

THE EMPRESS MINE.

The Empress has gone steadily forward since the commencement, the promoters not seeking to attract public attention, but pushing the work of development, the mine earning its own expenses. This latter fact is proof positive that there must be just a little bit of gold in this country despite what Mr. Selwyn and others of his ken may have said.

A body of ore of such extent and richness was struck at the Empress on Monday that the secret got out, although some of the officials when questioned by a Journal reporter, were as dumb as the proverbial oyster on the subject.

The Empress property may be described as a large hill, at the top of which the veins were first encountered, and from which a tramway was built leading to the big stamp mill which had been erected at the base.

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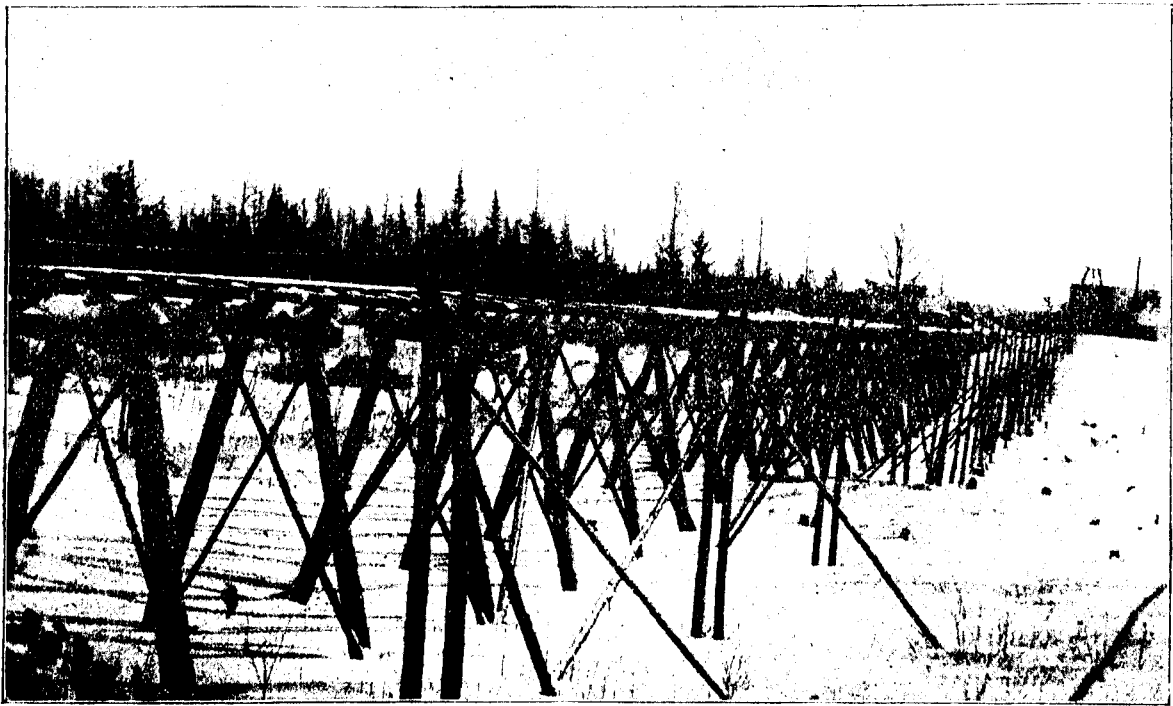
A RICH MINING REGION.

In the Okanogan country on this side of the British line the development and activity has been no less marked. For years the Okanogan, although known to be rich in gold, silver and copper, has suffered from the depression of hard times. In the last year it has taken a new spurt and is now the scene of great and growing mining activity. The Wyandotte group, purchased by eastern parties, was the first to start work, and they were followed by the Palmer Mountain Company, which is engaged in tunnelling Palmer Mountain. Already these two companies are taking out ore of the highest value, some of it running in value to thousands of dollars per ton.

In other parts of the Okanogan, such as the Methow, Lake Chelan, Horseshoe Basin, Osoyoos Lake, and Stehekin districts hundreds of prospectors have roamed over the hills and mountains staking out dis-

LOOKS LIKE LIFE.

There is no doubt but that the coming of summer will witness the greatest activity in mining, and probably to a greater extent than during any year past. The several deals made with the big Exploration Company of London, will have a splendid effect on that market and will at once bring the "Yankees" to the front as suitable investments. There are already several inquiries here for coppers for London capitalists, as well as others for developed gold mines. The Canadians are beginning to appreciate the British Columbian gold fields, and the recent sale of the War Eagle to Toronto people will certainly be the result of bringing into Rossland and other adjacent camps a large amount of eastern Canadian capital. The purchase of a controlling interest in the Helena and Frisco Company has already had its effect in Idaho, and the daily ru-



THE FOLEY MINE TRAMWAY TO STAMP MILL.

proper test it was decided that the cheapest way of getting out the ore was to drive a tunnel through the hill at right angles with the veins, which the tunnel intersects about 100 feet below the old tramway level.

The tunnel is in 225 feet and has passed through the first vein of eight feet in width of rich ore, and one of three feet. The rich vein just discovered is the third, and promises to be even larger and richer than the others. The tunnel has to be extended 140 feet further before the "wall" of this formation will be reached, and it is fair to suppose that other veins will be discovered as the tunnel is pushed to completion. This will open up a body of ore that will require a much larger plant than the one at present on the property and the improvements will likely be made in the very near future.—Port Arthur Journal.

EXPORTS AT NELSON, B. C.

The exports of ore and matter from Nelson, B.C., during the month of January were valued at \$675,501, against \$481,450 in December.

coveries and doing work on their prospects. While much of this country is yet in its infancy it only needs a few months more to bring it to the attention of capital as one of the richest mining regions of the north-west.—Spokane Chronicle.

A HALF MILLION DEAL.

A well authenticated rumor is in circulation that a \$500,000 deal, on practically a cash basis, has been arranged for a large group of mining properties in the Slovan. The purchaser is the Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration Company, Ltd. The sellers are the Slovan Mining and Milling Company and a number of individuals owning claims in the vicinity of Alamo basin and on the divide between the south fork of Carpenter creek and Slovan Lake.

The properties included in the transaction are said to be the Alamo, Cumberland, Idaho, Wild Goose, Corinth, Mocking Bird, Daybreak, Defender, Comet and several other adjoining locations.—Nelson Miner.

mors are to the effect that many inquiries are being received for developed mines. The sale of the Tom Boy in Colorado, also to Englishmen, has already resulted beneficially to that state as other properties have been optioned. Thus it will be seen that every purchase draws attention to the section. So far the selections have been wisely made, and it is certain that the results will be highly profitable.—Western Mining World.

ANOTHER MINING PAPER.

Another mining paper has just reached us, called "The Washington Mining Journal" and a nice, bright-looking paper it is. Not only is attention paid to the state, but also to mining in British Columbia. It says that Seattle men are largely interested in properties in British Columbia which is an endorsement of the Province. We wish the new paper every success.