosscuts, drifts and upraises. The shaft is down 200 feet with a crosscut at the bottom 150 feet. This mine gives employment to 80 men. The output is now 50 tons per day and could be greatly increased if better means of communication to the railway existed. The ore, which contains gold, silver and copper, is easily mined in consequence of the country rock being very soft. It has been treated at the Texada