

# TELLS OF COUNTRY

William F. Cooke Spent Three Years in District in Charge of Supplies for the G. T. P. Surveys.

Surveys.

until the company's survey work was completed. In conversation with a representative of the Colonist, Mr. Cacko, who has returned from the

"From Fort George to Giscombe Portage, a distance of 41 miles follow-

valleys, and indeed the country as a whole, although, as I have said, well-timbered, is largely of a park-like description, with much open space. It is, in the main, much easier land to

and Goat River Rapids. The country on both sides of the river for the whole length of this distance is very rich soil, though more heavily timbered than the previous section. By

"How about mineral resources, Mr. Cooke?"

Some rich free-milling gold quartz has been found in the shed of the Beaver River, a tributary of the Fraser about 50 miles below Tete Jaune Cache; while at Tete Jaune

"About 25 miles, this is under reserve by the Provincial Government for a width of three miles on each side of the river."

"Is the country from Fort George up

For instance, a man on the Nechaco river, about five miles above Fort George—a fair specimen of the general nature of the land—has been raising garden stuff of all descriptions

"From the mouth of the Stewart river to Stewart Lake, a distance of about 100 miles, the country again becomes more open, with clumps of wil-

"The distance is about ninety miles, and the river going is first-class. There are a couple on canyons, but nothing to interfere with steam navigation."

**The Weather**  
The longest spell of really cold weather I have seen in my experience here was about three weeks. The cold at that time was about the same

And, Mr. Cooke, after four years' experience, what is your opinion of the country as a whole, from the point of view of settlement and investment?"

Well, I consider that the valley of

Another thing that strikes a person is the number of places you can reach easily and cheaply by water; not only by steamboat, but by canoe.

Yes; there is good coal reported on  
r River, about forty miles from  
t George, which is being developed.

seems to me that, with mineral in  
y mountain, with a most fertile  
and with abundance of wood and  
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