

offices. It is the principal town of the North Riding of West Kootenay, and the celebrated Big Bend placer country is reached from here. In this issue we publish an interesting street scene in this thriving place. It is the connecting point with the Kootenay country for passengers coming over the C. P. R., and is therefore likely to be a very busy spot during the coming season.

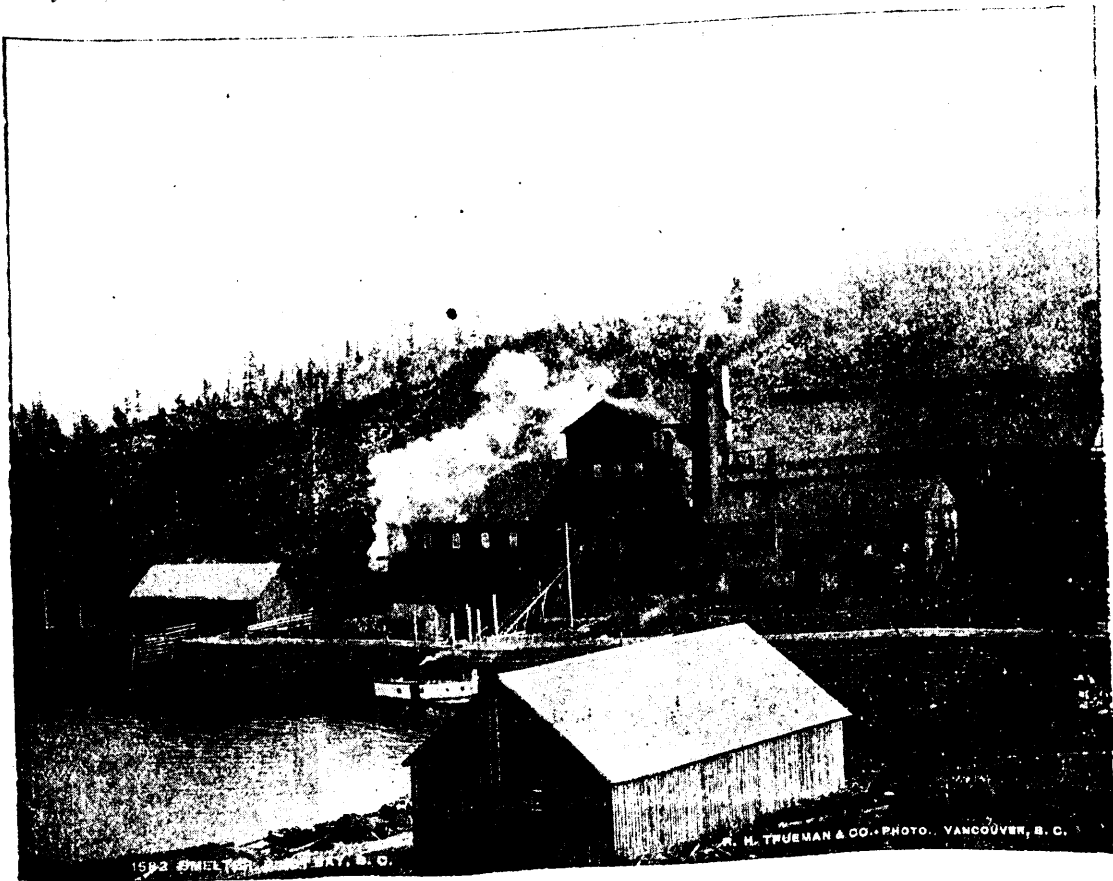
THREE FORKS.

In the heart of the rich Slocan, and with two railroads running into it—the Nakusp-Slocan and the Kaslo-Slocan—it has surely advantages enough to boast of. It is situated on the three forks of Carpenter Creek and is a rustling, busy, little town with good stores and hotel accommodations. Owing to the immense amount of labour performed in the building of the railways mentioned, Three Forks was about the busiest town in the Slocan last year, and will always be a busy one.

all the points in the Kootenay country, but as our efforts are not to be confined to one number, we will have opportunities to give fuller descriptions of many places and parts of the country which are not included at this time. We invite descriptive contributions from all sections of the mining districts and will be only too glad to publish them as the object of the journal is to attract the attention of capitalists and others to the vast and varied resources of the Province, in order, thereby, to aid in their development.

The Mining Lectures.

OWING to press of other matter relating especially to the Kootenay, we are unable to give in this issue more than one of the lectures delivered under the



SMELTER AT PILOT BAY, B. C.

TRAIL.

Is the present shipping port for Rossland, being situated on the navigable waters of the Columbia, and gave its name—Trail Creek—to the whole district around it. A new townsite has been laid out, which is in a most thriving condition. There are some who think it will rival Rossland, owing to its proximity to the water and shipping facilities. The town is connected with Rossland by means of a narrow gauge railway, and a smelter of which we give a view in this number, is in operation. Owing to the great richness of the country tributary to Trail, it is expected that other smelters will be erected there, as one will be unable to do the business. It is a rising town and is destined to become one of the most important in the Kootenays.

In the space at our command in one issue of the B. C. MINING RECORD, it is impossible to do full justice to

auspices of the Provincial Government. There are two lectures by W. Pellew Harvey to follow in order to complete the series, and both of these we hope to give in the June number of the RECORD.

The *Midway Advance* in speaking of these lectures says:—"The fourth of the series of lectures on mining which are being given by Mr. Carlyle, the Provincial Mineralogist, is published in the last issue of the MINING RECORD, the lecture is full of interesting and instructive data, but so long as these lectures are only listened to, and do not reach much beyond, an audience composed mainly of Vancouver office boys and clerks, naturally their utility must be very much limited. Why in the name of common sense, should the Provincial Mineralogist reside hundreds of miles from where, alone, his experience and knowledge might prove practically valuable. Under present circumstances Mr. Car-