

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Tuesday Morning, July 26, 1864.

THE EXPLORATION EXPEDITION.

A meeting of the Exploration Committee was held yesterday afternoon to receive the report of Corporal Leech, who has been in command of the exploring party since the absence of the leader, Mr. Brown. The following communication from Mr. Leech was laid before the Committee :

SOOKE LAKE, 17th July, 1864.

SIR,—I have to report for your information that we have found good indications of gold on the Sooke river, at a point about six miles from the Inlet and about a quarter of a mile above the Cañon, shown in Mr. Whympers sketch which I forward along with this note.

The parcels which are enclosed contain the prospects made by Mr. Foley. No. 1 contains the result of 15 pans washing. No. 2 contains the result of 2 pans washing. No. 1 was found immediately above the Cañon; No. 2 at a point situated about 3 and 5 miles above the Cañon.

Mr. Foley estimates the average to be about 8 cents to the pan.

The largest prospect was about 25 cents to the pan.

Footnote

- 'Cañon' is the old-fashioned way of spelling 'Canyon'.
- Later assessment in Victoria showed that the enclosed prospect No. 1 contained 3½ cents to the pan.
- The price paid for 1 gold (troy) ounce these days was about \$17.-