

south is quite unique and stamps the Flathead District as a natural oil field.

The long delay in striking oil in commercial quantities has been due solely to the extreme difficulty of transport and inadequacy of the capital raised.

Sage Creek is sixty miles from the Great Northern Railway and accessible only over a difficult trail. Latterly it has been brought within forty miles of the Corbin road in British Columbia and advantage has been taken of this to cut a new trail at great expense over which the plant now on the ground was taken in. Many thousands of dollars which under ordinary circumstances would have been available for actual drilling have been used to overcome transportation and location difficulties. The solution of these problems, whilst costly, has brought the Company within striking distance of their goal.

Whilst the B. C. Oil Company has been quietly pushing its way, the large monied interests have been looking on. But they have not been idle. They have kept close tab on our work, and the best evidence that they realize how near we are to success is shown by their great activity this year and last.

Several geological and survey parties have been maintained in the field, and two of the most eminent geologists of the United States Department have spent this summer in the Flathead in the interests of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.