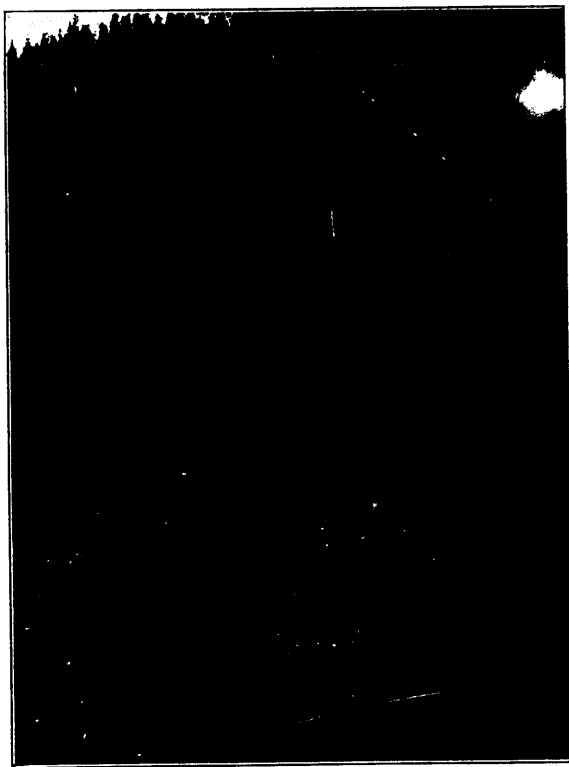


dend of about \$500 per month. From June 1 to September 30 it paid dividends of \$6,000. Every economy has to be used and the best of men employed underground to make it pay."

SNOWSHOE CREEK.

The light fall of snow last winter was a big drawback to the work on the Hayward hydraulic claim, on Snowshoe Creek, also owned by Veith and Borland, giving water to pipe only 40 days. On account of putting in a new steel pipe 600 ft. long and moving the tank and flume, there was not enough money taken out to cover all the extra expenses. The mine is now in good working order for ten years to come, and if



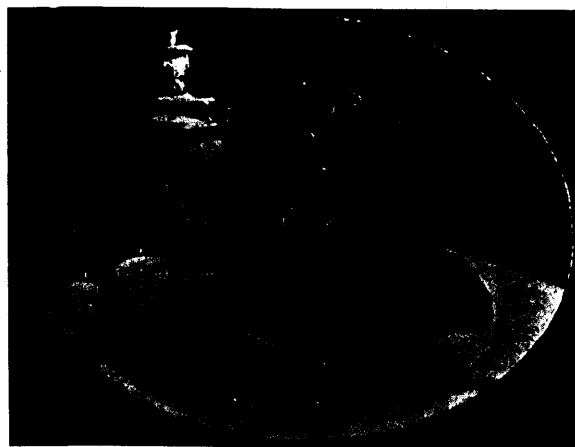
Boring Machine—La Fontaine, Lightning Creek.

it continues to pay as well as in past years, the shareholders will be satisfied.

The Luce or Live Yank hydraulic mine, just above the Hayward mine, on Snowshoe Creek (of which the late W. F. Anderson was foreman and principal owner), and from which but meagre returns had been received the past three years, had this year got on to the gold run and was paying handsomely, when Mr. Anderson was taken suddenly ill and died, after which mining operations ceased. This claim will give a good account of itself in future years.

Mr. W. Stephenson, mining recorder for Quesnel mining division, reported as follows: In submitting this, the annual report, with the estimated yield of gold from Quesnel mining division for the mining season of 1905, I find the amount of gold obtained is somewhat less than for 1904. This is, however, owing, not to the depreciation of the mines, but alto-

gether to the lack of water for the working of hydraulic properties and for other surface mining. This is the third dry season in succession in this section, and owing to the very light snowfall last winter, many of the small creeks and gulches ceased to flow after the snow was gone. The small surface mines located on, and others depending on, those streams, did nothing for the season, while the hydraulic mines had a very limited supply of water, for the reason that there was not enough melting snow to make any considerable amount of water in the lakes and reservoirs, which had been drained to the utmost the preceding season, and, consequently, the water supply was of very short duration and the output of gold light in consequence. Hydraulic and other surface mining is our chief dependence in this section, and the shortage of snow for the last three winters has been a great drawback. The rainfall during the summer months



Yield from one pan of gravel at Point Claim, Van Winkle, on Lightning Creek—56¼ oz.

was very light; in fact, it might be said that we had no rain from the first of May to the last of August.

On Keithley Creek, Messrs. Veith and Borland have a drifting claim which has paid well for the past year, with good prospects of continuing to do so for some years. This is the only drifting claim in this mining division that is working upon a paying basis. Two or three others are working, but with very indifferent results.

On Snowshoe Creek the mining season was very short, on account of the shortage of water; but the claims are looking well, and with a good supply of water would make a good showing.

On Goose Creek Messrs. Thos. Helgesen & Co. are working on their lease, with good results I have heard. There is always plenty of water in Goose Creek for mining purposes.

On the north fork of Quesnel River there are a few white men working, and they report making about the season has been limited. The Consolidated Cariboo

On the south fork of Quesnel River the work for fair wages. Some Chinese also scattered along the river were working in a desultory manner.