

the possible advantage that might ensue to people whom he represented, by migrating from their homes in New Foundland and Labrador to the Pacific coast, has completed his examination and makes the following statement: "I visited Victoria, Vancouver island, and thence went to every point of advantage by steamer and sailing craft. The points which I have selected for the location of future villages are the Queen Charlotte islands. The group consists of Graham, Moresby and Provost islands. Their coast line has numerous inlets which afford abundant shelter, and I consider the group a splendid place for our men. The main point which engaged my attention was the fishing prospects, and I was fairly astonished at the quantity of fish; the waters fairly teem with them, and although my investigations were confined to the east side of Queen Charlotte islands, I am informed that on their west coast the fish are just as abundant."

NEW GEYSERS IN THE NATIONAL PARK.—Stopping to eat a lunch and feed our horses at a point about midway between the canyon and the lower geyser basin, our party started, lunch in hand, to visit a place seldom seen by tourists. It has been named Glen Africa on account of the intense heat felt in passing through the glen on a hot summer day. Mrs. Smith thought the glen looked like a rift in a great cloud with a clear sky beyond, the cloud being a range of hills through which a multitude of active geysers had gnawed their way to an open valley, leaving the ragged rocks half consumed on each side of the narrow valley. The creek that flows through Glen Africa is boiling hot, and in many places the falls and cascades are surprisingly beautiful, the walls and bottom being colored with those superb yellow and brown tints that accompany geyser action. There are numerous small creeks flowing into the main one from either side. At the head of each one of these there is an active geyser at work widening and deepening the glen with a persistence and vigor that is truly amazing. One named Bomb Shell geyser is well worth a paragraph or two. It is situated on the west side of African creek and at the north end of the glen and is at work in the heart of a huge, boulder-like mass of black, basaltic rock, that presents the appearance of a mammoth exploded shell. A portion of the circle of rock with ragged edges overhangs the basin in which two fierce torrid waves dash against each other like wild beasts leaping and tearing and gnashing their teeth with demoniac fury. The crater

is over fifteen feet in diameter and is circular, very much resembling the Brimstone Bowl at Sulphur mountain in all but the color, which in this one is jet black, with ragged edges, while the Brimstone Bowl has a polished golden wall of crystalized sulphur.—G. L. Henderson in *Bozeman Chronicle*.

MONTANA ASSESSMENT ROLL.—The property assessment in Montana approximates \$60,000,000.00, an increase during the year of about \$5,000,000.00. In view of the fact that the loss on cattle during the year amounted to \$4,000,000.00, the increased assessment is a most creditable showing of the growing wealth of the territory. The heaviest loss in cattle was in Custer county, the returns showing the number of cattle assessed this year to be ninety thousand six hundred and seventy-one, with a valuation of \$1,815,440.05, a decrease from last year of ninety-seven thousand twenty-four head, with a valuation of \$1,101,486.00. Dawson county comes next, the returns this year showing twenty-six thousand five hundred and twenty-seven head of cattle, having a value of \$569,000.00, the decrease from last year being thirty-seven thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight head, having a value of \$534,003.00. In Choteau county there are ten thousand nine hundred and twenty-two fewer cattle than last year, worth \$542,011.00, or at least the assessment is that much less. The total number of cattle in the territory is four hundred and seventy-one thousand one hundred and seventy-eight, worth \$9,491,807.00, the decrease from last year being one hundred and ninety-two thousand five hundred and thirty-eight, valued at \$3,846,008.00. The sheep in the territory, on the contrary, have increased, the number at present being one million sixty-two thousand one hundred and forty-one, with a valuation of \$2,148,551.00, the increase over last year being ninety-three thousand eight hundred and forty-three, worth \$195,823.00.

IDAHO'S RESOURCES.—The following extract is from Gov. Stevenson's exhaustive report on the condition of Idaho:—The great natural resources of Idaho are today practically undeveloped. Within her boundaries are large amounts of good agricultural and grazing lands belonging to the government that are now open to settlement, and particularly in the counties of Alturas, Ada, Washington, Bingham, Boise, Idaho and Cassia, besides more or less in all the other counties. The great mineral belt of Idaho is hardly prospected, and our mining enterprises