



A Prospector's Camp in Cassiar.

British Columbia has long asked for and is fairly entitled to Cabinet representation at Ottawa. The importance which now attaches to our industrial and commercial interests sufficiently justifies the demand for a representation of this character, and the recognition of this fact and action in accordance with it on the part of the Federal Government would be regarded as a timely and graceful concession to the new conditions beginning to prevail in the West. The *Nelson Tribune*, the most influential, the most conservative, and at the same time the most radical newspaper published in the Kootenays, commenting on this text, suggests that as "no member of the British Columbia delegation comes nearer voicing the opinion of his constituents than the member from Yale-Cariboo, Mr. Hewitt Bostock; British Columbia could have no better representative in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Cabinet." This suggestion emanating, as it does, from a newspaper which was most bitter in its opposition to Mr. Bostock in the general elections three years ago, is significant, as voicing public opinion in the Kootenays; and particularly gratifying inasmuch as it is a tribute to integrity of conduct and meritorious hard work. In Canada,

unhappily, the standard of political morality is not as high as it might be, and that a man should assume arduous parliamentary responsibilities as a duty to the State and not for reasons of personal aggrandisement or gain, is incomprehensible to the large majority of us. It is not too much to say that the untiring zeal, the conscientious and unselfish attention to his multifarious duties by which Mr. Bostock's political course has been distinguished since his return to Ottawa as the parliamentary representative of Yale-Cariboo have created as much astonishment as gratitude among his constituents, whose respect and regard he has, however, entirely won.

The recently issued report of the directors of the



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Golden River Quesnelle is practically an admission of failure. While the announcement is sufficiently distressing, the success of this enterprise has never been seriously anticipated by experienced miners in this country, who, from the first, have deplored the expenditure of so vast a sum of money as that required in the construction of the dam at Quesnelle Lake, before actual operations for the recovery of