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MAINLAND HAPPENINGS—PITT LAKE MAY BE THE NEXT OF THE GREAT GOLD FIELDS

A rich placer claim has been located in the Pitt Lake district. George Moody, of Westminster, is the man who could tell all about it, but he declined to give any information regarding the locality. The facts as far as known are that Mr. Moody has returned with \$1,200 in coarse gold which he says he secured from the gravel of a creek. He declines to say how long it took him to recover the gold, but those who knew when he left and saw him when he returned state that unless the locality is very near by, that he could not possibly be over a few days in making the big clean up, certainly less than a week, which allowing for the time taken in travelling both ways, and making his sluice boxes and pitching his camp. Immediately on returning to town he tried to organize an expedition to return at once to the find. He found men ready to advance all the money necessary, but matters were delayed from one cause and another until it became too late in the season. Mr. Moody, from all appearances, has struck a diggings, comparatively close by Vancouver, which is as rich as any in the Klondike, and if the hints he has let drop prove correct, it is probable that the next stampede will be to the Pitt Lake district. He has at least demonstrated that gold is there. The actual facts of the finds are known to three persons—Mr. Moody and two friends. But the \$1,200 in gold dust has been seen by many, all of whom were pledged to secrecy, even as to seeing the dust. Mr. Moody is a very trustworthy man, of Indian extraction, but possessed of no wealth in money or chattels. The fact that he came back from Pitt Lake with a vegetable can full of gold dust is sufficient evidence that he has struck rich placer diggings near home.

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