

able. This seems to have been borne out by our work last year, so far as we have information. Of two prospecting drifts, one has shown no values higher than \$2.20, while in the other the ore averages \$4.00 and is improving in grade. The ore is easily treated and by open-cast working upon a large scale the cost would not be over \$2.00 per ton. In conclusion allow me to add that you deserve thanks for the plain, truthful statements which have appeared in the MINING RECORD with regard to mining in the Atlin district. Your comments are in marked contrast to the usual ridiculous screeds in which Western journals delight to revel."

Among those associated with mining enterprise in British Columbia, Mr. J. Roderick Robertson, of

Nelson, whose portrait we have the privilege of publishing this month, occupies a prominent place. As general manager of the London & British Columbia Goldfields, Limited, he is the representative in this Province of very large British interests, and it affords us much pleasure to add that under his management these interests have been carefully conserved, and that it is no doubt largely due to Mr. Robertson's administrative abilities that the London & British Columbia Goldfields, Limited, enjoys the reputation of being the best managed of the many English mining companies operating in this field. The London & B.C. Goldfields, besides operating the Ymir Gold Mines, Limited, at Ymir, the property of the Enterprise (B. C.) Mines, Limited, on Ten Mile, Slocan Lake, and other properties in the Boundary Creek district and in East Kootenay, also brought out, as parent company, the Yukon Goldfields, Limited, and the Whitewater Mines, Limited. The capitalization of the companies are as follows: The Ymir Gold Mines, Ltd., £200,000; The Enterprise (B.C.) Mines, Ltd., £150,000; The London & B.C. Goldfields, Ltd., £200,000; The Whitewater Mines, Ltd., £125,000; The Yukon Goldfields, Ltd., £100,000.

The amendment to the Placer Mines Act, under which the Provincial Government proposes to permit

the transfer of placer claims to aliens, should help to meet the requirements of the Atlin country, where in view of the fact that the consolidation and joint working of many claims by improved mechanical methods is required, it is desirable to encourage the influx of foreign capital for the purpose of prosecuting gold mining on a large scale.

That Greenwood is destined speedily to become a very important centre of the Boundary Creek district was illustrated by the expenditure in that city last year of no less than \$320,000 on new buildings—an excellent showing in view of the fact that up to the present nearly all the mining work done in this camp has been that of development, only a few thousand tons of ore having as yet been produced from the mines. The

advance of Greenwood last year, however, only anticipates by a few months the beginning of a very considerable output from the country tributary to it.

A correspondent from Nelson has sent us a long communication criticising the report of the Hall Mines, Limited, with the suggestion that his remarks should be published in the MINING RECORD, provided the editor of this periodical assumes all risks in the event of the Hall Mines entering an action for libel in consequence. For this reason, and also because our correspondent's criticism is in places distinctly malicious and in others shows great ignorance of smelting practice, we have suppressed it. Meanwhile we have published elsewhere the Report in full. In the Report itself there is nothing particularly warranting

criticism; but the none too favourable showing for last year is simply attributable to the fact that the mine can't "keep up" with the smelter. It is high time, too, that the administration expenses in London were reduced. As matters are the Board of Directors do more to hamper than promote the interests of shareholders. To the management in Nelson we would suggest, that when in future the Company propose to purchase claims, it would be just as well to employ an "expert" who has at least an elementary knowledge of mineralogy.

Agents of American transport companies are at-



Mr. J. Roderick Robertson.