

are sending it in five or even more tons. Expressed in figures : instead of having \$40 shipping expenses we have \$200, besides the expense for treatment, loss of the byproducts zinc, lead and copper, and also the expenses for mining and milling. Only a very rich mine can afford such extravagance, but surely not the most of the mines which will be opened in that country. Therefore, I consider it deplorable, that people commence already building mills, before they have a mine and before they know what they have in their mine, because the end result is usually a failure of the individual mine and a condemnation or drawback in the development of a mining camp.

On the other hand in using the right methods in milling our ores, we could make them pay very well, even if the ore is refractory. Yes I might say this refractory ore will pay in many instances, for the expenses in extracting the gold, by saving the byproducts and making use of them ourselves.

I said above that there are many bedded veins in that country which show quite an appreciable amount of gold. The nature of these veins would not justify the owners to erect mills for their own use, but it would be possible for them to realize something for their ore, if they could send it to a neighboring custom mill. Such a mill situated at Sturgeon Falls with a splendid water power all the year round, would have a central situation for some time to come, as the trend of the prospectors is eastward up the Seine. But any individual or company who would build a custom mill there would find out later on he would have made a good investment.

But what a boon would it be for the people being, and going into that country, if the Ontario and Rainy River Railroad were built. Every one of us who has had experience in travelling in winter through this country surely realizes what a good invention a railroad is, but realizes also what a drawback the non-existence of such an institution is, in regard to a rapid development and prosperity of any newly opened region, and especially farming and mining camps. See the existence of the farmers on Rainy river, living on the richest soil that nature can produce, and knowing what treasures they could earn from it if they had a market. The same is the case with the miners, they are sitting on their treasures and don't know how to carry them into the market.

I thank you very much, gentlemen, for your kind attention.