

A PUERILE ATTACK.

A paper that has done its utmost to belittle Rossland and detract from the importance of Trail Creek as a mining district, is the Toronto Telegram. In a recent issue this paper published an attack on the camp in the shape of an editorial criticising the Globe's special mining number. Had the Telegram received the advertisements which appeared in the Globe, it is most unlikely that any attempt at criticism would have been made. But the Telegram did not get the advertisements and the editorial did appear. The young man who wields the editorial pen of the Telegram was in the camp for a few days in the winter season, and, so far as known, visited very few properties, yet he writes with the assurance of a man experienced in mining affairs. The editorial, with the heading, "A Cause for Alarm," reads as follows:

"People with money invested in Rossland enterprises ought to have found grave cause for uneasiness in the mining special issued by the Globe on Saturday.

"There was no dearth of editorial and pictorial ability, but a perusal of the special and a survey of its pictures left the reader with an uneasy impression that the special was altogether a fake, and that Rossland itself was not as little of a fake as its friends could wish.

"All the purchased benedictions which the Globe trained down on the just and the unjust enterprises did not alter the truth that more than a year ago, if not two years ago, there were two shipping mines in Rossland, and that practically there are not more than two shipping mines in Rossland today.

"Imagine the feelings of people who bought stock at 10 cents per share in a claim capitalized for \$2,500,000 when the promoters of that enterprise, through the Globe, offer the investors the photograph of a potato-hole in a rock, decorated by a gentleman in a sweater and leggings and three or four miners posing in attitudes of industry. The photograph is not devoid of artistic elements, but the people who have been putting their money into Rossland have a right to expect something else than photographs and puffs.

"The money spent in booming Rossland through the Globe would have been better saved for the work of booming Rossland through the productiveness of its mines. The time has come to speak plainly about Rossland. There are still grave doubts as to whether Rossland will ever be a great mining camp or not. Promoters prove nothing by announcing strikes of ore averaging in value \$75, \$95 or \$100 per ton. Assays of a few ounces or of a few pounds of ore are not accepted by English capitalists. They want a quantity test. Before they put their money in they must have smelter returns from several tons of ore, and they made sure that the ore which is smelted is representative of the ore in the mine.

"Comparatively few, perhaps not more than two or three of the claims in Rossland, outside of the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star, have had their productiveness tested by the smelter returns from even an experimental shipment. Rossland is yet in an experimental stage, and it is discouraging to those who think that the town will ultimately be the centre of a group of great producing mines in the Trail Creek district to find that the place is being exploited by eastern brokers, who, judging by Saturday's Globe, think of nothing but working the eastern public for more money.

"Already the eastern public has put in more than sufficient money to enable the promoters to make mines out of their claims in the Trail Creek district. It is certain that a great many of these claims will never make mines. It is just as certain that most of the people who put money into Rossland will lose every cent they have thrown into over-capitalized claims in that section. Saturday's Globe ought to do more to keep capital out of Rossland gold mines than any other publication has done. If the men whose money purchased all the Globe's hosannahs to themselves and their enterprises were sure of the wealth of their claims, they would think more of producing results and less of persuading the public. The public has done a good deal for Rossland, and so far Rossland has done very little for the public. The camp already enjoys a reputation which has yet to be justified by the output of its mines. Eastern brokers may ensure temporary prosperity for themselves and for Rossland by deluding the public with the help of

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