

ropes, with much danger to themselves. They accomplished the work without mishap, however, and put up the building so solidly that it is yet standing and was up till a year ago used for the purpose for which it was constructed. After this Mr. Calbick prospected on Jack of Clubs creek, spending his time and money without meeting with success, and in the autumn returned to New Westminster poorer than when he left. He had reason, however, to congratulate himself that he got down in safety as the party he was with were searched for by Indians, whose intention was murder and robbery. During that autumn the same Indians had murdered eight returning miners, and as this fact was widely known Mr. Calbick's party were on the lookout constantly and saved themselves simply by their vigilance. Indians were not the only highwaymen who lay in wait for returning miners. White men also were engaged at this work and in the summer of 1862 had murdered three Jews and created so much alarm that miners rode to and from camp with their firearms in their hands ready to shoot the first person they met who showed signs of hostility. In the spring of 1863 the Government took action in the matter, cleared these desperadoes from the road and hung five Indians. Matters then grew better. During the succeeding winter Mr. Calbick worked in the lumber woods and made about \$200, and with this amount ahead he concluded to make another venture at the mines. He got a couple of pack horses and freighting them with 250 pounds apiece he started for the mines by way of the Yale-Hope route. During this journey he lost one of his horses and in the search for it succeeded in losing himself. He was unable to find the road and had it not been for the sagacity of his horse which could not be whipped to take the direction he desired it to take, and to which he finally gave the rein, he would assuredly have perished among the hills. He found matters very much improved over the previous year. The government waggon road had been completed as far as Soda Creek and was being pushed with all energy. In consequence of the improved condition of affairs food in Cariboo was very much cheaper than the year previous. Mr. Calbick during 1863 mined on Jack of Clubs Creek again and in the Fall returned to New Westminster "broke." From this time till the spring of 1866 he took contracts in the lumber woods. The Big Bend excitement, however, broke out in 1866 and the white population of New Westminster and its neighborhood became fevered with a desire to