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The East Kootenay "Miner" speaks very plainly of a body of mountebank sol-disant prospectors, who recently started north from Calgary. Most were probably remittance men from England, of a type which Western Canada knows too well. The "Miner" thus describes the pack of fools:

A mining outfit consisting of twelve members, arrayed in garments wonderfully made, and composed of whitened curduroy to match the snow, has just started out from Calgary. It is reported a Chicago syndicate has advanced \$1,500 to provide each outfit. If this be so, it is another exemplification of an old proverb. The outfit have been buying cayuses and exercising them on the streets to accustom them to the bustle and noises of strange towns, and taking them down to the station to familiarise them with the sound or the railway locomotive. It is well to be accustomed to all contingencies. particularly as the party intends to get as far as Edmonton anyhow, where an occasional locomotive may be heard. Their destination is the sources of the Peel River, to search for gold. It is not expected that all the members of the outfit, which is a miscellaneous collection of jacks of all trades, will ever get there, but the age of miracles is not yet past.

FORT STEELE.

Work on the Cornucopia is being hindered by the illness of Harry Amme, who is down with rheumatism. They will put in a 75-foot tunnel this Winter to crosscut the lead.

Capt. White-Fraser, late Inspector of the North West Mounted Police, has joined Robins Brothers, of Wardner, in a Stage Line Company to be known as the White-Fraser Stage Company. The headquarters will be at Wardner for the present, and stables will be maintained at Fort Steele and other places. Stages will be regularly run between Fort Steele and Wardner, Cranbrook, and Moyle. A number of first class horses and rigs for hire, and teams and vehicles for freighting purposes will always be obtainable at their stables-in short a general livery business will be done.

A PROMISING SICAMOUS CLAIM.

Mr. W. T. Newman, of Kamioops, reports that assays of specimens submitted to him from the Blue Bird claim at Sicamous, run between \$600 and \$700 in gold with 10 to 17 per cent. of copper. The specimens were surface ones, and though doubtless selected, seem to augur good possibilities for a place very new to B. C. precious metal mining.

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