

MINING DEVELOPMENTS AT LYTTON.

Many Californian miners are now turning their attention to the Yale district and more especially to the vicinity of Lytton, although prospectors prior to last summer seemed to have overlooked this promising locality, perhaps because lying too near transportation facilities, "distant fields being, more over, always greenest."

All available land at Lytton is now being staked as town lots, the population having increased one-half in the past two months as a result of mine prospecting and expected early consequent development.

One-half interest in claim Mount Albino No. 2 near the Faith mine has been purchased from P. Patrone for \$1,000. Work will be commenced at once, \$2,000 being expended in development.

The Golden Queen, situated $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Lytton, is stated to assay \$50 in copper, \$19 in gold and \$6 in silver. The owners, who are Californians, are much elated and intend developing the proposition at once.

These are but pioneer claims in what bids to become in the early future a mining center of considerable importance.

KLONDIKE PROSPECTING VIA ASHCROFT.

It is stated that the Cassiar-Klondike Prospecting & Development Company, an American organization, with head offices in Spokane, will, at the instance of Eastern States capitalists, equip men to prospect the Cassiar and Yukon regions in the course of and along the overland line of route, making north from Ashcroft. The first of the company's parties will consist of 15 men, and leave Spokane on February 15th, passing a few days later through Ashcroft. Mr. M. J. Burns conducts the first party, the aims of the company being chiefly directed toward quartz mining, for which probably they will find larger and easier opportunity in Cassiar than in the frozen Yukon.

MASS MEETING AT DAWSON CITY.

The Klondike miners have at an orderly mass meeting held at Dawson City on the 23d September, particulars of which are just to hand, protested vehemently against the imposition of the proposed Dominion Royalties of ten and twenty per cent, respectively, and also against the reservation of alternative claims to the Government. They declare that the former proposal is based on abstruse, exaggerated boom reports of the value of the Yukon placers, and declare that of 1,800 claims located up to the date of the meeting only forty have been proved to be really rich. Some others they say will pay fairly, regard being duly paid to the great

cost and hardship involved in getting into and living in the Yukon, whilst most are yet as regards values "practically unknown quantities." And as to the claims on Bonanza Creek, the fame of which has grown world wide, they allege that it will be found that the productive lives of these will be very short, only as a rule extending over one or two years. The miners accordingly declare that the royalties will prove altogether excessive and cruelly exacting, as well as operate unequally as between placers of long and short productive lives respectively.

They will even, so say the miners, if enforced prove prohibitive of working development in many cases and drive men from the British Yukon into Alaska. The reservation of claims to the Government will, they also assert, place many of the best opportunities in the hands of capital at the cost of needy labor. They finally urge that the attempts to enforce the regulations will assuredly result in resistance even to bloodshed.

A long petition was drawn up and a delegation appointed which will if necessary proceed to and state the case at Ottawa. Meanwhile, at the request of Gold Commissioner Fawcett, the meeting decided first to submit the miners' case and the petitions embodying it to Major Walsh, the territorial administrator, as soon as possible after his arrival in the Yukon. The report of the meeting, which reaches British Columbia via San Francisco, adds that the Dawson camp remains in a state of the greatest excitement, indignation against the proposed Dominion regulations being practically unanimous.

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