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The Liard Has A Great Future

Mr. Haskin of the Rosella Mining Company Talks of The Northern Goldfields.

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Gold in Sight.

In no part of the vast northern country is the outlook more promising than in the Liard division, where great progress is being made in the prospecting and development of hydraulic mining claims. A good deal has been written from time to time concerning the Thibert creek property, which has reached the profit earning stage, but there are other properties that will soon be on the same satisfactory basis. One of the most important of these is the property of the Rosella Development Company, concerning which Mr. J. W. Haskin, who has just arrived in Victoria from the mine, speaks very hopefully.

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Mr. Haskin is a mining man of many years' experience, and it is interesting to note that he has great faith in the future of the Liard country. Speaking to a Colonist reporter yesterday, Mr. Haskin said that the great difficulty encountry is the lack of transportation facilities, but there is hope that some railway company will come to the rescue. At present the cost of transporting machinery to the creeks is exorbitant and naturally retards development.

"The Liard country is one vast gold field," said Mr. Haskin. "I speak from absolute experience when I affirm that. There was a time when it was not generally believed that the creeks would prove profitable at a depth, but now the days of deep channels have established the fact beyond all doubt. There are some twenty-two gold bearing creeks in this section and the ground has only been scratched over by the old prospec-



tors. When the country is opened up by the construction of a road, there is likely to be as big an influx into the Liard country as there was to the Klondike. It will be a big country, of that I have no doubt."

The Rosella Company owns ten leases on five creeks and five bench claims, the holdings aggregating four and one-half miles in length. The ground has been thoroughly prospected. The company has done a lot of work and has about completed a canal with a capacity of 1,200 inches and some 1,800 feet of pipes have been laid down. The work done on the famous Dunn's creek is considered of especial importance, and the company expects to take out a lot of gold from this part of the property next year.

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LAST WHO SAW DISCOVERY. Chief John, of the Littuya bay tribe of Indians, was the last person to see the steamer Discovery, which was lost while coming down to the Sound from Nome a year ago. This is the story from Valdez and is believed there. According to the Indian, the Discovery was trying to make Littuya bay and seemed to him to be disabled. There was a terrible sea on at the time, and as the steamer tried to turn into the bay she disappeared. The hull was afterward reported to have been found near there. The Discovery carried about thirty passengers.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 10.—President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe railway system, stated that it was a fact that John D. Rockfeller, Sr., and James Stillman, president of the National City Bank of New York, had purchased \$25,000,000 in Santa Fe stock. Mr. Ripley said that he was not aware as to whether this indicated that E. H. Harriman would be interested in the ownership of the Santa Fe, although the fact that these gentlemen had been acting concertedly in several deals recently would seem to lend some slight color to the statement. Regarding the vacancy to the third vice presidency of the road by the resignation of Paul Morton to accept the cabinet portfolio, President Ripley stated that the place would not be filled now.

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