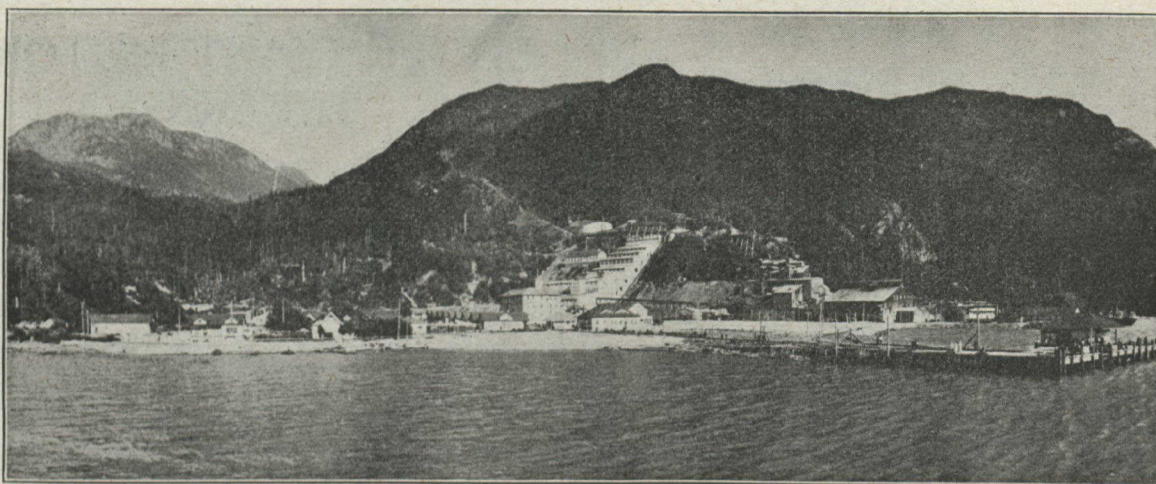




BRITANNIA MINE

By E. A. Haggen,
Editor Mining and Engineering Record.

Within 30 miles of Vancouver, on tide-water, at Howe Sound, is the largest copper mine in the British Empire. This is the Britannia Mine, and it is owned by the Britannia Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd., a company incorporated in British Columbia with a capitalization of \$2,500,000, in 100,000 shares of \$25 each, of which there has been issued shares to the value of \$1,625,000, mainly held by the Howe Sound Company, of New York. The Britannia Mine was originally located in 1888, and passed through the hands of several Vancouver companies and syndicates, until the late Mr. Geo. H. Robinson, of Butte, Mont., secured control of it, and was instrumental in securing the financial support of the late Mr. G. B. Schley, a prominent banker of New York. It is due to the foresight and shrewdness of Mr. Schley that the mine was developed to a point at which extensive ore bodies were proved up and mill installed.

In 1912, Mr. J. W. D. Moodie, the present manager, was appointed to take charge of the property, and in that time the copper

production has been increased from about 8,500,000 lbs. copper per annum to about 18,000,000 lbs., while the mill has been increased from a capacity of about 600 tons a day to 2,500 tons a day.

To date Britannia has produced over 90,000,000 lbs. copper, over 500,000 oz. silver, and 2,492 oz. gold, of a value of nearly \$16,000,000. The Britannia Mine is now on a dividend paying basis, distributing among its shareholders dividends at the rate of 20% per annum. From the beginning of the war all the copper produced at Britannia Beach has been at the disposal of the Allies.

No mining company has done more to support the cause of the Allies, enlistment among the employees being encouraged; subscriptions to the Red Cross and other war organizations have done credit to the liberality of the officials and employees; and the war loans have always been strongly supported in this important mining camp.