

Rossland Miner.

WHEN the champions of a cause are compelled to resort to misrepresentation, it must, indeed, be weak. It has been repeatedly stated by the opponents of the "open door" railway policy that Mr. J. J. Hill, the president of the Great Northern, had or was about to obtain a controlling interest in the Crow's Nest Coal Company. Mr. Robert Jaffray, the vice-president of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, took pains the other day to deny this in one of the coast papers. Mr. Hill, he said, had purchased 30 per cent. of the stock of the coal company, and he further stated that he would never be able to obtain control. Mr. Hill has not at any time endeavored to buy the controlling interest. Indeed Mr. Hill has asserted that the greatest success of the enterprise must be in its continuance under Canadian control. Mr. Jaffray declares in the most emphatic manner that it is the company's intention to see that the B. C. market is supplied to the fullest extent that it is capable of demanding for its needs. Is it likely, he asks, that we would neglect the market at our doors? But that market is not sufficient.

To get the United States market is necessary for the welfare of the Canadian company.

A Market is Needed.

There is a chance of a lifetime to get a big market in the United States just now. The chance may be lost if it is not seized at once. The Crow's Nest Coal Company proposes to take advantage of the opportunity, and it wants to build a line of railway from the mines to the boundary to