

## Extracts from Mr. Ogilvie's Reports to the Dominion Government.

William Ogilvie, of the Department of the Interior, in his report to the Surveyor-General of Canada, dated November 6th, 1896, says the name Klondak, Klondyke, or Clondyke, as it is variously spelled, is "a mispronunciation of the Indian word or words Thron-dak or Duick, which means plenty of fish, from the fact that it is a famous salmon stream. It is marked Tondack on old maps. It joins the Yukon from the east a few miles above the site of Fort Reliance.

Concerning the discovery of gold on this stream, he says:—"The discovery, I believe, was due to the reports of Indians. A white man named G. W. Carmach, who worked with me in 1887, was the first to take advantage of the rumors and locate a claim on the first branch, which was named by the miners Bonanza Creek. Carmach located here late in August, but had to cut some logs for the mill here to get a few pounds of provisions to enable him to begin work on his claim, the fishing at Klondak having totally failed him. He returned with a few weeks' provisions for himself, his wife and brother-in-law (Indians), and another Indian in the last days of August and immediately set about working his claim. As he was very short of appliances he could only put together a rather defective apparatus to wash the gravel with. The gravel itself he had to carry in a box on his back from 30 to 100 feet. Notwithstanding this the three men working very irregularly washed out \$1,200 in eight days, and Carmach asserts with reason that had he had proper facilities it could have been done in two days, besides having several hundred dollars more gold, which was lost on the tailings through defective apparatus. On the same creek two men rocked out \$75 in about two hours, and it is asserted that two men in the same creek took out \$4,008 in two days with only two lengths of sluice boxes. This last is doubted, but Mr. Leduc assures me he weighed that much gold for them, but is not positive where they got it. They were newcomers and had not done much in the country, so the probabilities are they got it on Bonanza Creek. A branch of Bonanza, named Eldorado, has prospected magnificently, and another branch named Tilly Creek has prospected well; in all there are some four or five branches to Bonanza Creek which have given good prospects. There are about 170 claims staked on the main creek and the branches are good for about as many more, aggregating say 350 claims, which will require over 1,000 men to work properly.

A few miles further up Bear Creek enters Klondak, and it has been prospected and located on. Compared with Bonanza it is small and will not afford more than 20 or 30 claims, it is said.

About 12 miles above the mouth of Gold Bottom Creek joins Klondak, and on it and a branch named Hunker Creek after the discovery very rich ground has been found. One man showed me \$22.75 he took out in a few hours on Hunker Creek with a gold pan prospecting his claim on the surface, taking out a panful here and there as fancy suggested. On Gold Bottom Creek and branches there