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### THE LUCKY STRIKE.

The owner of this Kamloops mine at Coal Hill, Mr. J. Cobeldick, is having sacked a large quantity of high grade copper ore, mined "in daylight" from the surface. This is about to be sent to Messrs. Vivian & Sons, of Swansea, South Wales, for treatment as a first shipment. The people of Kamloops believe that the beginning thus to be made by Mr. Cobeldick will inaugurate a period of very considerable local mining development.

### B. C. AND YUKON COMPANIES.

There were registered in London, England, during July and August, 22 companies connected with the exploration of the mining and other resources of B. C. and the Yukon country. They called for an aggregate capital of £2,283,107, most of it asked in respect of 17 Clon-  
dyke undertakings, most of which failed to "catch on." A small minority therefore of the 22 issues came to anything, though the fate of some still hangs in the balance, they being in a state of partly suspended animation.

### AN ALPHA BELL PURCHASE.

The directors of the Alpha Bell Gold Quartz Mining Co., Limited, of Vancouver, the owners of well known free milling gold claims in Lillooet, have now purchased the Ida May and Homestake claims on Cadwallader Creek, Bridge River, in the same district. Experimental assays show values varying between \$40 and \$118 a ton, and the purchase is regarded by the Alpha Bell stockholders as a very good one. Upon its first payment of \$4,500 has already been made by the Alpha Bell Co. Other good finds of free gold are meanwhile reported from the same Bridge River district.

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