

WINDY-WATERY NINE REGION

The Next Big Mining Camp in British Columbia

TO BE NEAR WHISKY POINT

Land is Now Being Cleared for the Location of a Town Site.

A Demand for Labor in the Cariboo and Lillooet Districts Next Spring—What the Journal Says—Mr. Thomas Davies of Thunders Bay District—Saw-Bill is a Veritable Bonanza—News From Hawk Bay—Mining Notes.

The next big mining camp in British Columbia is to be near Whisky Point on the Upper Arrow Lake, about six miles above Arrowhead. The place derives its name from the fact that near it were buried by smugglers years ago 250 barrels of whisky, the hiding place never having been discovered. The region is said to be a richly located. The region is said to be a richly located. The region is said to be a richly located.

WHERE TO GO NEXT YEAR.

Men Should be Able to Get Work in These Districts in '97.

It is the British Columbia Mining Journal is well informed, there bids fair to be a demand for labor in the Cariboo and Lillooet districts next spring. The Journal says:

Development work for the season of 1896 has served to materially advance the Cariboo and Lillooet mining districts. The season of 1897 will see the opening up of some valuable mines. At Quesselle Forks work on the Golden River Quesselle Company's dam will be pushed with 200 men, who will be employed all through the winter, and it is safe to say that 150 men will be employed in the early spring. The Cariboo mine, in conjunction with the Moorhead Lake dam, and the James Moore property that is to be opened up; the Montreal Company, with their ten miles of the Westbank, Maud; Beavermouth, Harvey Creek, and other big properties; the big drifting and hydraulic mines of the Horse Fly, only 30 miles away; and Quesselle Forks and vicinity—these, together with ample employment for several thousand men. At Quesselle Forks, the Montreal Company, the Columbia mines and various others. At Stanley, work on a large scale will be begun on the famous old Lightning Creek. At Slough Creek, Willow River, Antler, Cummington, Big Valley, and other creeks; also at Barkerville, on that richest of all known creeks in the Cariboo, the \$25,000,000 worth of gold was taken within two miles distance in the early days, and which is now being opened up at enormous expense by the Cariboo Gold Fields Company, with a hydraulic elevator—this promises well for the future prosperity of Cariboo. Many hundreds of men found employment this year in this section, and more who really desired work at a fair wage failed to secure it. Capitalists will here find advantages which no other part of the world offers for investments. The quartz mines, which are not as yet being exploited except in a very superficial way, but the rich surface showings on Burr's Island, at Bald Mountain, the Golden Cache mines and others at Lillooet, all tend to prove that further research and fair use of capital will make the quartz mines of Cariboo and Lillooet districts among the great producers and dividend-payers of the world.

From Ashcroft to Barkerville, a distance of 285 miles, more than 80 teams and twelve horses are freighting, and from the present outlook, it is estimated that the quantity of freight for the week, the quantity will be largely increased. Omineca and the Peace River countries, which are best reached by the Cariboo-road, will attract much attention next season, as there is a large and practical prospect section of country that is believed to be rich in gold and silver. The opening up of the Slate and Manson creeks hydraulic mines by the 43rd Mining and Milling Company of Ottawa, and the Victoria Hydraulic Company, which is presented by Manager Black, will give that company a well-deserved prominence. These mines, which are nearly 400 miles north of Ashcroft, are already partly equipped and they will be in full operation before the close of the season of 1897. There is said to be much rich hydraulic ground in that section, Mr. Black claiming to have ground, rich patches in which go as high as 75 cents per ton.

IN ONTARIO.

Some Notes as to How Mining Goes Ahead in the West.

Mr. Thomas Davies of Toronto is in Port Arthur, Mich., where he is largely interested in mining and mineral lands in Thunders Bay District. He will visit a number of his locations and if they seem to him equal reports he has near them, will open them. The claims are near Schreiber. W. McBean, another Torontonian, is at Port Arthur representing Eastern money. Jack Rab District.

Port Arthur Herald.

The Jackfish gold belt promises almost as great things as the Lake of the Woods or Seine River belts. A number of discoveries have been made recently by Schreiber people and others residing in the vicinity. The country is very promising in appearance and is not of a difficult nature to prospect. The recent discovery of a large gold-bearing vein in the east of Schreiber, many into the hills surrounding Schreiber. Not a very good sample of exploratory work can be done for the balance of the season, as the country will soon be covered with a thick mantle of snow. But with the opening of spring we look for very vigorous work being done in the Thunders Bay District by prospectors and miners. The indications are that the Schreiber-Jackfish belt is from 15 to 20 miles in width, as gold has been discovered at a point some seven miles east of Jackfish.

Latest Reports From Hawk Bay.

Latest reports from Hawk Bay are to the effect that the vein is perceptibly widening and the character of the quartz much improved over that of the surface. It is well mineralized with galena, copper sulphide, and visible free gold. The despatch was sent by a courier on Oct. 31, who was several days in getting to the track on account of the small lakes being frozen over. Communication will be practically cut off for two or three weeks until the ice is heavy enough for teams.

WANT JUST ASSESSMENT

How Ratepayers Aired Their Grievances.

TOO MUCH ON REAL ESTATE

Incomes Do Not Bear Their Fair Share of Taxation.

Toronto Ratepayers' Association on Its Merits—Preparing for the Municipal Campaign—Some Plain Speaking at St. George's Hall Last Night—E. A. Macdonald Made Thunders Bay—Resolution Approving of the Fleming Injunction Postponed Till Next Meeting. But Only on a Technicality.

An adjourned meeting of the Toronto Ratepayers' Association was held last evening in St. George's Hall to discuss a series of resolutions in regard to assessment. These that do not consider the equalization of the tax system, but rather that those who directly or indirectly receive benefit from the municipal services, and are able to pay some proportion of the expense therefor. In order to distribute the tax as equitably as possible, it is suggested that a uniform basis of assessment should be established, and that the ratepayers should be able to pay for the services they receive in proportion to the value of the property they own. The resolutions were passed by a large majority.

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