

ticular locality, and have been, I am happy to state, the first to discover peacock ore on Vancouver Island. **This class of ore is, however, found on Texada Island.** It will, perhaps, interest many to know that our prospects here on the West Coast are quite equal to the best showings in the Texada Camp, and that we have seemingly a very large body of ore.

Clayoquot. JAS. W. JONES.

The sample kindly forwarded to the *Mining Record* by our correspondent, Mr. Jones, is a very handsome specimen of peacock and pyritic copper ore, and judging from its appearance the copper value would be fully fifty per cent. It resembles very closely the rich copper ore found in the Similkameen Mountains.

The following is the story of the find: The two prospectors, who were cruising in a small vessel along the coast, had landed at Sidney Inlet for breakfast, and while enjoying the meal one of them kicked over a piece of broken rock which disclosed indications of mineral. Tracing up from this float they found a large iron capping which they broke into and uncovered a ledge of ore (from which the sample was procured) eight feet wide. Following up their success here they succeeded in locating four promising claims in the vicinity. Samples have been sent to Tacoma for treatment and we await the result of the test there made with interest.

An Excellent Map of the Klondyke.

THE Province Publishing Co., Ltd. of Victoria, are to be heartily congratulated upon the publication of a very excellent map of the Klondyke and North-West gold fields. The map is drawn to a large scale and contains much valuable information concerning that immense and practically unexplored northern country from whence such marvellous reports of rich gold discoveries have of late been made. It cannot, of course, be expected that a map of such a country should at the present time be strictly accurate, in fact it would be altogether surprising were this to be the case, nevertheless, the compilers have evidently taken great pains to include in their map all the reliable information that is really obtainable, and the approximate direction of the trail, as well as proposed routes, supposed to be feasible, are very clearly, and we believe, as nearly as possible, accurately drawn. Another capital feature of this map is the demarkation of the boundary line on the west of the territories claimed by, respectively, the Governments of the United States and of Great Britain. The matter of this disputed territory is dealt with elsewhere in this issue.

Notice to Publishers.

THE *Mining Record* will be glad to receive, for the purpose of review, copies of new publications dealing with questions affecting in any way the industry of mining.

The Up-Country Press.

A SIGNIFICANT and at the same time noteworthy indication of the general healthful and flourishing condition of the mining industry of the province may be found in the all-round excellence and the

of late improved literary (as well as, shall we say gentlemanly?) tone of the up-country publications. Nelson has now three very creditable weekly papers to keep the world informed of the wonderfully rich district whereof the town is the natural commercial centre. The *New Denver Ledger* or the *Kootenai Punch* has been recently enlarged and otherwise improved, while Sandon and Kaslo, Fort Steele and other towns in the rich Slocan each supports one and in some cases two weekly local journals. Rossland may well be proud of her two daily and three weekly papers, and two first-class weeklies are published at Trail. In Boundary Creek the *Times*, published at Greenwood, will this month celebrate its first anniversary, having increased to double its original size in this short time. The recent promising discoveries of mineral near Vernon are well reported in the *News*, and the *Herald* and *Mail* hold forth sturdily on the future commercial importance of Revelstoke. That old-established paper, the *Inland Sentinel*, published at Kamloops, has evidently a truculent as well as a talented editor at the head of affairs, and, by the way, a new publication is now asking for the patronage of the Kamloops people. Cariboo is well represented by the *Mining Journal*. The Fort Steele *Prospector* and Golden's two papers, particularly the *Era*, have done much recently to interest the public in East Kootenay.

The Klondyke Boom and British Columbia.

THE Klondyke boom has already had an important effect in stimulating abroad interest and inquiry, concerning British Columbia, and the recent formation of a British Columbia market on the London Stock Exchange is plainly confirmatory of this view. Whether it is altogether desirable that this province should be associated with the latest gold fever, or that the cause of the awakening interest in her mineral resources should be produced on the suppositional richness of the Yukon, is a matter of serious question, and personally we view the connection not altogether without trepidation. It is, of course, impossible to doubt the richness of the deposits of the placer ground on the Klondyke and its tributaries, and there can be no doubt but that the yield of gold from the new diggings will be extraordinary if not unprecedented; nevertheless, it is almost certain that owing to the peculiar climatic conditions and geographical position of this inhospitable region the mortality, distress and disappointment among the miners there will this season be terrible and a re-action of the present excitement is inevitable. A number of stock companies have, moreover, been organized in the United States and in London to exploit and investigate the Yukon and Klondyke gold fields. Possibly in nine cases out of ten these so-called companies are palpable swindles, but even when honestly promoted enterprises of this nature are under the circumstances pre-ordained to result in loss to those foolish enough to risk money in the undertaking. It is a well-known fact that even otherwise well-informed people in England are ignorant to an extraordinary degree in the geographical position of the remote colonial possessions, and to emphasize this statement it is only necessary to point out that many of the influential Old Country financial publications have lately told their readers that the Klondyke was