

SENSIBLE WORDS.

It would be well if every eastern newspaper, in referring to our mines, were to follow the example of the Toronto Globe, which speaks editorially as follows:

"It is well that the people of Canada should be cautioned against rashly investing their money in worthless or doubtful mining enterprises. It is not well that they should be taught to lose faith in the mineral development of British Columbia. Canadians have been slow enough in realizing the value of their mineral resources, and they have themselves to thank if there are Americans who have so far benefited almost exclusively both by the actual product of the mines and by the trade of the developing regions. It is Americans who developed the Le Roi and War Eagle mines and thus started the camp at Rossland; it is Americans who built and own the smelter at Trail; it is Americans who built and own the railway from Trail to Rossland; it is Americans who built and own the second railway from Rossland to Northport, giving direct connection with the American trunk lines; it is Americans who last week let the contract for a railway from Trail to Robson, giving the Trail Creek district connection with the Nelson smelter and with the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway; and now it is again Americans who, according to a dispatch in the Globe, have arranged to erect another great smelter at Northport, just on the American side of the line, to treat Trail Creek ores. It is, therefore, very properly Americans who are reaping the benefit of all this enterprise and activity. They had the faith which literally moved mountains, and they are seeing their reward.

"Doubts as to the certain development of West Kootenay generally and of the district of Trail Creek in particular must be ruled out of order. Western Americans are not the people to build railways in a mining country unless there is substantial promise of ores to be transported, nor to erect smelters unless there are ample indications that there are ores to smelt. Eastern Canadian business men who have returned from Rossland are practically unanimous in their testimony as to the magnificent outlook of the whole Kootenay district. But none are so certain and so enthusiastic as the men on the spot, who know all the local conditions, have studied the whole situation carefully, and are shrewdly placing their money in enterprise after enterprise, many of which have already proved remarkably profitable.

"It is urged in some quarters that the actual output of ore from the Trail Creek district is much smaller than was predicted or than is to be expected in view of the advertising the district has received. But, as Mr. McCuaig has just pointed out in the Globe, and as been pointed out in Globe correspondence several times, there are a number of mines that have been holding their ore back until shipments could be made with more profit than has been possible in the past. The Centre Star and Josie are notable examples of this, but there is a score of properties with more or less ore on the dump. And then, after all, it must be remembered that the camp is yet practically less than two years old, and that a year ago last spring blocks of Le Roi stock were sold at 20 cents a share. Active work on the majority of the properties which are now advertised and talked of began only during the past season, and two or three years is not a long time to allow for the development of a prospect into a shipping mine when it is remembered what difficulties have, until the last few weeks, existed in connection with transportation and ore production. Meantime, the output from Rossland in October, the last month we have seen quoted, amounted to an estimated value of \$175,000, no mean figure for an infant mining camp.

"The time, however, appears to be already in sight when Trail Creek ores will be reduced at a figure which will enable low-grade propositions to be treated profitably. The new smelter at Northport, which is to be running by the first of May, promises to reduce ore at the rate of \$6 per ton, including transportation. This will bring propositions averaging \$10-ore into the rank of profitable mining enterprises. Four months ago the lowest price quoted for treatment of ore was from \$12 to \$16 per ton. It was expected smelting charges would be reduced below this figure, but it was hardly thought the reduction would be so extensive or would come so soon. If Trail Creek ores

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