

scales has been found for 18 miles above its confluence with the Thompson.

Tranquille river flows into Kamloops lake; was worked before 1862, and has afforded occupation to a varying number of miners every year since. It has almost entirely fallen into the hands of Chinamen now. On Louis creek, in the lower part of the North Thompson, gold mines have been worked. On the South Similkameen, a short way above Vermilion forks, gold mining has been carried on for several years, though now the Chinese have possession. The Tulameen or north fork of the Similkameen, though yielding "prospects," has never given remunerative employment.

Further down the Similkameen, gold has been found in a few places, notably at Twenty-mile creek where it was worked for some years.

Gold in small quantities has been found in several streams flowing into the Okanagan valley, but few mines of any importance are there. The best deposits of Mission creek have been worked though the high benches may pay for hydraulicing. Cherry creek, a tributary of the Shuswap river, still gives employment to a few white miners and a number of Chinamen. Scotch creek, flowing into Shuswap lake from the north, has yielded some heavy gold, but no mining is now going on there.

In the Queen Charlotte Islands no alluvial gold seems to have been found, but auriferous quartz exists in some quantities.

OTHER LOCALITIES YIELDING GOLD.

The following is a summarized list of the localities in British Columbia known to yield gold, with notes of their present condition so far as can be gathered.

CARIBOO DISTRICT.

Williams creek and tributaries: McCallum's gulch, Walker's gulch, Mink gulch, Grub or Black Jack gulch, Stout's gulch and Conkling's gulch. McArthur's creek, worked out for drifting and no hydraulic work in progress. Lowtree creek, some good ground being still worked; water scant for hydraulicing. Jack of Clubs creek; all deep work, gravel being 150 feet deep near the mouth. This creek is a favorite among those which are considered yet unprospected; the impression prevailing that an old channel exists which has not yet been found.

Creeks entering Willow river are as follows: Mosquito creek and Red gulch, worked out for drifting but paying by hydraulic; Whipsaw creek; Sugar creek; Grouse creek, deep ground worked out; Antler creek, Chinamen working on benches; Pleasant valley, never bottomed or much prospected, but might be embraced in a scheme for draining Williams' creek; Bear and Swamp creeks, in good pay; Cunningham creek, a crevice with 600 ounces of gold was once found here, several hydraulic claims at work in suc-

cessful attempts to reach the deep ground; Harvey's creek, first gold in paying quantity in the Cariboo district was found here in 1860.

Creeks on the north side of Cariboo lake; In Nigger Pine and Goose creeks small quantities of gold have been found; Keithly creek; Snowshoe creek, east branch deep ground not prospected; Duck, Black Bear, Cedar, Hazeltine, Moorehead, French, Canadian, Canyon creeks, and Quesnelle and Swift rivers, are all in this region.

The chief tributaries of Lightning creek are: Amador, Van Winkle, Chisholm, Last Chance, Davis, Anderson and Jawbone creeks. There are many quartz veins, but so little has been done on them it is scarcely worth while enumerating them.

In Cassiar District are the following localities where gold is found: Stickeen river, nearly exhausted; Dease creek probably yielded \$700,000; Thibert's creek, part still paying; Brady creek; Eagle river; McDame's creek, the work important in the region, being worked in several places and will yield for some years largely; Snow creek, bench diggings still mined extensively; Quartz creek and Rosella creek, worked out nearly; Dennis, Paterson, Gold and Slate creeks; Somer's creek, number of tunnels being worked; Spring creek, De Leard river and Rapid river.

In Omineca district are several creeks but not many mines working. The same is the case in Kootenay district. The Great Bend country is now almost abandoned.

OTHER DISTRICTS.

The Parsnip river, draining the Omineca country, has proved remunerative in several localities. The bars on Findlay river yield, but head waters have not yet been prospected. The Fraser river we have previously spoken of. McLennan creek does not pay. Nechaco river shows colors; same with Chilaco river; Chilicotin River, some gold near mouth. Bridge river has heavy gold. Lillooet river, flowing into Harrison Lake, has some gold. South and North Thompson rivers show gold. Among other gold yielding streams, are Scotch creek, Main river, Thompson, Anderson river, Coquihalla, Nicola, Bonaparte, Horsefly, Skagit, Similkameen, Okanagan, Kettle and Lower Himatheo rivers, and Hat, Mission, Rock, Boundary, Seymour and Prospect creeks.

On Vancouver's Island, Leech river has proved auriferous for four miles of its length. The rich ground is exhausted, but the banks of drift and cement might pay for working by hydraulic method. Sooke river, Goldstream Brook, Jordan and Nanaimo rivers all show some gold.

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