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What We Think.

With this issue we once more make our debut, this time under a new name, trusting that we shall still be accorded the same patronage that was extended to us when we ran the first mining paper ever started in Kamloops. Up to the present we have not thought it worth while to copyright the title of this little production, as we think it would be a superfluous waste of cash, and besides, we do not think there are any more people left in Kamloops or its vicinity dishonest enough to try and steal the product of another man's brains without either asking permission or giving the usual credit. Shakespeare was evidently a man of wide experience, and when he wrote the time honored saying "What's in a name? 'Tis rose by any other name would smell as sweet," no doubt he had in his mind some fellow who had tried to steal one of his plays and pass it off as one of his own. Enough said. We believe push, energy and ability counts every time; and we are willing to stand or fall by the verdict of the public. The journal shall speak for itself.

Our subscription rates are \$1 per year, and for the present we intend issuing monthly. We intend giving mining news from all over British Columbia, paying particular attention to Kamloops and its vicinity. Correspondence and any information relating to mining matters will

always be welcome. In our next issue we hope to be able to reproduce photographs of some of the principal mining properties in the neighborhood, as we intend to thoroughly advertise the camp. If any one has a mining proposition that he wishes to place on the market, send us the information and we will publish it free of charge.

This journal will be circulated in England among the leading stock-brokers and others interested in British Columbia securities, and we intend making it a credit to the camp. Merchants and others who deal in miners' and prospectors' supplies will find it to their advantage to advertise in these columns. Our rates are cheap, and our circulation—well, before long it will be hard to find a miner or a prospector who does not carry around a copy of the *Gazette* in his pocket.

Mr. W. A. Carlyle, who is probably one of the most practical mining men in the Province, suggests that an amendment be introduced into the Mineral Act which would compel a locator of a claim to do his first year's assessment within sixty days of the location of the claim, the object being to prevent the re-locating of claims by men who had no intention of working themselves, whose methods only retard the progress of a camp. If the suggestion would remedy the evil without imposing unnecessary hardships on the bona fide prospector the suggestion would be good, but it would prove unworkable. In the warmer portions of the Province and in the more accessible it would be all right, but in the inaccessible portions to the north of us, and during the begin-