

the first is the Gold Hills Consolidated Placer Mines, with a capital of 60,000 shares at \$1 each. This company is incorporated to acquire some rich claims on Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, having a frontage of 2,000 feet. Amongst the directors' names is noticed that of F. C. Liddle, Esq., who organized the Chamber of Mines in Johannesburg, and for a number of years was a leading figure in several of the best known South African companies. When Mr. Halder left Dawson nearly all the shares had been taken up at par, although but two days on the market.

Such well-known mining men as Albert Halder, F.G.S., and Reuter's representative, confirm the high character of this Northern "British" gold-field. No! they are not foreign, they are unquestionably British, equally so with the Cape and Australia, what may be said to the contrary notwithstanding.

We are pleased to quote the opinion of such authorities as Messrs. Halder and C. Marks; both gentlemen of reputation, and whose words carry weight with them sufficient to influence unlimited capital. Major Halder entered the Yukon country a very weak believer in its possibilities as expressed to date. Needless to say, he came away with the highest opinions as to present and future of the diggings, averring that they are verily Pactolian and that the life of them will not be confined to one generation. Being present during the wash-up, he has seen the results of the sluicing, in the profusion of gold dust and nuggets, which were tangible proof of the quality of the gravel.

Both Major Halder and Mr. C. Marks went into Dawson the reverse of optimistic; they return more than convinced of its wealth, and proceed to London, England, to make these facts known and appreciated.

Undoubtedly the Yukon is a marvelously rich ground and we don't stay to enquire whether this scattering of erratic nuggets is due to glacial, or any other action which science may advance. No, its tangibility is sufficient for all the lucky possessors, and they, up till now, have not "looked the gift horse in the mouth."

We have been from the first very guarded in our expressions, re the Klondike, preferring to wait till the Yukon was more or less a proved quantity, ere committing ourselves, and plainly stated so, we are therefore glad to know and confirm the character of these diggings, supported by the testimony of such practical authorities as Major Halder, Mr. C. Marks, of the Financial News, and Mr. M. Marks, latter gentleman of large alluvial and lode experience in Australia. Practical evidences, practical men, attest in a practical way the value of the district, hence it is practically impossible to doubt the fact.

Major Halder says, they are by far the richest diggings known, and will be good fifty years hence. As a hydraulicing field, he predicts that large capital will flow in there for development. The ground, he says, is 250 per cent. better than the Cape. This will satisfy most people who are not "Boers."

The Transvaal boerishness overshadows the situation at home and we are of opinion that the introduction of some more bores to kill the other boers off, and rid Africa of such pests, will be the inevitable steps to take under existing conditions. Much as we deplore the necessity of resorting to arms and consequent horrors and bloodshed, there are times when the evil

cannot be averted with safety and honor to the people and the flag, and this is one of those occasions. These boerish tusks must be drawn and the boers taught a lesson in political economy and to respect the rights of the individual, so long as they are responsible to the British people. When Britons, who gave to the world all that makes life worth living, the blessing of freedom, forget their duty to the oppressed, then and then only may their enemies rejoice; not before.

GRAND FORKS OF BONANZA GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED.

The Superintendent, Mr. Marks, advises the head office, Vancouver, that they have established the machinery on the property, and are working full swing, and will have a wash-up in about ten days in one instance, and five weeks in another, provided it does not freeze up too soon, everything going successfully. "Our property on Quartz Creek will prove alright." (Signed.) M. Marks.

NOTES.

Mr. J. D. Kendall, of Berwick & Moering, of London, has left for England. He will return to B. C. after a short absence.

The Dominion Government has at last made up its mind to spend a moiety in opening up roads, etc., in the Yukon. \$180,000 or thereabouts, we believe, is the figure. Let us hope the diggers get the benefit of it, in the going and coming to Dawson from their claims, or at least a good pack trail.

Klondike has maintained its character; something over \$20,000,000 has already been brought down from the diggings as the result of the present clean-up. In fact, nearly every boat continues to bring down a larger or smaller amount of the pure stuff.

The Grand Forks of Bonanza have decided to call in the 15c. issue, and no further stock will be written off except at par, 25 cents.

It is said that during the last week in August, some four or five steamers carried \$300,000 worth of merchandise from Vancouver.

Very heavy shipments are now being sent through to the Yukon, all vessels sailing North are taxed to the utmost for freight space.

Local wholesale men estimate, that, during last month their sales in Dawson City, amounted in value to something like \$600,000.

We hear there is a probability of an all Canadian route (Railway) to the Yukon, and this in the near future. In our last issue we referred to this, as an easy way of getting over the Alaskan question, by showing our neighbors we can do without them; or rather, that we are equally as enterprising and business-like as themselves. We don't intend to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the satisfaction of the United States.