

Current Mining News.

Contributions from any part of British Columbia and the mining districts of a reliable nature will be published in these columns, and we request that mining men write us about the progress of the mines of their district. We desire to publish all mining news.

GOLD GRAVELS IN CASSIAR.

It is learned on excellent authority that exceptionally rich gold-bearing gravels, capable of easy working by hydraulicizing, have been located in the Skeena River district of Cassiar. Efforts will be made to interest British capital in the discovery.

A SATISFACTORY SIGN.

The British Columbia Ironworks, of Vancouver, is immediately to enlarge considerably the area of its machine shops and molding rooms, a large addition to the present site of the works having just been purchased. The chief cause of the extension is the growth of the mining machinery manufacture of the ironworks.

THE GOLDEN CACHE.

The result of the second run of the stamp mill is a gross yield of 900 ounces of amalgam and of air body of concentrates from the treatment of 750 tons of ore. The outcome will probably be a yield of about \$9,000 or \$12 to the ton, making the mine of middle grade as a free-milling gold proposition, and calling for its efficient working by skilled labor and the best of modern machinery.

EAST KOOTENAY'S MINING.

The tunnel of the Dodo, on Wild Horse creek, is in 45 feet, and the showing of ore is fine. Preparations are now being made to sink a shaft on the Klondike, an adjoining claim belonging also to Messrs. Starbird and Collett.

Messrs. Amme and Van Arsdalen have the tunnel on the Cornucopia now driven in 40 feet, and it is stated the ore is rich looking and abundant, and the general appearance good. The ore body is iron sulphurets, carrying gold, silver, copper and lead, and should be valuable as an ingredient in the smelting of the galena ores of the district.

The Hon. George E. Foster has purchased two additional claims in the Dibble group, and now owns nearly all the claims that surround Dibble's original location. Next spring a large force of men will be engaged to work these claims.

The Wasa group of claims on Wasa creek, owned by William Thompson, William Haupt, Pete Rosendale and Eric Sundran, has been bonded to Henry Croft, of Victoria, for \$20,000 cash at the end of sixty days.

MORE ABOUT YUKON.

For twenty years the bars in the Yukon River of Alaska have been worked at more or less profit, and are said to be rich. There has never been any doubt that Yukon sands were rich, and frequently, before the Klondike craze, there were various projects discussed for dredging the sands. Dredges, however, have not been successful, as a rule, until within the past two years, and that reason more than any other prevented the projects being carried to a conclusion. This coming year they will be tried. One in which some Colorado capital is invested has been organized in Portland, Oregon. The plan is to equip the boat after the manner of a Bowers dredger, with a big suction pipe and centrifugal pump. As the earth is lifted it will be pumped into a hopper on the bow and flow thence into two sets of sluice boxes running the entire length of the boat to the stern. The boat will be further equipped with an endless chain dredge on one side. Most of the gold on the bars is coarse, and it is believed can be saved with quicksilver. However, provisions will be made to catch fine gold should any be found. The craft will be towed to the mouth of the Yukon, leaving on May 1st. Its capacity for lifting earth is such that the company expect to make money if the yield is as low as ten cents a yard." So speaks the Western Mining World, but the estimate is, judging by all past results of northern dredging, quite too sanguine.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN CORPORATION, LTD.

This big British concern is now stated by its managing Canadian director, Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh, to have bought the Josie, No. 1, and Nickel Plate mines at Rossland; also mining and other interests at Dawson City and on several of the Yukon creeks. The price paid for the Josie was 30 cents a share, or \$210,000; that for the No. 1, \$200,000—\$50,000 representing cash, and \$150,000 stock in the British American Corporation. As a result of those transactions the prices of Rossland mining claims, mines and stocks have stiffened considerably.

SOLD BY THE SHERIFF.

The Red Eagle Mining Company's plant and prospects at Rossland have been sold by the Sheriff to Mr. J. W. Boyde for \$2,184.40, only the value of the judgement and costs under which execution was levied on the property. If the property be worth anything the purchase is cheap assuredly. Its value must either be practically nil or much more than a sum of less than \$2,200. But good things sometimes go very cheap at a sheriff's sale.