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EDITORIAL NOTES.

This selling for \$40,000 or \$50,000 of a mine which bids fair to become worth a million dollars, is something which some people cannot understand. They forget that it requires capital to make actual out of potential value, and that capital is what the owner of a prospect does not as a rule possess.

It is a great pity there is no way of getting regular data of the output of West Kootenay from month to month. Returns should be exacted by the government from every mine and smelter and published monthly in tabulated form. We have grown out of the days of hazy talk about the value of our resources. What the investing public want is an exact return of the proceeds from the money already sunk in the country.,

WHATEVER is causing the flow of gold from Europe to the United States, it is a condition of affairs which is reacting unfavorably upon the London market and is therefore adverse to the interests of Trail Creek, from which so many investments are being introduced in London just now. None seem to connect this flow of gold with the efforts of a syndicate of New York bankers to influence the election, but everyone connects it more or less with the political situation. Its causes and effects are likely to be only temporary.

Thi condition of the iron industry in the United States is the most appalling symptom visible in that distressful country, for iron is the mother of all industries. How does it happen that while every furnace is blazing in Great Britain, and their output in demand all over the world at good prices, stagnation and paralysis has overcome the iron industry of the United States. It is not to be easily understood how protection will improve matters, because protection stimulates the power to produce, and it is not that which the States lack but the power to consume. ·Whatever may be the remedy there is something scriously wrong.

The Review will be enlarged to a twelve page and possibly to a sixteen page paper next week. It is probably the most immediately successful newspaper that was ever started. In seven weeks it has become a factor in the development of Trail Creek and acquired the confidence of the mining and investing public. As a larger sheet THE REVIEW may paysbetter, or itemay not. But whether it does or not the confidence placed in it will never be abused, and if the public refuses to support it as a reliable and impartial newspaper, they will never be asked to support it as an irresponsible organ of blackmail. The editor removes his hat and bows his acknowledgments to a highly appreciative audience of one.

ADVIRTISIMINI is the secret of success, that is of the trumpery success that men look for and which is measured in fame, power and money. The greatest things that have been done in the world have been done in silence and without observation. But if a man would enjoy the sugar plums of success he must advertise. If he would enjoy that peculiar feeling of mingled weariness and elation which comes from being pointed out as a man above the common in literature, art or politics, he must advertise. If he would enjoy the happy consciousness of a fat bank balance in business he must advertise. Who is it that questions with genial cynicism whether Horace would have written poems or Homer been inspired without an appreciative audience? And who knows but that the applause of an Elizabethan pit at the massacre in Hamlet gave Shakespeare more pleasure and stimulated him to greater effort than the inward consciousness of his sublime visions of destiny? And yet that appreciation of our fellows is but the echo of our estimate of ourselves, and to start that echo we must raise a shout, in other words, we must advertise. This argument applies in the field of mining as well as in that of literature and of medical discoveries, and has a direct and practical bearing upon the business interests of The Review.

Tin: land question around Rossland is beginning to attract some attention. It is announced that D. C. Corbin is about to commence the sale of lots. It is possible to sell anything if the purchaser is willing to take chances on a personal contract fordelivery. But Mr. Corbin is in no better position now to sell lots than he was two or three months ago, for he cannot give a deed which the Land office will register, nor can he dispossess a single squatter any more than he could before, though he kept three printing presses at work printing notices. Apart from that, did it ever occur to railway magnate, legislator, or member of the government that it is a physical impossibility to to evict 3,000 people who have nowhere else to go. If Mr Corbin is going to give contracts for the delivery of land, it must be with a view of establishing a popular opinion in favor of his claim to the land. There is no doubt that the Land office of British Columbia has played fast and loose with Mr. Corbin, just as at plays fast and loose with everyone who has the misfortune to do business with it. That gentleman is just begining to find out that he has one of the strongest possible combinations in British Columbia to fight against. It must be confessed the REVIEW takes very little interest in the trouble between a railway and a government, or a power behind the throne (such a despicable throne), such as citizens of British Columbia have the misfortune to live under. The whole work of manipulation and chicanery is so unspeakably rotten that it would make a cynic of an archangel. But the REVIEW has some interest in another phase of the question. The white population of British Columbia is about 60,000. About 3,000 of these are living around Rossland on this disputed land and building up by their labor the most progressive district of the Province. They cannot acquire title to a plot of ground, on which to build a cottage. How does it happen that 5 per cent. of the white population of British Columbia cannot share in the appreciation of property which their presence and labor causes to appreciate, but live on sufferance, sub ject to an eviction notice on an average about once a week? Could any more scathing indictment be preferred against the land policy which has brought things to such a pass? Yet, it is a fact which can be neither palliated nor denied. And it is equally true that potentially the same conditions prevail wherever there is any land worth settling on. And this in a country of boundless virgin resources, which will never be opened up without labor and energy. What inducements has the country to offer when it cannot provide land to live on for the immigrants whom Trail Creek has attract'd?

THE HILLTON MINE.

Development work on the Hilltop mine is reaching a forward stage. On the south vein a crosscut tunnel has been run 120 feet, the last 20 feet being in mineralized vein matter. The face of the tunnel is at present in mixed ore, recent assays on we from \$4 to \$18.70. The ore is an iron sulphing The tunnel is now being driven for the footwall and may run into solid ore at any moment. Two hundred feet east of the tunnel a surface crosscut intersects the vein, which is, 36 feet wide at this point, and a shaft has been sunk 12 feet from the crosscut. It shows a very strong vein, with stringers of ore coming up through the capping, which run as high as \$24 in gold. Two, hundred feet further east another crosscut has been run, giving similar results. On the north vein a shaft is being sunk, which is now down 35 feet. It is all in well mineralized quartz, from which assays have approached very close to, and some have passed, the pay limit. Seven men are employed on the property, under the superintendence of W. M. Dunn

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