

father of the Kamloops copper-gold mining camp, and as such is being watched with interest by mining men. It is owned and being developed by the Python Mining Company, Ltd., who also own the Python Fraction, the Noonday, Calumet and Copper Head claims, all adjoining. This discovery, the first known copper occurrence in the district, was made by Louis Victor Guilame, a local stockman, while hunting horses on the range. His horse kicked up a piece of very heavily copper-stained rock, which, when broken, was bright with copper pyrites. This was shown to local people, and such interest did it arouse that cash offers were quickly made for the disclosure of the location, but were refused. The discoverer, who had staked the claim himself, failed to record it, and shortly afterwards it was discovered by other prospectors, who had been attracted to the district by the excitement. It is prettily situated on the north slope of the ridge known as Coal Hill, at an elevation of some 2,000 feet above Kamloops, and from its shaft house a remarkable and beautiful view of the Thompson Valley can be obtained. It is one of the nearest mines to Kamloops located up to the present. As the crow flies it is situated three and a half miles southwest and some four and a half miles of road from the town.

The Python vein has been traced by a series of surface cross-cuts aggregating over 400 feet in length, with a depth of from 3 to 10 feet, showing the vein of grossan to be from 50 to 60 feet wide in places, all carrying more or less gold and copper carbonates for a distance of six

thousand feet on the Python and adjoining properties. On the Python claims ten full claims and a fraction are located on the vein, the other claims being situated lower down the hill, and yield excellent tunnel and mill sites.

The Hilltop Mine.

The Hilltop mineral claim is situated near Tranquille. This is a gold-quartz proposition. The quartz is massive and assays run from \$1 to \$14 per ton. A tunnel is being driven which is all the way in quartz. Two shifts are being worked, and as soon as the tunnel is in a sufficient distance, a series of assays will be taken, on the results of which will depend the further development of the property. This work is being done by Boillot Bros., representatives of the French Exploration Syndicate, a company who are actively engaged in investigating several Kamloops properties at the present time. The company have already made several purchases, and if their operations bring good results, they purpose investing more heavily. It is interesting to note that this company, formed in the first place for operations in the Klondike, were inducted by Mr. O. S. Batchelor, who met the Boillot Bros. in Dawson City, to stay a few days in the Kamloops camp and look around. They were so impressed with what they saw that they returned to Kamloops soon afterwards and secured their present holdings. —Province.

Mr. H. R. Bellamy states that he expects to place a dredge on the North Thompson in the early spring, although there is a possibility of delay owing to unsettled conditions