

CAMP MCKINNEY AND ITS MINES.

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THE discovery of Camp McKinney dates from, relatively speaking, as far back as 1884. In that year two placer miners, Goericke and Runnels by

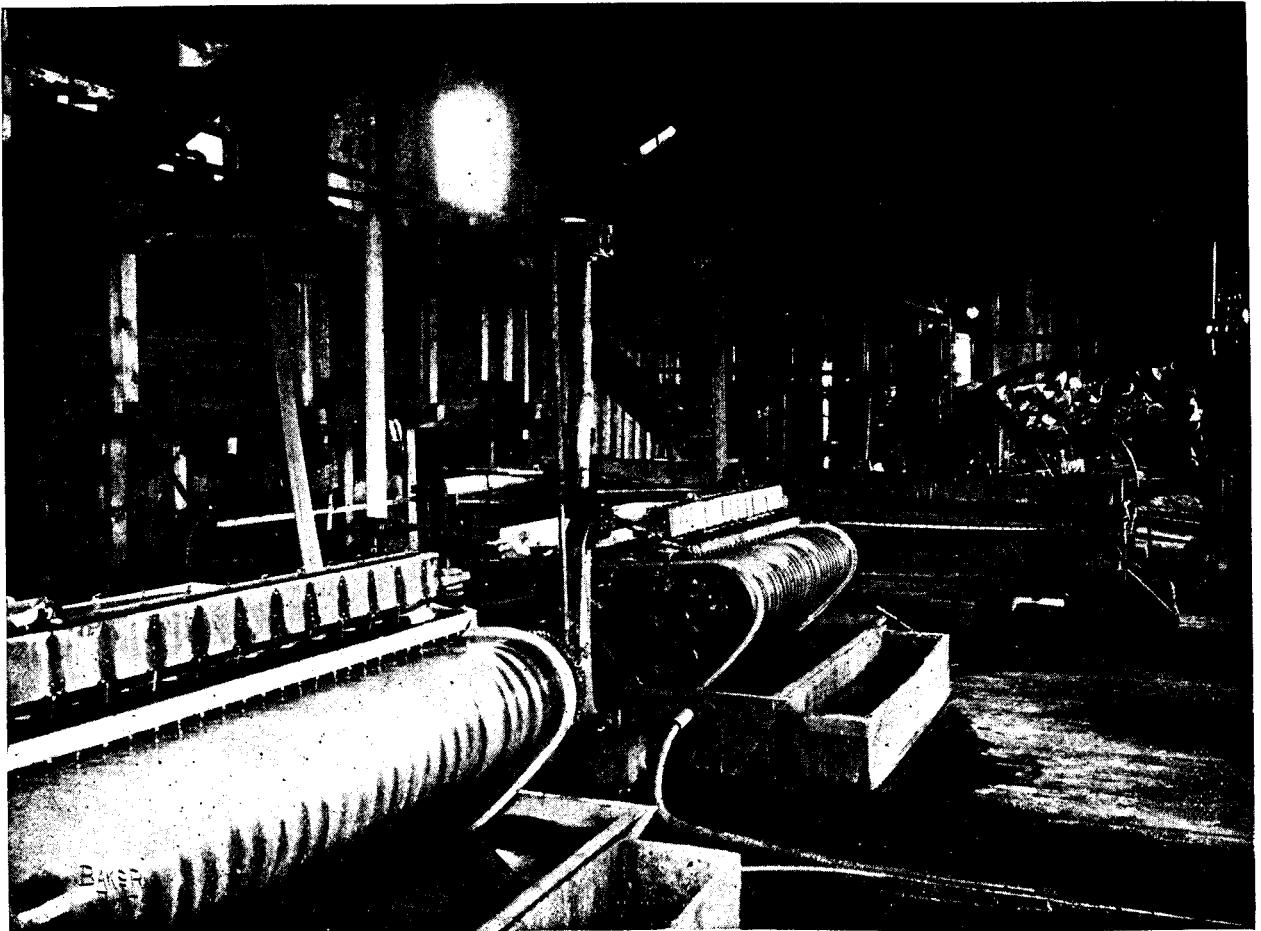


The Cariboo Mill, Camp McKinney.

some three years later visited the locality en route for Baldy Mountain, a granite peak on the east slope of the divide between Okanagan and Kettle rivers. McKinney making his camp on Rice Creek then discovered the croppings of the now famous Cariboo vein. This showing stood very boldly out to view and the value of the rock was apparent from the visible gold disseminated throughout it. The discoverer consequently staked out a claim on his location under the Mineral Act of that year which gave him 1,500x600 feet of ground. Thinking, however, that the vein ran with the formation, he staked the property in accordance with this belief and subsequent locations were also made in the same manner.

The camp, which from this beginning, has since become an active and more promising mining centre, is situated, at an altitude of 4,600 feet, on round-topped hills, about thirty-nine miles west of Greenwood, the centre of the Kettle River mining district, and fifty-six miles east of Penticton, at the foot of Okanagan Lake, from both of which points communication is established by means of a government waggon road. It is bounded on two sides by the forks of Rock Creek, while Rice Creek flows through the centre.

The formation lies in a north and south direction



Interior of the Cariboo Company's Mill, Showing Concentrators, Camp McKinney.

name, while searching for an old "cache," came across the capping of what are now known as the Victoria and Old England mines. The camp, however, takes its name from a prospector, one Al. McKinney, who

and consists mainly of highly altered schistose diabbases banded with quartzites, crystalline limestones and gneisses. West of the camp there is a large tract of granite, gneiss and porphyry. The veins for the