

property during the season with a view to working more extensively next season.

The McKee Creek Consolidated, the purchasers of the holdings and plant of the Nimrod Syndicate in Atlin district this year, hydrauliced the benches of McKee creek. This company is under the management of the Samslow Brothers, who report a most successful season's work, which yielded a return of some \$70,000, the largest return yet obtained on McKee creek.

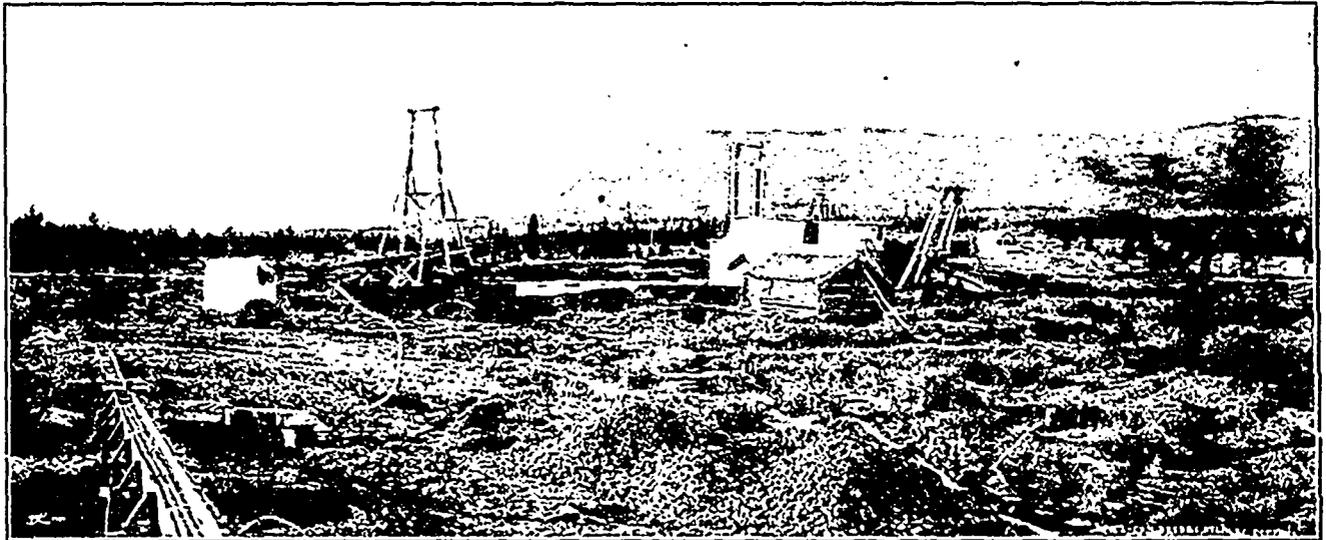
The Spruce Creek Placers Co., Ltd., opened and worked one pit on lower Spruce creek, reaching the Spruce creek pay channel with encouraging results. Owing to pending litigation regarding the ownership of water this company's work was curtailed, but the matter in dispute having been adjusted the company will be enabled next year to work on a more extensive scale.

During the year active work was carried on by placer miners drifting on the Spruce creek benches,

Mr. Williams during the season with excellent results.

Altogether the past season in Atlin has been a successful one as the increased output of the district will show. The fact also that nearly all the companies are acquiring more ground and increasing the size of their plants is indicative of the confidence of operations in the future of the district. With the installing of more dredges and steam shovels the large areas of ground known to contain good values will be made productive. A new strike has meanwhile been reported on Consolidation creek, some distance from Atlin toward Teslin. Should this discovery prove as promising as reported, another large auriferous section will be opened up.

Next season several new companies will commence dredging operations in Atlin as a result of favourable reports made during the past season by eminent California experts who inspected the areas. It should also be noted that arrangements were made this year for the shipment of several hundred tons of magnetite



Dredging in the Atlin District. A photograph taken this season.

while also a large number of creek claims were profitably worked during the season.

The Willow Creek Mining Company under Mr. Frank Brockett employed a small force of men during the season, fair returns having been received. It is proposed next season to make additions to the plant and to thus increase working capabilities.

On Boulder creek placer mining has been actively carried on by individual miners and Black and Grant, who have a lay upon the ground of the French Company, employed between forty and fifty men for the greater part of the season in drifting operations, which are being continued this winter. Weekly clean-ups are said to yield from five to seven thousand dollars. Other operations on Boulder creek have proved equally remunerative and work is to be prosecuted throughout the winter.

Active work on Birch creek was carried on under

from the beds at Atlin by a local syndicate who have contracted to supply the requirements of a firm in San Francisco, should the first shipment prove satisfactory.

#### LILLOOET DISTRICT.

(From Our Special Representative.)

**T**AKING the several mining sections of Lillooet, the year's operations were as follows:

*Cayoosh Creek.*—Two shifts of men were employed driving a cross-cut on the Ample, one of the claims of the Ample-Bonanza property, which last year was purchased from its former owners. A large ledge of low-grade ore was encountered, after which work was suspended for the winter. Fourteen men are at work on the Bonanza, opening up the ledge. The company proposes removing the Golden Cache 10-stamp mill to the Bonanza, where it would be used