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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The distance from Dawson, Yukon, to Chena, on the Tanana River, Alaska, is 800 miles.

The Providence Mining Co., of Greenwood, Boundary district, is again on the list of dividend payers of the Province,

Preparations are in hand for thoroughly testing the gold values contained in gravel forming the bed of the Frascr River in Lillooet district, in the first instance by a Keystone drill.

Some 30 men are employed on the Great Cariboo Gold Co.'s deep-drift property on Lightning Creek. The shaft is down 195 ft., and it is stated that a short drift from it will reach the pay gravel.

The Kaslo Kootenaian remarks: The recent rich strike at depth in the Rambler will prove a boon to the Silvery Slocan. We know of two influential companies in the district to shortly begin deep development.

Some 15 men are employed on the hydraulic gold mining property being operated on Lorne Creek, a tributary of Skeena River, which stream it joins between Kitsilas Canyon and Hazelton. Work here is reported to be resulting satisfactorily.

From the Phoenix *Pioneer* it is learned that about the middle of August another mine was added to the list of shippers from that camp—the Idaho. There seems to be no doubt that the Idaho will produce an immense tomage of ore in the future.

The Brown-Alaska Co. has made its first shipment of ore from the mining property at Maple Bay, Portland Canal, it is operating. The ore was sent to the Alaska Smelting and Refining Co.'s smelter at Hadley, Prince of Wales Island, Southeastern Alaska.

The Mining and Scientific Press of San Francisco, California, with prempt courtesy, acceded to our request for the loan of the three engraving blocks appearing in this issue in connection with Mr. H. W. Turner's interesting article on "Ketchikan, Alaska."