

"On my recent visit, at the end of October, I found in place of it an elegantly laid out town, with numerous buildings, comprising stores, hotels and private residences. These were lit by electric light and supplied with a water service, and there was a population of about 1500 people. There were besides over 200 coking ovens, two-thirds of which were in full operation, and numerous cars loaded with coal and coke, going east and west. At the coal mines, four miles distant, as great a change presented itself.

"In the interval since I was there last one mine had been excavated to the extent of sixty acres and over 100,000 tons taken out. Another mine, while not so extensively worked, presented a 12-foot seam of excellent coal, at which miners were busily at work. Surrounding the works were excellent houses for miners and other operators. The marvel was that all this had been accomplished within the short period of one year. Previous to that these coal mines were practically inaccessible, there being no habitations or railway conveniences nearer than 150 miles. The directorate of the company had been most active in their efforts to develop this property and meet the public demand for cheap coal and coke.

"There are at present over 250 men employed in the mines, and the average output is 700 tons a day. Of this over 300 tons a

day is converted into coke and sold to the smelters of British Columbia and the adjoining American States. The demand for the coke is most encouraging and confirms the opinion of chemical experts that its quality was the best on the continent. The coal itself is excellent and finds ready purchasers for railway and domestic purposes.

"The Crow's Nest Pass Railway proceeds from Lethbridge through the company's property on to the foot of Kootenay Lake, where connection is made with Nelson."

Toronto will shortly have another important manufacturing industry. Application has been made for a charter of incorporation for the Canada Foundry Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, and as soon as the necessary formalities have been observed operations will be commenced. The personnel of the company includes Messrs. E. B. Osler, M.P., W. R. Brock, W. D. Matthews and Frederic Nicholls, of Toronto; Wm. Hendrie of Hamilton; T. W. Horn and W. H. Winslow of the Chicago firm of Winslow Bros., said to be the largest architectural iron workers on the continent. Mr. Winslow will be the practical man of the company, and superintend operations. It is the intention to establish a foundry in Toronto, and later on another in the west, probably at Vancouver. All kinds of cast-iron work, including every branch of architec-

tural work, will be turned out. In the development of Canada the iron industry has not kept pace with the other lines, and large consumers like the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways have been compelled to go outside the country to get their work done. The Canada Foundry Company propose, by having an establishment up to date in every respect, constructed and equipped under Mr. Winslow's supervision, to be able to cater to all the requirements of Canadian consumers.

The Tycoon Mining Company this week closed an order with Mr. George J. Ross, of the Jencks Machine Co. for a complete hoisting plant, consisting of standard 6x8-in. double cylinder single drill hoisting engine, with 30 horse power boiler, also wire ropes, sheave wheel, ore bucket, pumps and all accessories. When the new machinery is installed Manager Griffin purposes pushing development as rapidly as possible. The results this season have been very gratifying, and have warranted this expenditure on machinery.—[Rat Portage Miner.]

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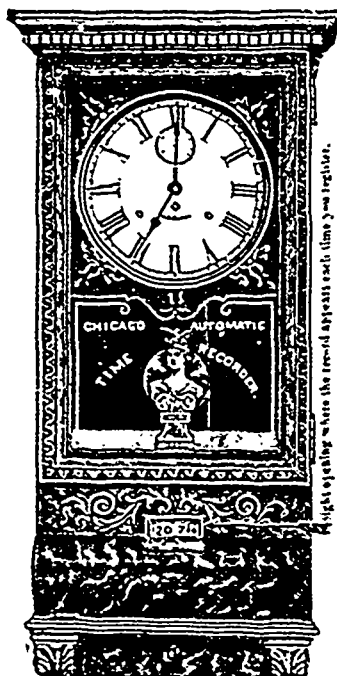
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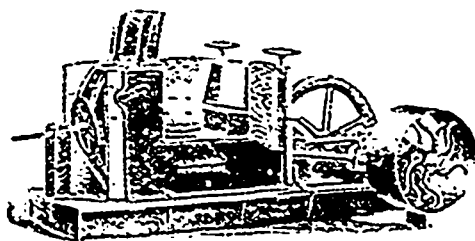
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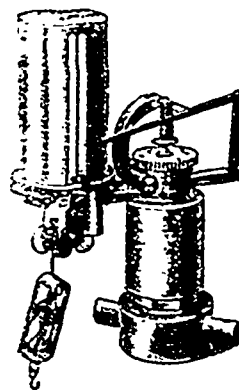
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