

Mr. Harper's report.] The ledge [Steadman No. 2] is located on the spur of a mountain, and runs in a north-easterly and south-westerly direction, and can be cut by a tunnel at the intersection of "Grub" gulch. The lateness of the season precluded any extensive work being done. The lode at the north-easterly line in the Walker cut shows a width of over six feet, with defined casings and good ore.

NOTE.—The hill and adjacent country are covered with an abundant supply of timber suitable for the construction of works connected with mill and mining operations. Water is plentiful. The lodes are enclosed in an auriferous slate-belt that runs nearly north and south.

I also located for the Company [October 25]

THE "MAMMOTH."

The "Mammoth" is a lode of forty feet, or rather a number of lodes, which seem to join on the top of the hill, "Richfield." The location—1,500 feet—is on the summit or divide between "Richfield" and "Jack o' Clubs," distant about two miles from the former place. This lode can easily be traced from the surface, and also from the sides of a ravine, where a tunnel could be made to cut the ledge at a distance of from three to five hundred feet. The location is most favorable for comparatively inexpensive working. It may be proper to state that whilst the snow in winter precludes extensive prospecting, there is nothing in the climate to prevent quartz mining from being prosecuted even with greater facility in winter than in summer.

WILLIAM CREEK.

I have arranged for a lease from the Government of thirty-five acres of mining ground situated on William Creek, embracing in its area the ground formerly occupied and partly worked by the "Steele," "Point," "Abbott," and "Grier" claims, which in '61 and '62 were the richest alluvial claims on William Creek, for a frontage from the "Cornish" claim down the creek