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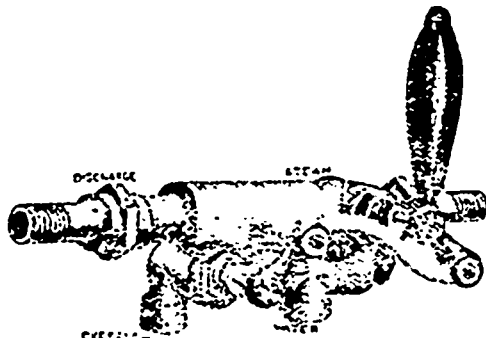
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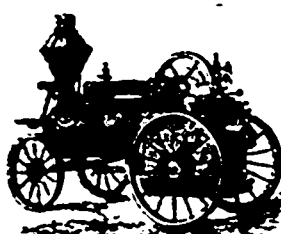
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## MINING.

Items From Our Travelling Correspondent.

CARIBOO.—The "Cariboo" gold district has for many years been the seat of important mining operations, and is now regarded as one of the "old finds" of the Province. It would be quite useless to here remark upon its importance as a gold producing district during the last twenty years, as mining people generally are well acquainted with the facts concerning what work has been done, and what returns made, and are therefore in a position for estimating for themselves the real value and standing of the mines in this place: suffice it to say that different Co's., have at different times operated at various points with varying success. Our object at present is to give a general idea of each mine, together with an account of the work that is being done in connection therewith. There are now four mines being worked, upon as many different properties; whilst of two more properties, one is being prospected, and the other is being put in preparation for working. In considering the different mines, it will perhaps be as well to take them in the order of their location, beginning with that of the Lake Lode Mining Co. This property was located and prospected some four years ago by Mr. Wm. Bruce, who after working it for about one year, sold out to the present Co., which is now carrying on operations under the management of Mr. Wadsworth. The site of this mine is a piece of low ground lying in a hollow between two hills, at a short distance from "Burner Lake." There are on the property two principal shafts, only one of which is being worked at present: the greatest depth yet attained being about 425 ft. The lead runs through a slate and whin formation, and is from 12 ft. to 14 ft. wide: the value of the ore runs from 10 dwts. to 2 oz. per ton. The surface plant consists of one building, which serves the purpose of mill, engine house and shaft house combined, together with another shaft house a short distance off. The working power is furnished by steam; one twenty horse-power engine doing all the hoisting and pumping besides running a five stamp battery. The tailings are run off back of the mill, where they are deposited in large quantities, and whence they could be easily obtained for concentrating if so required. The Co. employ from 14 to 16 men, working both night and day shifts.

The next property we come to is that of the Truro Mining Co. This property was worked many years ago by a gentleman named Burkner, who afterward suspended operations, letting the mine lie idle some 10 or 15 years. A year ago last Aug., the Truro Mining Co. took hold of the property, and erected a fine new mill, running 5 stamps; with power furnished by a 20 horse-power engine. This engine also does the hoisting and pumping for two shafts, the only ones worked at present. This Co. has a fine mill with crusher, engine, forge and main shaft all under the one roof: the second shaft is about 150 ft. away, and has a car track for running ore to mill. The quartz vein is from 2 to 2½ ft. wide, runs through a slate formation, and dips towards the south. The value of the ore is from 8 to 10 dwts. per ton. The main shaft is about 85 ft. deep while the other is about 75 ft. deep. They are now tunneling and stopping at the same time; the extent of their working in this way is about 150 lineal ft. The number of men employed on deck and in the mine is 13, of course mostly in mine.

From the Truro Co's mine we next strike the Caffrey Mine. This mine was first worked some 16 or 17 years ago by Jas. Caffrey, who erected a mill and carried on operations till about 8 years ago; it then went into the hands of a Halifax Co. who worked it for about 3 years, when the present owners, a Boston Co., took hold of it and have been working steadily ever since. There are a great many shafts on the property, but only two are worked: these shafts, running to a depth of 100 ft. and 60 ft. respectively, are both situated on the eastern part of the old Caffrey lead. The Co. have done a great deal of prospecting this summer, having driven 430 ft. cross cuts in the rock, but so far no decided success has attended their efforts. They have 12 men employed and run night and day shifts. The lead, which has an average width of about 6 inches, runs through a slate and whin formation and dips towards the south. The average value of the ore is about 15 dwts. per ton. There is on the property an eight stamp mill run by steam, the same engine also doing hoisting and pumping: a few yards from the mill is the smithy, an institution quite indispensable about the mines.

Near the Caffrey Mine is a property held by Mr. Wright and others. There has been no mining done on this property for over a year, although the owners have been doing considerable prospecting this summer, which, it has been reported, has resulted in success. Next in order comes a property recently obtained by a Halifax Co. This property is under the management of Mr. Whidden, who is now upon the ground, and is getting things in readiness for going to work. He has his boiler and engine on the spot, and has a number of men at work putting up buildings, so that the probabilities are they will soon be running in full blast. The next, and the best mine with which we have to deal in Cariboo, is that owned and opened by Mr. H. Dixon and others. This property was first owned by Mr. Damas Tuquoy, from whom the present owners obtained it about 18 months ago. Mr. Dixon has erected a 5 stamp mill, which is run by steam. The building in which he has the crusher, also shelters the boiler, engine, forge and shaft. Everything seems especially arranged for convenience and effectual working, being so planned as to afford the greatest possible amount of labor at the least possible exertion and expense. The single engine furnishes all the power for pumping, hoisting and crushing, and appears to do its work easily and well.

The main shaft has been sunk down to a depth of 130 ft., while 120 ft. of other working has been opened out. The lead has an average width of about 6 ins., slate and whin formation. There are about 14 men employed, and the working is carried on by night and day shifts. The lead worked at present is a very rich fissure vein, running east and west, and carrying an