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## Note to accompany Maps of the Principal Auriferous Creeks of the Cariboo Mining District, British Columbia.

In 1885 and 1886 Mr. Amos Bowman was engaged in geologically examining the Cariboo mining district of British Columbia, the expense of the undertaking being borne jointly by the Geological Survey of Canada and the Government of British Columbia. Mr. Bowman was assisted by Mr. James McEvoy, and for a part of the time by Messrs. S. P. Tuck and L. R. Voligny. The year 1885 was necessarily given chiefly to geographical and topographical work, but in the following year Mr. Bowman devoted most of his own time to the geological and mining features. His general report was published by the Geological Survey in the volume for 1887-88, together with a geological map of the district on a scale of two miles to an inch, and maps on a large scale of Hixon Creek (2) and Island Mountain and Mosquito Creek (1).

It was intended to follow the report above mentioned by a second, in which detailed descriptions should be given of the principal auriferous creeks of the district. Maps of these creeks were prepared by Mr. Bowman and lithographed, but as he had in the meantime been obliged to sever his regular connection with the Survey in favour of urgent private business, the final correction and printing of these maps was only completed after long delays, and in June, 1894, Mr. Bowman died, without having written any descriptive matter to accompany these mining maps.

As the maps themselves contain, in the form of notes, the principal data required to make them intelligible, it appears under the circumstances to be best now to issue them to the public, particularly as the present renewed interest in mining in Cariboo is likely to render them of considerable immediate utility.

The place of each of the eight maps enclosed, is indicated on the general geological map first referred to. They are accompanied by one section on a separate sheet, that of Harvey Creek.

In addition to the notes printed upon the maps themselves, the following brief explanation may be of service in connection with them.

The superficial deposits, to which they chiefly apply, are in the Cariboo mining district, broadly divided into those of pre-glacial and