and McKinley. The property is situated on the Nitinat side of the divide between China Creek and Nitinat River. An open cut eighteen feet deep has been run on the ledge, which lies between porphyry and slate. With the small amount of work already accomplished, the showing is remarkably promising. As it is only about a quarter of a mile from the Alberni waggon road, the shipping of ore will not be expensive. The ore on the Eureka is very similar in character to that of the famous Golden Eagle mine. Mr. McKinley, speaking of the Alberni mining country, said, that the strike made by McAllister on Coleman Creek, is wonderfully rich,

the assays showing as high as \$500 in gold to the ton. This wonderfully rich strike is within half a mile of salt water, Coleman Creek, flowing into the Alberni canal, so that the cost of shipping will be very light, and the owners will get the full benefit of the find. This is one find in a large district that as yet has been hardly touched by the prospector. Another find has recently been made close to the salt water, within a few miles of Alberni. On the surface the ledge goes \$15 to the ton, and development work will, it is thought, show a splendid vein of ore increasing in richness as depth is reached. On Mineral Creek the mines are looking well. Until five weeks ago no work had been done on the Missing Link and the very first shot showed up free gold. As work progresses the showing gets better. A good deal of development has been done on McQuillan's hydraulic claims on China Creek; several shafts and tunnels having been run to fully prospect the property, with the result that gold has been found from the grass roots down, and the average is fully 40 cents a yard, with plenty of water for hydraulicing. On Minant Mineral and China Creeks the ground is all pretty well staked off, but plenty of good outside ground remains to be prospected. What is needed is a small quartz mill somewhere in the district, to which the miners can take their ore to be treated, and thus be able to make enough money to carry on their development work. There are plenty of good trails, and the ore can be easily packed out from the various mines to a mill. A considerable number of prospectors are being attracted to the district, and the outlook for a prosperous and healthy mining development is well assured.

CARIBOO.

Judging from the teams leaving Ashcroft each week loaded with freight for Cariboo, times must be good in the upper country. Over 270,000 lbs. of freight was forwarded in one week.

Four monitors are at work on the Horsefly night and day

About 50 miles from Clinton is Big Bar, famous in the early '60's for its out-put of gold. It is still producing, if not like it formerly did, at least enough to support a number of men. In the neighborhood are a number of good ranches and cattle and grain.

Mr. R. T. Ward, the well-known manager of the Horsefly Gold Mining Co., is visiting San Francisco, from which city he will return shortly He is much gratified that the protracted litigation, which, during the past three years has so much hampered the working of

DED Map of Cariboo.

the company's valuable claim, is at length settled, so that at last the company is free to push on with its mining operations, and proceed to develop its extensive and valuable property. As is well known, the com-pany have had to meet troubles in regard to water rights and in connection with jumpers who collectively staked off over 100 acres of the company's ground and proceeded to work it with rockers to their own gain but the company's serious loss. At last all these difficulties have been overcome, and an energetic policy of development will be actively pursued. The company's ground, which was for-merly the Harper leasehold, covers an area of 360 acres. It has, during the past ten years, been thoroughly prospected, fully \$100,000 having been expended on the ground in that time. The result is that to-day the company is satisfied that it possesses an enormous body of auriferous gravel, the prospects being that it may reasonably be expected to return at least \$1 per cubic yard. It is stated that already \$500,000 worth of gold have been taken from this property since a commencement was made to work it. It is confidently anticipated that when the plant now being provided is in full working ordersay early in the spring of 1896 it will be practicable to handle 2,000 cubic yards of gravel per day, the minimum value of which can easily be estimated upon the basis already named. At the present time there are over 30 shafts down to bed rock, varying in depth from 30 to 136 feet, and from the bottom of these several thousand feet of tunnel have been thrown out for prospecting purposes. The exploratory workings extend over fully three quarters of a mile of the ground, and all through these disclose the presence of pay gravel, similar to the formation of the blue gravel lead, so extensively known on the Pacific Coast. The company is now excavating a ditch and constructing a pipe line to