

Notes.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of John Taylor & Co., San Francisco, Cal., one of the largest houses in their line in the United States. San Francisco is a handy market for supplying parties in British Columbia with assayers' materials and as John Taylor & Co. carry a very large and complete stock of all articles in that line we would recommend our readers to communicate with them. They also carry a full stock of mine and mill supplies, and miners, mine owners, and assayers will find it to their advantage to communicate with this reliable firm.

We would call attention to the advertisement of James H. Lancaster, of New York, in this issue. This firm is one of the foremost in the United States and mine owners should not fail to send either to us or direct to Mr. Lancaster for descriptions of the various machines manufactured by him. It will well repay them to do so.

One of the most useful arrangements for prospectors is the handy furnace manufactured by the National Ore & Reduction Co. It is not only handy but exceedingly cheap, and no prospector, who can afford the small price asked for these furnaces, should be without one. It is one of the best things offered in the market to miners with limited means.

The California wire rope structures are now famous in British Columbia, and the success, which has attended them wherever erected, is a guarantee that our mining men will continue to use what they have tested and found to be good.

Not long ago we had the pleasure of going through the work shops of the Northey Co. at Toronto, and were surprised at the number and variety of pumps being manufactured. These pumps, so far as we can learn, have always given satisfaction. We have a supply of descriptive catalogues of the Northey Co., and will be pleased to forward copies to those wishing to enquire into their merits.

Boundary Creek Notes.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Owing to the continued bad weather very little of importance has been going on in this district. Prospectors have been out without being able to locate anything of value owing to the snow, which, even in the valleys, has continued to fall intermittently during the past month, and is still lying several feet deep on the higher hills. Quite a number of small deals have taken place, and absurd prices, asked in many cases for totally undeveloped and unproved claims, are being obtained. The only transfer of importance is the sale of the Skylark Mine to an American Syndicate, the Skylark being one of the best developed claims in this district.

Mr. George Turner has continued operations with a diamond drill on the Gold Drop, Greenwood Camp, and has proved up the mine satisfactorily to a depth of about one hundred feet.

Miners are coming in from all directions to the Boundary Creek District, though chiefly at present from the American side, and there seems every probability that this summer will show a great activity and development of the vast bodies of ore in and around Boundary Creek.

Book Notice.

We have received a copy of the Merchant's Agency Red Book, which in handy form is a useful directory of the whole Province. The announcement is made that it will be issued semi-annually, which will make it a

thoroughly up-to-date work which no mercantile or manufacturing house can afford to be without. An enlargement of the work is promised, the main features of which are: a complete guide to each city, town, village, settlement, mining camp, railway station, express, telegraph and post office, P. O. savings bank, money order office, etc., as well as the distance of each place from some well known point or distributing centre.

It contains a complete list of trade and professional concerns and enterprises engaged in business at the different points, with kind of business, names of partners in a firm, full christian names, etc.

It is one of the handiest and most useful works yet issued in the Province, and is published at The Merchant's Agency at Victoria, B. C.

A Flourishing Company.

Shares in the Dominion Developing and Mining Company are commending themselves to Eastern buyers and the stock is being rapidly taken up. The company have secured an interest in the recent wonderful find of gold in Lillooet and now are part owners of the rich Golden Eagle Group. Besides this the company are carefully watching every opportunity to secure valuable properties, and as the management is conducted on an economical and thoroughly business basis, the outlook for investors in this stock is most promising.

On the Stage Road From Ashcroft.

DISTANCES FROM ASHCROFT.

Places	Miles	Places	Miles
Cache Creek - - -	6	122-Mile House - -	107
C. McDonald's - - -	12	127-Mile House - -	112
Hat Creek - - -	14	134-Mile House - -	119
20-Mile House - - -	20	139-Mile House - -	121
22-Mile House - - -	22	141-Mile House - -	126
CLINTON - - -	32	144-Mile House - -	129
59-Mile House - - -	44	150-MILE HOUSE - -	135
61-Mile House - - -	46	Soda Creek - - -	165
70-Mile House - - -	55	Alexandria - - -	185
83-Mile House - - -	68	Moffat's - - -	198
87-Mile House - - -	72	Australian Ranch - -	200
100-Mile House - - -	83	Bohanon's - - -	220
105-Mile House - - -	90	Quesnelle - - -	241
108-Mile House - - -	93	Cottonwood - - -	265
111-Mile House - - -	96	Beaver Pass - - -	270
115-Mile House - - -	100	Stanley - - -	280
117-Mile House - - -	102	Barkerville - - -	but

Places below, the roads branch from 150-Mile House, but distances are from Ashcroft.

Places	Miles
Big Lake - - -	159
Beaver Lake - - -	167
Quesnelle Forks - - -	191

Vernon.

This is the chief town in what may be described as British Columbia's store-house—Okanagan—Spallumcheen. It is incorporated, and its assessed value is some \$500,000. It is on the Shuswap & Okanagan Railway, about four miles from Okanagan Lake, which gives it exceptional communication with all the rich farming, fruit-growing, and mining fields of Lower Yale. It is a great resort for tourists, big game abounding near at hand. It is the supply point also for the adjacent mining camps at Hewitt's, Swan Lake, and Cherry Creek. It has good stores, Bank of Montreal branch, Wulfsberg & Bewicke's private bank, daily mail, fire brigade, and a live, well edited newspaper. Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist—all have churches; in fact every comfort can be had at Vernon.