

A MECCA FOR MINERS

Country Around Keremeous Being Peopled by Prospectors.

ITS PROPERTIES DESCRIBED

There are Many Ledges of Copper and Gold and One Fault is Too Wide a Distribution of Mineral-Agricultural and Pastoral Possibilities.

Keremeous, June 10.—[Special.] Have been here a week. This place has all the earmarks of a good mining country. Little as it is known as yet to the outside world at large, I venture to predict that in a year from now it will be classed among the productive mining camps of British Columbia. At the point where I am now sojourning two broad valleys join, and at this point also the two wagon roads which meander through these valleys merge into one trail, being in fact the old Dewdney trail, which runs along the northern bank of the Similkameen river to Princeton, reaching the Fraser river by way of Hope, which is only 105 miles west of here.

Pack horses in twos and threes are continually passing westward. Sometimes it is a lone prospector riding one horse and leading another heavily laden. Sometimes half a dozen in a string, every alternate horse having a pack, the others being saddle horses. Everyone rides here. Horses are too cheap and the riders here are so sure of their success that they are long for the Mecca of copper seeking prospectors—the neighborhood of Copper mountain. But many of them turn aside for other and perhaps equally rich mineral sections en route. We did.

We had reached this point from Fairview a week ago, were just heading up the Similkameen river for a 45-mile ride to Princeton when we met two prospectors, old acquaintances of my partner, who told us they had made a rich strike on a mountain about two miles up the road leading north to Penton. Mr. Bullock-Webster to whom the claims they had staked. We inwardly congratulated ourselves on our phenomenal luck in being right on the spot just in the nick of time, and lost no time in heading our horses that way. We found several tents already pitched, and while erecting ours we let our imagination run riot over vast fields of anticipation.

We found the strike had been made in a well-formed ledge of igneous rock, burnt a rich dark blue color, and composed of syenite and quartz. On the same mountain, but several hundred feet below, the Elkhorn claim is being worked by Messrs. Sharp and McDougall. Mr. McDougall is a newspaper man of Columbia City, and has recently purchased large interests in mining properties in Keremeous camp. They have a fine lead on the Elkhorn, the mineral body being tapped in three places. The ore looks very similar to that of Le Roi, but it carries a large percentage of copper, as do all the ores of this camp. The Elkhorn and the adjoining claim, belonging to the same parties, will undoubtedly make mines, and as work is being pushed, there is no doubt that they will hear much about them in the near future. Something Good is a claim owned by Messrs. Naden and Bullock-Webster. It is rich in tellurides, and assays have been gotten running from \$50 to \$500. A contract has been let for another 50 feet of tunneling. A lot of auriferous gravel has been taken out of the tunnel, the free gold being plainly discernible to the naked eye. This property gives every promise of making a good mine, the ore being a beautiful thing to see.

The Opulence is a native copper proposition on the east side of the valley, which there are also some claims with excellent showings of peacock copper, grey copper and copper stained quartz. Some of these have assayed as high as 50 per cent in copper alone, and besides this most of them carry gold and silver, the former from \$5 to \$30 and the latter several ounces.

The Copper King is said to be the biggest thing in this camp. It is an immense iron capping which assays well in copper and manganese, some gold and zinc lead. Messrs. Gwatkin and Stevens, who formerly owned the Knob Hill and Iron side in Greenwood camp, are interested in this property, and have already done about a thousand dollars worth of work. The Black Diamond, a claim on the east side of the valley, is owned by Messrs. Buchanan and Lyon. The ore goes 30 per cent in copper and considerable gold and silver. They are down 50 feet in a working shaft which shows some of the most magnificent copper I have yet seen in the district.

The Dolphin, an adjoining claim, is owned by Messrs. Pitman and Brown. The ore assays 75 in copper and gold. On the Summit, which is a free milling proposition, they have a tunnel in 100 feet and a shaft down 40 feet. They are working on a quartz ledge three feet wide and have obtained assays of \$500 in gold.

These are only a few of the properties that are being worked in Keremeous camp. The prevailing rock appears to be quartzite, syenite, quartz and diorite and the most conspicuous features are the immense iron cappings and the numerous evidences of igneous or burnt rock. There is no doubt that the district was the scene of volcanic outbursts in former times. All the rocks here are impregnated with iron. Chip a rock where you will and white iron will be seen in more or less quantities. The one fault of this camp seems to be too much mineral, that is to say, it is spread over too wide a surface, but this was the sort of trouble they experienced in the Boundary Creek country. They got over that in time. The same result will probably obtain here. This section has all the earmarks of making a good mining camp.

As to matters other than mining the settlement of Keremeous consists of the valley of the Similkameen, some 10 miles in length between Keremeous creek and the international boundary line, and from one to three miles wide. The land is divided into bench and bottom. The bench land grows grass, alfalfa, clover and excellent fruits, such as apples of the best variety, cherries, peaches, apricots, grapes, currants, gooseberries, etc., while vegetables grow in rank profusion. The bottoms are used for hay and meadow pasture, where the grass is rank and luscious. Water is plentiful, the climate is healthy and the winters short in comparison to these we experience in Rossland. Summer heat reaches 95 degrees, and in winter it very seldom falls to zero. Summer being the first time in memory that the barometer went below zero mark. The snowfall is very light, with frequent thaws and chinook winds. Spring commences in the middle of March and the first frost is experienced at the end of October. At present writing the fruits are ripening fast; the cherries, gooseberries and currants being nearly full sized. Hop vines have already reached a height of over 20 feet, and the spring, which is said to be exceptionally late, is quite two months ahead of ours in Rossland.

Most of the land here is held in large tracts of 1,000 to 7,000 acres, the principal owners being the Lowe estate, 7,000 acres; M. Barcello, the Daly estate, J. H. Coulter, F. Fisher, Barrington Price and Bullock-Webster, this last being on either side of the Similkameen river.

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"He Cured My Heart Disease"
"I had heart trouble for 16 years, and would often drop senseless on the streets and for two years was so bad I could not be left home alone. And would faint as often as two or three times a day. My circulation was poor and sluggish and I had palpitation of the heart. After taking Doctor Reeves' treatment for one month I had but one spell. And now I heartily endorse his Wonderful New System of treatment."

"He Cured Me of Deafness"
"My deafness came on about six years ago with bad ringing noises in the head, which troubled me greatly in conversation. I had to ask people to raise their voices, but could not catch a word. My hearing rapidly improved under Dr. Reeves' treatment. I now hear well, and the ringing noises have entirely stopped."

"He Saved My Eyes"
"My eyes were so bad I had to stop reading entirely. The dizziness, the blurring and pain around the eyes made me fear total blindness. Dr. Reeves' mastery over diseases of the eyes is certainly wonderful. I can now see well, and best of all, can read with comfort. I was cured in a short time, while other doctors tampered with my eyes for the past six years."

"He Cured My Stomach"
Before I consulted Doctor Reeves my stomach was very bad. The severe pains, belching, bloating and sour risings were awful. I lost 40 pounds in less than a year. I thank God it was my fortune to go to this great doctor, who cured me."

"He Cured Me of Catarrh"
"I had catarrh for a long time. It affected my head and throat and