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What We Think.

We wish to call the attention of the merchants of this city to the fact that the publishers of the *Mining Gazette* and the *Mining Record* are doing their level best to push this camp to the front, into the place which it deserves. To be able to do this effectually they must have a fair amount of advertising patronage, and every one who feels interested in the welfare of Kamloops should lend them their support. A newspaper is not a windmill (although it's a horrible grind), and cannot be run on the same material.

A few weeks ago a well-known man in Victoria received a letter from a prominent London stockbroker, stating that at present there was very little demand for British Columbian mining securities owing to the large amount of money which had already been invested in various Klondike schemes. As several of these companies had already gone to the wall it had produced a very unpleasant impression of this country, as most people seemed to think that Klondike was the largest part of British Columbia, and consequently were getting very cautious in making any more investments out here.

It is unfortunate for us that British capitalists have not a better idea of the size, extent and possibilities of this country. They should know that the district called the

Klondike is not even in British Columbia but is really in the Northwest Territories. The mining laws, class of mining and climate are totally different. There it is principally placer propositions, here it is mostly copper, silver, and gold quartz. It is just as ridiculous to blame B.C. for failures in the Klondike as it would be to blame the tin mines of Cornwall for the failure of coal at Newcastle.

British Columbia will yet prove to be one of the richest mineral countries in the world, especially in copper and silver. All around Kamloops there are vast deposits, the extent of which can at present only be guessed at. What we need is capital and development. Given both these, the day is not far distant when Kamloops will become the greatest mining camp in Canada. We have better shipping facilities than any other town in the country. The Pot Hook, Iron Mask and Kimberley Group, where most development work has been done, are within a very few miles of town, to which they are connected by a splendid wagon road. The ore from each of these properties will compare with anything they have produced in Rossland or elsewhere. There are plenty of other claims which will undoubtedly turn out just as promising when there is more work done upon them. Meanwhile copper is steadily advancing in price.

There is one thing that must not be lost sight of and that is that while seeking to entice capital into this camp, no one should try to hold on to a claim in the hope of obtaining a fabulous price for it. Such people only retard the progress of