

trails and induce capitalists to provide the funds necessary to prove the numerous prospects.

Slocan. The output of the Slocan division, \$1,740,372, was nearly 50 per cent. under that of 1897, due entirely to differences between the mine owners and miners and the closing down of the principal mines for some months. Happily these differences appear on the eve of disappearing and there are indications of an early return of activity equal to, if not exceeding, anything heretofore experienced.

Cariboo. Mining in Cariboo is still confined to hydraulic-ing and placer but on a larger scale. The increased capital invested in hydraulic works during 1899, together with the experience gained in previous workings, augurs well for the future of Cariboo. The knowledge that twenty million dollars in gold was taken from two and a half miles of Williams Creek, while two miles of Lightning Creek yielded twelve millions additional, is still fresh in the memory of the operators, many of whom believe that the riches of that district are yet untold. It is to be regretted that quartz mining does not receive more attention in Cariboo as experts are unanimous in their belief that all the natural conditions exist to ensure a rich reward for such enterprise, when better means of communication are provided. Unfortunately, the district is at present served by only one good waggon road.

Cassiar and Of Cassiar and Omineca not so much is heard
Omineca. as of some of the Districts mentioned, but their mineral value is not lost sight of by the prospectors, whose number appears small simply on account of the great territory over which they are scattered. Important hydraulic works are being carried out in Omineca, the conditions being similar to those in Cariboo.

Atlin. The placer mines of Atlin yielded \$800,000 during 1899. The open season extends over about only four months and last year the early part of it was lost, in many cases, owing to the confusion between rival claim owners. Upon arrival, at the scene, of a Judge of the Supreme Court,