

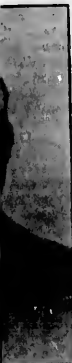
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only been discovered along the line of the trail made by the C. P. R. engineers while cutting their way through to survey the Yellow Head Pass route, and it may be truthfully said that the prospecting here is merely in its earliest infancy. A short time works many changes, and it would not be surprising at all if the attention of the mining world would be directed to the North Thompson and its tributaries soon.

PLACES AND HYDRAULIC.

Speaking of the Similkameen division of the Yale district south of Kamloops and the Kamloops division from Glen William to Spencer's Bridge and from Spencer's Bridge to Hops on the Fraser, Gold Commissioner Tunstall said to your correspondent: "I consider this one of the best districts in the province for hydraulic mining. The climate is excellent, and the auriferous deposits are as extensive as any in the province. The beds of the creeks, which were worked out in 1860 returning large amounts of gold, are being worked up to the present time. But miners are now turning their attention to benches which promise extensive yields. Five large companies are now preparing to work by hydraulic process on the



MR. J. L. BROWN,
Kamloops, B.C., one of the leading tansorial
artists of the interior.

Similkameen and Granite creek, about 120 miles south from Kamloops. Some of these companies are made up of Montreal and Toronto capitalists."

THE NICOLA VALLEY.

The Nicola valley, access to which may be had from the C.P.R. at Spencer's Bridge, is a pastoral country, but the gateway to a splendid mineral district. It is 50 miles from Spencer's Bridge by stage to the village of Nicola, a ranching and lake centre. To Princeton the gold mining camp of the Similkameen river is 132 miles from Spencer's Bridge. There is rich placer mining here, and the Provincial Government leases 160 bench land lots at \$50 per annum. Large areas have been taken up here.

CINNAMON AND IRON.

Down the Thompson, twenty-seven miles from Kamloops, preparations are being made to work the rich Cinnabar mines. The Glen Iron Mines on Cherry Creek, eighteen miles from Kamloops, are also attracting a large share of attention, the product being a high grade magnetic ore, and at Tanquille Creek some rich hydraulic placer claims are being developed by an enterprising company.

Successful Ranchers.

Men Who Have Grown Up With the Province and Made Money.

Few men are more closely identified with the interests of British Columbia and Alberta than are Messrs. Hull Brothers. They are both pioneers of British Columbia. When mere boys they came from Somerset, England,



MR. J. R. HULL,
Kamloops, B.C.

to inspect the country and visit their uncle, Mr. William James Roper, who owned a large ranch at Cherry Creek, on the north side of the Thompson. After five years, during which time the young men gained a practical knowledge of ranching, they purchased sixty head of cattle and started a ranch of their own on Cherry Creek, twelve miles from Kamloops. The market for cattle was very poor in those days, the only connection with the coast being a stage line to Yale, the head of navigation on the Fraser, one hundred and sixty miles distant. Successful ranching after four years they started a meat market at Kamloops and later opened a branch at Lytton, and the construction days of the mountain division of the C. P. R. found these enterprising young men



MR. W. R. HULL,
Calgary, Alberta.

supplying meat for the contractors. Gradually their business spread until branch stores were established at Revelstoke, Golden, Donald, Anthracite, Banff, and as far east as Calgary, where Mr. W. R. Hull, of the firm, is now stationed. Today the Messrs. Hull have thousands of head of cattle and large herds of horses on their ranches at Sugarloaf and Anderson creek near Kamloops, and Willow Creek and the old government farm in close

proximity to Calgary. Besides the product of their ranches they annually purchase about four thousand head of cattle from the smaller ranchers to supply their trade, which extends throughout the mining regions of the province and Alberta towns.

In the summer season cattle are slaughtered at their different stations, but in the winter the killing is done largely at Kamloops and Calgary. This firm purchases a great many sheep and quantities of poultry in the territories. They employ fifty men regularly and twice that number during the busy season. The Messrs. Hull Brothers are doing a steadily increasing business and their successful career should prove an object lesson to bright, hard working young men in the Pacific Province. In conversation with your correspondent Mr. J. R. Hull expressed his confidence in the future of British Columbia. He said that the province had never had any boom to put it flat, and with the development of the mines now made feasible by excellent government roads, and further attention to agriculture and ranching that the province was bound to go ahead.

Louis Victor Bennett.

One of British Columbia's Great Range Riders. A Successful Rancher and Miner.

A bold and fearless rider on the ranges, an expert canoeist and a level-headed prospector is Louis Victor Bennett, whose portrait appears in this issue. Born at Kamloops, B.C., twenty-five years ago, from early childhood he was permitted to cling to the saddle, and when only seven years old was noted for his skill in riding. At the age of thirteen he was one of a party who visited Washington, Montana, and



LOUIS VICTOR BENNETT,
Kamloops.

the Northwest Territories, returning through the mountains by the pass where the C. P. R. now runs. The journey lasted several months, and was fraught with many hardships, the party losing their supplies while fording rivers and being subjected to much want.

As a rider this young westerner is acknowledged to be the best upon the interior ranges of the province, and the ease and grace with which he handles the lariat is phenomenal. When astride his favorite saddle horse Buckshot the infuriated steer or fleet-footed wild horse never escapes once Bennett's unerring lariat is cast.

The subject of this sketch is a step-son of