

“The success of the smelting industry depends upon the ability to assemble the various materials essential to profitable smelting at the lowest possible cost, and if the proposed line of railway is built, connecting the Crow’s Nest fields with the American railway systems, the balance of advantage will be decidedly in favor of the Canadian side as the place for establishing a large and profitable smelting industry. The Canadian people have but to improve their opportunity, to stand out of the way and let the good fortune in.

“In order to illustrate what I have said, permit me to point out how suitable a place Fernie, or some point adjacent thereto, would be for the establishment of a smelting industry. There we have the coke, without any charge for hauling, while to carry it to any smelting point south of the line would involve a hauling charge, as well as the payment of the American duty. The limestone required is to be found at Fernie, with no expense except the cost of quarrying.

“The lead ores of southern British Columbia are now seeking a market, which is almost