

## A TWO WEEKS' TRIP TO CARIBOO.

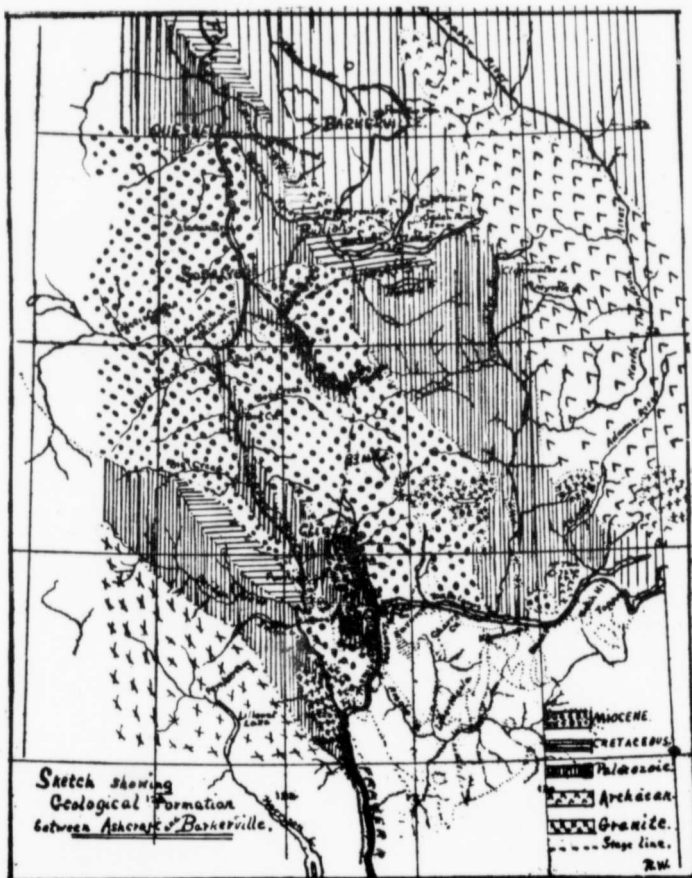
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Clean-up from Mosquito Creek.

**C**ARIBOO is the largest district in British Columbia with the exception of Cassiar, and has an area of 150,000 square miles. Though so large a tract of country, extending from the 52nd to the 60th parallel and from the 120th to the 126th meridian, it is one familiar to comparatively few people be-

to be; but the company now in operation is the British Columbia Express Company. Two stages a week in summer, and one in winter, leave Ashcroft for Barkerville and proceed via Clinton, Lac la Hache, 150-Mile, Soda Creek, Quesnel, Cottonwood and Stanley. The round trip of 560 miles usually takes eight days, but has been covered by a "special" in three days and fourteen hours. Though the drive is an uncommonly long one the writer found it enjoyable and less fatiguing than anticipated. A hundred horses are in service along the line, so admit of frequent changes being made. Fine horses they are, indicating that the company's manager, Mr. Leighton, understands horse flesh and chooses well his stock-tenders. The drivers



cause of its lack of railway transportation. Travelling has to be done by stage. When the Government wagon road was completed in 1864, Barnard established his express company and ran a stage weekly from Yale to Barkerville, a distance of 396 miles. With the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885, Ashcroft became the point of departure and so continues

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## GEOLOGY AND GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS—ASHCROFT TO BARKERVILLE.

At four o'clock on Monday morning, the 10th of August, the writer left Ashcroft. After crossing the Thompson River, we began the ascent of the terraces