

Then there are extensive mineral deposits there of various kinds, and English and American mine experts have reported most favorably on the mineral prospects of that country. For 150 miles pegmatite dykes have been traced carrying extensive deposits of high grade mica. The mica fields of the northern country are known to be among the most valuable in the world, and the owners of the large mica deposit at Tete Jaune Cache, of whose property the late Sir G. M. Dawson spoke in such eulogistic terms, have offered to put up a large portion of the capital required to open up the northern country. With this transportation these mines will be operated on a large scale..

The Big Bend is well worth investigating for lode minerals. Gold-bearing deposits have been found and developed to some extent on Laforme and Carnes Creek, and at Keystone Mountain, Ground Hog and Standard Basins. Large copper deposits are under development at Standard Basin and Downie Creek. Silver-lead and zinc ores have been located at several points, and there are some of the finest surface prospects to be seen in the country, but which are as yet undeveloped.

The Standard mine, owned by the Prince Mining and Development Company, has been developed to a depth of 550 ft. on the dip of the vein, and the ore-body has increased in volume with depth, while the value of the ore has also improved as it goes down. Arrangements are being made for installing an aerial tramway and smelter. The Standard mine occurs in a volcanic belt. The highest mountain in that section, Morris Peak, appears to be on the rim of an extinct volcano, whose crater became filled with glaciers subject to the cessation of activity.

TIMBER WEALTH.

Revelstoke lies in one of the wealthiest timber belts in Canada. The Columbia River, on which the city is built, drains something like 800 miles of heavily timbered valleys. That great area can be logged and the logs floated down the Columbia River to Revelstoke and the Arrow Lakes for manufacture. These timber investors have shown their great faith in the future of the lumbering industries that will be built up in and around this city by the keen way in which they have taken up these lands. Where the Fred Robinson Lumber company was three years ago the only lumbering concern operating in the district, we have now the Revelstoke Lumber Company, Bowman Lumber Company, with its mill here, and another large mill at Comaplix, Julian's mill at Greely Creek, the Arrowhead Lumber Company, the Big Bend Lumber Company, the Pingston Creek Lumber Company, the Yale-Columbia Lumber Company, the Mundy Lumber Company, all operating within a short distance of the city. Other mills are being promoted, and Revelstoke is the city through which passes the payrolls of these great industries.