

report is made as seems reasonable to expect large works will be the result of the French company's mines on Quesnelle River.

Mr. Johnson, president of the Cariboo Gold Mining and Exploration Company, who has been on Antler Creek, where the company's mining property is, states that his company will work on an extensive scale next season and that the result of their work this season has been to prove that the ground owned by them is of value, and that from the present showing there is no fear of that part of Cariboo not turning out well.

The North Star mine, three miles from Quesnelle, is reported as having made a successful run.

#### FORT STEELE

A party of experts are prospecting near the divide at the head of the St. Mary's River.

The mines in the vicinity of Perry Creek are rapidly coming to the front. This portion of the district is noted for being a gold country. The ore is free milling and the veins quite large.

T. McVittie has surveyed the placer workings on Perry Creek. It is the intention of the company to commence preparatory work at once.

A large number of men are at work on Huckleberry Hill, the North Star company having some thirty men employed at the mine. It is reported that a large amount of ore will be taken out this winter.

Parties are at work placer mining below the forks of Perry Creek. They will erect buildings and remain there all winter. As it is known that the gravel is rich, success is almost assured.

#### KAMLOOPS

The shaft and drift in the Python claim on Coal Hill have now penetrated the lead to a depth of over forty feet, and the appearance at the bottom remains as promising as ever. There is ore on all sides all the way down and the main lead that is followed seems to be increasing in richness all the time. The latest assays give about thirty-five per cent. in copper and from \$4 to \$8 in gold.

Capt. Robert Lyons, of the Iron Mask (Mr. Newman's grand prospect on Copper Hill), came into Kamloops recently, bringing with him samples of copper-gold ore from a pay streak a foot or more wide running from top to bottom of the breast, and as fine a sample of ore as could be got in any Trail Creek mine. Specks of free gold can be seen in the solid copper ore.

Mr. Newman and James Russell have put a force of men at work on a new claim called the Gold Mask, situated about four miles further west than the present workings. Here there is a surface showing fully 150 feet wide, running west by south and dipping south. An immense body of pure magnetic iron has been discovered just east of the Gold Mask, situated about four miles further west than the present workings, which, although of no commercial value at present, serves to point unmistakably to the presence in this belt of immense bodies of clean ore.

The Cinnabar mines on Kamloops Lake near Savonas, have nearly completed their furnace, which has a capacity for treating about twenty-five tons of ore per day. During the past season, with only a prospecting plant, enough quicksilver to sup-

ply the local demand and some for export has been manufactured.

#### KASLO

The prospectus of the London Hill Development and Mining Company will be in the hands of the public in a few days. The capital of the company is \$150,000, divided into six hundred thousand shares of twenty-five cents each. The price at which the company is acquiring the property (that is the four claims forming the London group) is \$100,000, payable \$10,000 in cash and \$90,000 in 360,000 fully paid shares.

The Duncan-Lardo River is to be opened up from Kootenay Lake to Howser Lake, and a start will probably be made this fall. The above statement is founded upon advices from Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., who says that the item of \$50,000 down on the supplementary list as a first appropriation to cover preliminary work in opening up the Lardo Duncan River, as recommended by Mr. Gamble, will pass.

Dunc. and Dan McPhail, Phil. McDonald, Harry Griffith, and Neal McFadden are rejoicing over an assay certificate which gives them 3,500 ounces of silver from an average sample of several inches of ore in a strong vein on one of their Hall Creek claims, near the Bannockburn.

Hugh Sutherland, of Hudson's Bay Railway fame, has bonded the Topaz and Silver Nugget, lying between Eight and Ten-Mile Creeks, and belonging to Swan and the Clough brothers. The figure was \$30,000. Usual terms.

There are quite a number of prospects on Springer Creek and Ten Mile Creek being developed, and which will, in all probability, ship considerable ore during the winter.

#### MIDWAY

A very rich strike has been made in the Oro claim in White's camp. The claim lies to the south of the Mabel. The vein matter is quartz heavily charged with copper pyrites, and the character of the quartz suggests that it may run well in gold.

The Victoria claim is situated on Rock Creek, directly east of Camp McKinney, and since its acquisition by Seattle and Victoria capitalists, all is hurry and bustle in its neighbourhood.

On the 24th of December, 1895, a bond was given on the Gold Drop claim, situated in Greenwood camp by the owner, Mr. Joseph Hetu, to the Montreal and British Columbia Prospecting and Promoting Company, limited. The operations of the bondholders have been so successful as to result in a purchase of the claim.

On the Butterfly claim, in Skylark camp, the ore body, some ten or twelve feet wide, is a white quartz, seamed and heavily impregnated with copper pyrites, and carrying as well gold and silver.

#### NANAIMO

Messrs. C. Chapman and E. Gartley returned lately from a twelve days' prospecting trip in the mountains around the Nanaimo lakes. Mr. Gartley is most enthusiastic in regard to the mining prospects of this district, and staked off four claims, with six different ledges, one ten feet wide, to the south of the first Nanaimo lake.

#### NELSON

The Reco owners have formed an incorporated