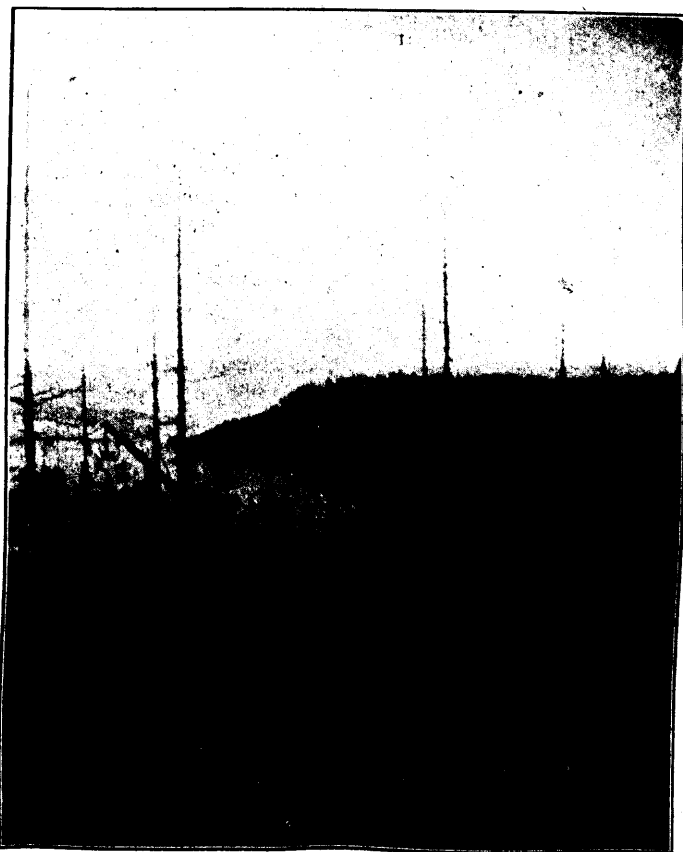


putting in the machinery at the power house and reduction works. Supt. Hodges informed your correspondent that the smelter will give employment to at least 150 men. This, it is estimated, will represent at least 400 people who will be dependent for a living on this new enterprise. He added that the rate quoted by the C.P.R. for the carriage of ore, all things considered, was quite satisfactory. At the outset the smelter shipment of 200 tons a day from private parties the company will utilize several hundred

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Joseph McGillivray returned yesterday on his way to California, and thence en route to the Klondike. Mr. McGillivray, like everyone else who has come from London, reports mining business as practically at a standstill, owing entirely to the war in South Africa. He is sanguine, however, that as soon as peace is declared there will be a greater rush than ever of people and capital to British Columbia. Much, however, will depend upon the result of this winter's op-



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thousand dollars in payment of ores on the basis of their sampling value, as the smelter, after making these disbursements, will have to wait from six to eight weeks for the returns from the refineries.

The shaft in the Mountain View in Summit Camp is now down 55 feet in solid ore. A shipment of 150 sacks of ore has just been made to the Trail smelter.

A rich strike was recently made on the English and French, north fork of Kettle River.

The C.P.R. officially took over the Columbia & Western railway from the contractors yesterday, when a new freight and passenger tariff went into effect.

Passenger rates, despite the reduction, are still considered excessive, averaging five cents per mile. Local merchants have the same complaint respecting the freight schedule. A few days ago an agent of the Great Northern visited Grand Forks, and contracted for the delivery of seven carloads of freight here. His rate included the hauling of the shipment here in wagons from Bossburg, Wash., a distance of 42 miles.

The C.P.R. is only quoting through rates from eastern points as far as Robson, from which point the separate tariff on the C. & W. is effective.

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