

**GRAND FORKS POSSIBILITIES.**

It is reported, though the statement as yet lacks authoritative confirmation, that an English company proposes to erect two moderate sized smelters of 100 tons each at Grand Forks and Midway respectively. Probably the report is premature, under existing conditions.

**PILOT BAY AND AINSWORTH.**

It is stated that there is a possibility that the Pilot Bay smelter may ultimately add refining to the scope of its operations. Meanwhile smelting will there recommence, so soon as some 4,000 tons of ore become available. As to the mines about Ainsworth, Mr. G. B. Wright, an old settler, reports as follows, as quoted in the Rossland "Record":

The Blue Bell is doing well. No. 1, which has a concentrator of its own, is getting in shape to concentrate its ore.

"The Tariff, owned by the Pilot Bay smelter, is getting into shape. It contains lead ore and runs 70 per cent lead and about 50 or 60 ounces in silver per ton.

"The Highland, owned by Mr. Stevenson, of Philadelphia, is showing up a good body of ore. Several thousand tons of ore, after being extracted by its own concentrator, which is on the eve of starting, will be shipped. The wire tramway from the Highland to its concentrator has just been completed and works smoothly. It is said that Mr. Stevenson has contracted for the output of the Black Diamond. The ore will have to be brought by a wagon road to the concentrator. Hitherto the ores of the Black Diamond have been shipped to the Everett or Tacoma smelters. Large bodies of concentrating ore are showing up in this mine.

"The recent strike on the Albion has excited much attention in Ainsworth. It has a vein seven feet thick and of a high grade concentrating ore. It is said a wire tramway is to be erected to get the ore to the lake, but for the present a newly constructed wagon road will be utilised, by which the ore can be taken to Mr. Stevenson's concentrating works or else shipped from Mile Point wharf. All these mines are within a radius of three miles of Ainsworth.

"There are rumors of the Mamie and King Solomon group putting in machinery on an extensive scale. The Jeff. Davis, it is also reported, will soon be put in good shape for work.

"The Skyline has been leased to Frank Clapp on the condition that he continues the present shaft 200 feet more."

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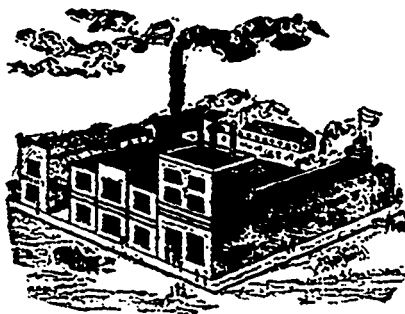
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