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What We Think.

In another column will be found a report on the Pothook by Mr. John Redman, of Kamloops, which was printed at the commencement of the month in the *B.C. Mining Record*. It has since been reproduced in other papers, and probably by this time has been fairly well digested, especially in this section of the country. We venture, however, to once more bring it under public notice, as we believe that it is impossible to have too much of a good thing, and also because we wish to advertise this camp as much as lies in our power.

A couple of weeks ago we visited the Pothook mine, and were certainly much struck with the amount of work done, and also the business-like air which prevailed everywhere. It is a model mining camp and well worth any one's while to pay it a visit. On every hand are evidences of the manager's ability and untiring energy. Everything is in its place, the men are well lodged and cared for, and the zest with which they go about their work speaks volumes for itself, and is a pretty true indication that their hearts are in their toil and that their employers' interests are theirs.

The report of Mr. Redman is so exhaustive that it leaves us nothing of interest to say with regard to the actual work done in the mine. We went down the shaft, the rapid descent stirring up a lot of hitherto

undeveloped sympathy for the parachutists that drop out of balloons. We visited the workings, candles in hand, picking off pieces of native copper, pyrites, etc., from the sides as we went along. When at last we were drawn to the surface, it was with a feeling of relief that we stepped off the crossbar, not in the least envying the men who were pounding away with hammer and drill far away below.

For a short time the mine will be closed down on account of new and more powerful machinery being ordered, but before the end of October the management hope to have everything in place and a larger force of men at work. The Pothook has already done a lot of good work for Kamloops in bringing it to the front as a copper camp, and will we hope continue to do more.

We are glad to see that the efforts being made to put up a good show of Kamloops minerals at the Spokane Exhibition are being crowned with such success. The necessity of having a good man to go along to thoroughly explain everything is of course apparent to everyone, for although our minerals will speak for themselves when under notice, a little help in that direction will not hurt them. We hear that Mr. Joe Donaldson of the Pothook has been chosen and we think the choice a good one. It could not have fallen on a better man. In his hands the interests of Kamloops will not suffer as he thoroughly understands the nature of the task, and is well acquainted with most of the claims in this district. We wish him every success.

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