

THE TELKWA RIVER AND VICINITY

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It is only within the past few years that much attention has been paid to prospecting in this region, at least in regard to quartz and coal, as much of this country has previously been run over by prospectors in search of placer gold. The commencement of construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway has, however, awakened much interest in this district with the result that a great part of the country has been roughly prospected, many mineral claims have been staked and much of the available arable land and timber has been taken up.

As it seems now fairly definitely settled that the railway will follow down the Bulkley valley, from its head to its junction with the Skeena, much interest has been aroused in the natural resources of the district through which it will pass, and, at many widely separated localities in and adjacent to the Bulkley valley, evidences of the presence of minerals of economic value have been found, notably on the Telkwa river, the headwaters of the Zymoetz or Copper river, and in the Babine range between the Bulkley valley and Babine lake to the east. Of these localities, the Telkwa river is probably the best known, and, during the past season, the attention of the writer was confined to its watershed and immediate vicinity, as shown on the map accompanying this report.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The Telkwa river is one of the most important tributaries of the Bulkley and rises in the Coast range; thence following an easterly course for about forty miles it joins the Bulkley about fifty-five miles above Hazelton, at the junction of the latter stream and the Skeena river.

At the junction of the Bulkley and the Telkwa rivers the former occupies a wide valley, the river itself being confined to a narrow