

berton's property at Hawchuelset Harbour, under the management of Mr. Levelle. The rock is exceedingly hard, costing as high as \$30 per foot to work.

There are a great many prospectors at and around Effingham Inlet and Hawchuelset Harbour.

James Redford returned a few days ago with some fine peacock copper ore from Cat Face Mountain, Ahousaht. He has recorded two claims there, besides four claims on Kennedy Lake with the characteristic iron-capping.

The *Tees* on her last trip from Victoria carried a considerable number of passengers (mining men, most of them), intent on visiting the new field on Deer Creek, Clayoquot Sound. The steamer anchored for two days to allow the visitors, among whom I noticed Capt. Irving and Mr. Wilson of Victoria, an opportunity of seeing the claims of the district. A number of properties are now being surveyed in this neighbourhood by Mr. Going, P.L.S., of Victoria, and Mr. G. A. Smith, P.L.S., of Alberni.

Mr. D. Smith, the engineer for the B.C. London Agency, after visiting several prospects here was apparently well satisfied with the outlook. A party, including the writer, also visited recently the Hetty Green, whereat a gang of men were at work driving a tunnel along the lode. It is now in some ten feet, exposing a very promising body of copper pyrites. Work is also being pushed forward on the Crow and Two Sisters. Already the place, hardly six months old, has all the appearance of a lively camp.

Assessment work on many claims on Bear River, Clayoquot Sound, is also at present being done. Mr. Scott, the well-known Vancouver mining broker, visited some of the most promising properties and was thoroughly satisfied with the surface indications thereon.

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The Cariboo Mine, Camp McKinney.

DURING the twelve months ending the beginning of August nearly 7,000 tons of ore were milled from the Cariboo mine at Camp McKinney, producing 8,035 ounces of bullion and 170 tons of concentrates, the ore milled averaging \$17.45 per ton. The mine has therefore paid in the time mentioned \$78,836.84, after deducting the cost of new machinery and a loss of bullion stolen to the value of \$10,000 and legal expenses connected therewith amounting to \$2,000. The new machinery consists of a four-drill Rand compressor and a fifty horse-power boiler, and it is further contemplated to increase the number of stamps in the mill. The mine has paid \$156,964 in dividends to date.

Mineral Exhibits at Spokane.

IT is earnestly to be hoped that mine owners and others interested in the development and welfare of the mining industry of British Columbia will avail themselves of the excellent opportunity of advertising the resources of the province by responding freely to the invitation extended by the directors of the Spokane Fruit Fair to send collections of ore to the exhibition to be opened in Spokane on the 5th of October. The exhibits should be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mineral Department, Spokane, not later than the 15th of this month, hence there is little time to spare. It is understood that the railroad

companies have been asked and have agreed to carry free of charge to Spokane all consignments of ore for exhibition purposes. As is well known, representative mining men from all parts of the north-west will congregate at Spokane at the time of the fair, and it is important that British Columbia's exhibit should in some measure denote her great mineral resources.

Discovery of Free Milling Ore Near Victoria.

THAT valuable deposits of ore are not confined to any one district or section of the province of British Columbia has already been sufficiently well demonstrated, and the discovery of mineral of paying grade and quantity in what might a short time ago have been regarded as unlikely localities no longer occasions surprise. The most recent "strike" of this kind is reported to have been made on Leech River, some twenty miles from Victoria by the Nanaimo road, and several claims have been located in this neighbourhood during the past month, one of the most promising being the Violet, upon which there is a well-defined ledge of ferruginous quartz in a formation of syenite and slate, and a second ledge has also been found on the claim. Of course the proprietor of this property has as yet had little opportunity to determine whether or not the find is really valuable. The indications, however, are most favourable. The ledge has been traced for over 1,000 feet on to an adjoining and also promising prospect, the Lady Belle, and ore taken from an open cut on the discovery ledge assayed \$15 in gold and from surface rock of the second and parallel ledge \$6. It is worthy of note that ore of this value could be treated very profitably in Victoria.

Kamloops.

AN excellent article on mining at Kamloops, from the pen of Mr. J. F. Smith, has been unavoidably crowded out of this issue; also a notice of automatic engines, manufactured by J. Leffel & Co., of Springfield, Ohio.

Special Notice.

The following testimonials regarding the excellent quality of the steel shoes and dies manufactured by Geo. W. Pennington & Sons was unavoidably crowded out of the last issue of the RECORD:

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