

CONCENTRATES.

The Colonist, of Winnipeg, is about to publish an interesting pamphlet written by Walter Moberly, C.E., one of the best known original surveyors of northern B. C., and entitled "Eight Routes to the Clondyko." Thousands will doubtless read it, for a big host will next spring be tempted to make for Clondyko. Most, however, won't in autumn need a choice of eight return routes. They will be but too glad to get out as soon as possible. A few will get wealth, the majority "get broke."

The London, Eng., Statist recently contained a well written article on B. C. precious metal mining worthy of so careful and conservative a British financial issue. In it the mineral prospects of the Province are well regarded, and it is stated that mining in B. C. is gradually being placed on a business basis, though the Province is suffering from the effects of an "unwarranted boom" of mining possibilities, good, bad and indifferent.

The Hon. G. E. Foster, M.P., and his associates have made a second payment of \$7,666 on the Dibble group of claims in East Kootenay. These they will begin at once to develop rapidly, working them through the winter.

The North Star mine owners of East Kootenay expect big things of the reduction in freight charges to be made by the Crow's Nest extension of the C. P. R. The profits of the mine will be greatly increased, and the manager, Mr. N. F. Curran, calculates that with shipments of 100 tons a day the mine should yield a net profit of about a million dollars. If, however, it yields half this the North Star's silver lead will vie in profit yielding with the gold and copper of the famous Le Roi mine.

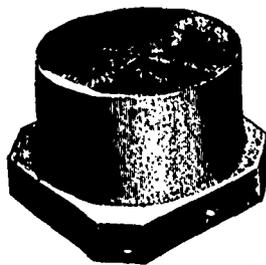
The Northport smelter of the Le Roi management will probably begin work about Feb. 1st; that in or near Vancouver, projected by the Rothschild-Symons syndicate, judging by present rates of progress with preliminaries, about A. D., 1910.

It is not thought that much that is practical will result from the staking out of gold claims in the heart of the City of Victoria, it being doubted whether the gold there found in traces aggregates nearly sufficient value for working.

The people of Fort Steele are discussing the advisability of incorporating under special act to be obtained next session.

THE HALL MINES SMELTER.

This smelter is one of a 200 ton daily capacity, but it can on an emergency when need arises dispose of a larger quantity of ore. Thus on one day in the third week of the present month no less than 272 tons of ore were satisfactorily treated. The smelter is stated to be now working very well under the direction of the new manager, Mr. Robt. Headley.



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THE WHITEWATER.

This Slocan mine has hitherto during the present month shipped nearly a car load of 15 tons daily, and the manager, Mr. Eaton, claims that by the 30th he will have brought up the shipments to a full average of a car load a day, or 450 tons for the month. The mine now employs 60 and will shortly engage 30 additional men, for whom accommodation has been provided. The Whitewater is then expected to make monthly shipments of nearly 700 tons.

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Bonner's Ferry and Kootenay River Service. The Alberta awaits the arrival of the International on Saturday evening before leaving for Bonner's Ferry.

Leave Kaslo Saturday, 9:45 a. m. Arrive Boundary, Sunday, 6:45 a. m. Arrive Bonner's Ferry, Sunday, 11:45 a. m. Leave Bonner's Ferry, Sunday, 1:45 p. m. Arrive Boundary, Sunday, 5:45 p. m. Arrive Kaslo, Sunday, 10:45 p. m.

Close connection at Bonner's Ferry with trains East bound, leaving Spokane 7:30 a. m. and West bound, arriving Spokane 7:00 p. m. Kaslo, B. C., 12th July, 1897.

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