

including certainly Messrs. Hume and Cotton, are not without fears on the fears on the subject, whilst Mr. McKechnie is enthusiastically in favor of the restriction of hours, which was, as he declares, largely brought about by the electors of the Nanaimo district, which he represents. Mr. Martin has not, we think, declared himself, but he is believed to endorse the legislation, as it follows the general policy, which is strongly approved by most of his special supporters among the electors of Vancouver. Mr. Semlin may probably, on the other hand, be reckoned among the ministers who "have their doubts."—*B. C. Mining Record.*

In respect of water supply the cases of the various hydraulic mines in Cariboo differ considerably. Thus while the Cariboo Hydraulic and Horsefly mines desire a winter with much snow on the hills, in order to secure beyond doubt a good water supply, certain of those interested in Cottonwood Creek gold ventures of a like character are somewhat anxious, having a good water supply secured in any case, lest the unusual amount of snow which fell on the mountains this winter may cause some interruption of development work by flooding. *B. C. Mining Record.*

Recent legislation precluding aliens from staking placer claims in British Columbia has caused a good deal of ill-feeling and contention. It was stated at the time the bill was under discussion in the local legislature that the prohibitory clause was inserted for the purpose

of reserving the rich grounds of the Atlin district for British subjects. It now appears that there is a probability that the object in view may be frustrated, inasmuch as there is a doubt as to whether the region in question is within the British Columbian or North West Territories. To settle the point the Topographical Survey Department of Canada has sent an engineer to investigate. This official's report is being anxiously looked for, as upon it a great deal will depend as to the settlement of existing differences. *Kootenay Mining Standard.*

Our Camp.

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The present season will undoubtedly see considerable attention paid to the eastern section of the Coal Hill camp. The lead exposed on the Python, is continuous to the southeast for a considerable distance, just east of the Python it is crossed, and broken up by a large dyke carrying a considerable amount of iron pyrites, to the east of this the lead is solid and undisturbed for a considerable distance, and is associated with a vast body of magnetite. On this portion of the lead are located two claims of the Hecla group, and four claims of the Kimberly group. It is on the Kimberly group that the most work is done. The open cuttings on the Last Chance, the Charlotte, the Keystone fraction, and the Morning Star, have exposed the lead for a distance of 2500 ft. On the Last Chance and the Char-