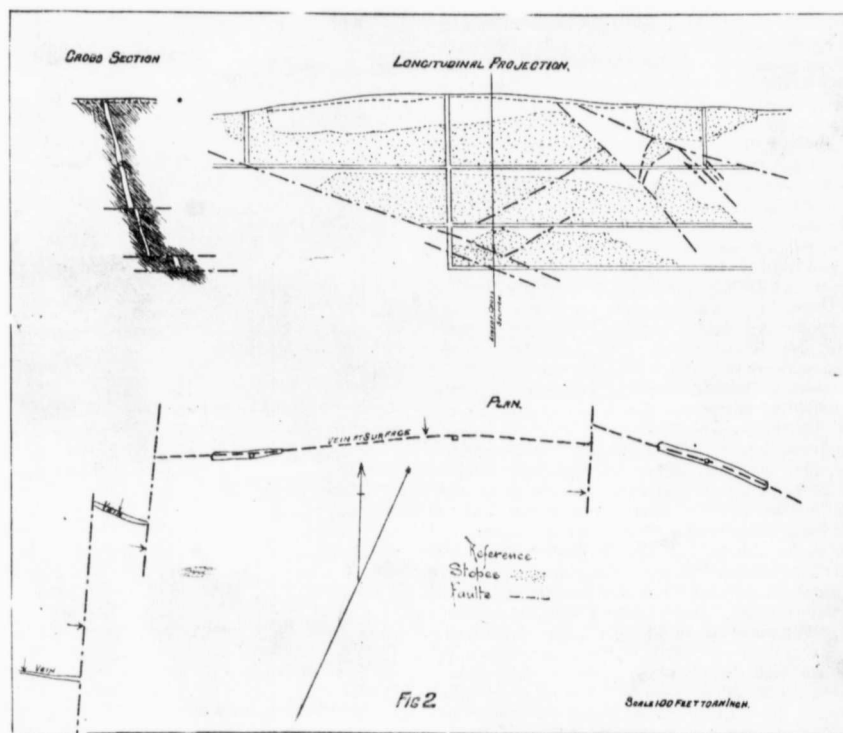


J. Burnham and G. LeFevre. The Okanagan, Alice and Emma, adjoining were recorded on the 9th May in the same year. On 29th April, 1888, McKinney and Rice sold the Cariboo claim to James Monaghan for \$50,000 who also, about the same time, acquired an interest in the Amelia. The first assessment of work on the Cariboo was recorded 24th Oct., 1887.

The opening up of the vein on which these claims were placed was slow, mainly on account of the lack of capital, but also because of the inaccessibility of the district at that time. In the report of the Minister of Mines for 1892, it is stated that "nothing more than assessment work has been done in this camp during the season—owners are awaiting the construction of a wagon road across the mountain to Kettle River, when

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machinery can be brought into the camp and work commenced at once." The same authority, in the 1893 report says: "At this camp about \$1000 have been expended in sinking an air shaft 61 feet deep, to tap the tunnel on the Cariboo, by Messrs. James Monaghan & Co., of Spokane, and it is reported they intend bringing in a mill to work their property." The mill was built shortly afterwards and the first shipment of bullion took place in April, 1894. Since that time the Cariboo mine has been a regular producer.

Another early location was the Poorman on Eagle creek, which enters the Kootenay river about six miles west of Nelson. That claim was recorded on the 7th May, 1888, and several adjoining claims were recorded about the same time. In the report of the Minister of Mines for 1889, it is stated that "the Eagle Creek Min-

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mine has been acquired by the Granite Co., so perhaps it may be developed on a scale more likely to bring commercial success than the petty pottering of the past.

The O. K. claim near Rossland, was recorded on the 12th July, 1890, a 5-stamp mill was erected on it in 1894, and in 1896 10 stamps were going, but the mine was abandoned in 1898.

In 1892 a 5-stamp mill was erected at Fairview by the Rattler Co. and ore tested from the Brown Bear, Stemwinder, Wyn M., Silver Crown, Morning Star, Wide West, Joe Dandy and Rattler. Since then the Fairview mines have been worked very irregularly and in a small and unsatisfactory way. At no time have they been taken in hand with the energy and capacity likely to produce an economic success. Several mills have been erected but not one of these was justified by