

Local Claims.

Mr. F. J. Deane, M.P.P., moved the following resolution in the Legislative Assembly last week:

Whereas among the volunteers who have gone or may go to South Africa to serve with Her Majesty's forces during the present war there are some persons who are the holders of claims under the provisions of the "Mineral Act";

And whereas it is desirable that the said claims should be protected during the absence from British Columbia of such persons, while serving Her Majesty as aforesaid;

Be it therefore resolved, that the mineral claims of any British Columbia volunteer serving Her Majesty in the present war be not open to location by any person during the absence of such volunteer upon such service, nor for a period of twelve months after the close of said war.

The Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton pointed out that this was out of order. The Government would make suitable arrangements to accomplish the end sought by the resolution, with the spirit of which all members of the House would be in accord.

Mr. W. W. Clarke will return to Kamloops before the next issue and the public may expect more than one interesting article on the opinions on and the possibilities of the success of the camp in London,

Work is being rapidly pushed at the Tenderfoot. The tunnel is now in 55 feet, counting the 25 feet of approach. The management expect

to cut the vein, which is over 25 feet wide at the surface, in about 35 feet more. Cross cutting will then be commenced, when the company will be in a position to calculate the extent of their ore bodies. A force of five men is now employed, working two shifts.

A commercial traveller from one of the coast wholesale houses, was in town this week. He told us that he was in London, Eng. last fall, and passing down the Strand he was attracted by a crowd of people looking into the windows of a large store. On making his way to the front, he discovered that what they were looking at, was an exhibit of Kamloops ores, placed on exhibition there by Mr. W. W. Clarke, of the Kamloops Mining Gazette. He said that he passed by the same place several times, and on each occasion there was quite a crowd of interested spectators collected. He was of opinion that it was one of the best-advertising ideas that B.C. had had.—Kamloops Standard.

The tunnel in the Copper King has at length tapped the vein and ore similar to that in the shaft is being mined. The Tunnel will be continued until the width of the ledge is determined when cross-cutting will be commenced.

Good ore is being obtained from the Python mine, where work is being steadily pushed. The new shaft-house is now finished, and a horse whim is now being put in.

The assessment work has been done on the Last Chance.