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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Publication of the information concerning the occurrence of platinum in the Fraser River, to which reference was made last month, has again had to be deferred.

On page 248 of this issue the payment of dividends by several British Columbia mining companies is noted. It is evident that the number of profit-earning mines in the Province is increasing.

The Atlin Consolidated Mining Company, a Guggenheim organization, has commenced the season's work on Tar Flats, Pine Creek, Atlin district, where it last year installed a 70-ton steam shovel capable of handling 3,000 cu. yd. of gravel per diem.

The Cranbrook *Prospector* says: Three hydraulic plants are now in operation on Wild Horse Creek, Fort Steele mining division. Not since 1900 has there been more activity shown in placer mining on the historic old creek than is going on at the present time.

A new record was made at the British Columbia Copper Company's smelting works at Greenwood, Boundary district, during the last week in June, when 13,647 tons of ore were smelted. Of this quantity 9,209 tons came from the company's mines; the remainder was custom ore.

The recent finding of two large nuggets of gold in Atlin district has been reported. One was in the Otter Hydraulic Company's sluice box on Otter Creek and weighed nearly 30 oz. The other, which weighed 56 oz., was found on Spruce Creek on unoccupied ground covered with tailings.

Among other interesting matter held over by reason of lack of space this month is the provincial mineralogist's review of the "Developments of the Year," his introductory comment on which was: "There have been few developments or occurrences during the past year that require special notice. Mining is becoming more a settled business, by the elimination, to a large extent, of visionary schemes."