

The Map at page 10 illustrates a section of the richest portion of the Cariboo district, wherein is located the grant of the Slough Creek Mining Company. The mountains on either side that form the valley through which Slough Creek runs are seamed with quartz veins, the source that has supplied Burns, Coulter, Devils and Nelson Creeks with their rich deposits of gold. The natural trend of the valley corresponding with Williams and Lightning Creeks, points plainly to the presence of the precious metal in Slough Creek in the same quantity as those famous wealth producers which have attracted so much notice to the Cariboo district.

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Where Cariboo Is. It is that portion of British Columbia embracing a complete section across the Northern interior plateau from the Coast Mountains to the Rocky Mountain region. Popularly, Cariboo includes an area of about 60 miles square, and since the discovery of its rich auriferous alluvial deposits in 1860, when gold was taken out by the pound, it has continued to be the *richest gold field in the world*, this being attested by the record of the past thirty years, the yield averaging six hundred dollars a year to every man engaged in mining during that period.

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Production. This El Dorado of the North, Williams, Grouse and Lightning Creeks, with their tributaries, produced up to 1861, \$2,000,000. On Williams Creek 202 pounds of gold was taken out of the Diller claim in one day with only two men drifting. Steel & Co's claim yielded on two consecutive days 387 and 409 ounces of gold, and in two months \$105,000. The Canadian claim gave for a time \$5,000 and \$6,000 a day.

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On Lightning Creek the Campbell and Whitehall claims yielded in 1861, \$200,000. Campbell took out in three days 1,700 ounces of gold, and eight claims on this creek paid \$2,500,000. Grouse Creek was also very rich. The Heron claim paid from 100 to 400 ounces per day, and gave the owners \$300,000 in dividends. Besides these, there were Jack of Clubs, Lowhee, Chisholm, Last Chance, Van Winkle, Davis, Anderson, Harvey, Burns, Nelson and Coulter creeks, and numerous gulches and ravines which yielded a large amount of gold and made many independent fortunes.