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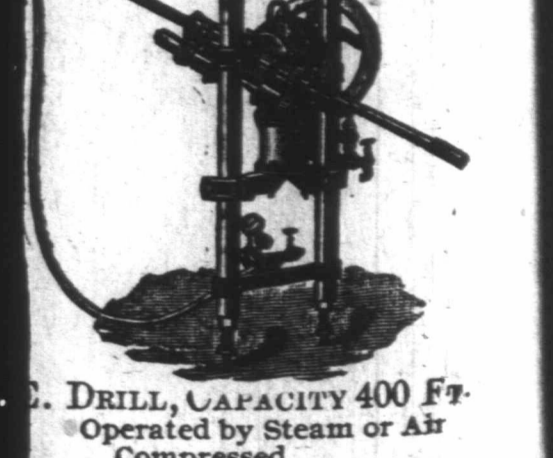
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We have received from half a dozen sources copies of the San Francisco Call containing an interview with one J. T. Gove, which is published under the heading "No Soft Snap in British Columbia." The interview in question follows:

"J. T. Gove, the well-known ore buyer and owner of gold properties in Mariposa county, is at the Palace. As a representative of the Omaha & Grant Beneficial company he has been on an extended trip through Montana, Idaho, Washington and British Columbia. He will probably now remain here most of the winter.

"Mr. Gove is not strongly impressed with British Columbia, especially as a mining country and thinks California is far ahead of it. In a word, he thinks the average California miner is well off compared with those who are not trying their luck in the snowy fields of British Columbia.

"I spent a great deal of time while out on this trip," said Mr. Gove, "in examining new districts and noting the progress of the old ones. Give me California as a mining country, especially for gold mining. There is no other state or territory that can compare with her.

"Here is fine climate, plenty of good water, big veins of quartz and all easily reached by rail direct. A man doesn't miss by all the advantages till he takes his chances on the frontier by stage in all kinds of weather.

"A good deal of my time was spent in British Columbia. I was at Rossland and many other places. I visited Inverworth, New Denver and the Trail Creek region pretty thoroughly. I also visited the Slocan country. As a whole I was not impressed with the country as a place for money making.

"Rossland is a town of 7,000 or 8,000 people, pretty high in the mountains. I don't think much of it. The ore about there is all in granite with pyrites of iron.

"The Le Roi, the best mine there, appears to have got its best days behind it. The owners shipped 12,000 tons of their ore to Great Falls and it went \$30. They built a smelter, and their first lot of ore there ran about \$40, and their last lot dwindled down to about \$16—too low to pay. The other gold properties around there have not come up as was expected. I don't see any great future for the place.

"The Slocan silver mines pay \$100,000 a month. If silver was worth \$1 an ounce it would be great ore. The ore is very rich, in narrow veins.

"Ainsworth is a very lively place and a good business point. It's the best place up there. New Denver doesn't amount to much yet.

"I was at Spokane a few days. There is a population of about 30,000 there, but a great deal of it is floating. Property is very cheap.

"The property in British Columbia is nearly all owned by the Canadians. There are few Americans there. The people have come in from Montreal, Quebec, Toronto and other places in the eastern provinces. The larger part of them never saw a mine, having never had any sort of experience before. It is an invasion of tenderfeet."

prospects throughout the province. The Canadians will learn. The argonauts of California were once "tenderfeet" themselves.

The new ore chute for the Jumbo was put into use this week but owing to the fact that the ore in its long descent knocked off the top covering in some places, a stop had to be made for repairs. These will soon be made when the ore bins at the foot of the chute will be filled up and shipments begun.

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