

During the first two years of mining on the Columbia a considerable number of people lost their lives on the river through their ignorance of the dangerous rapids which exist in many places and especially at Dallis des Morts, which received its lugubrious name from the extreme danger there was in passing it. In one instance a boat filled with twenty-five men was capsized here and twenty of the passengers drowned. Until 1875 mining was carried on here by a number of white men but the majority of diggers were Chinamen many of whom are still making fair wages at the same place. Simultaneous with the discoveries on the Columbia the opulence of Omineca began to be unfolded, and Artic, Vitell's, Manson and Germansen creeks gave further assurance of the golden character of the British Columbian streams. And pushing further north prospectors found in the Stikeen River, in Cassiar, yet another mining field which, during 1874 and 1875, yielded good returns for the labor expended on it.

