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BRITISH COLUMBIA

scattered along the entire length of the Cordilleran (Rocky Mountain) region in Canada. * * * Because a mountainous country, and till of late a very remote one, the development of the resources of British Columbia has heretofore been slow, but the preliminary difficulties having been overcome, it is now, there is every reason to believe, on the verge of an era of prosperity and expansion of which it is yet difficult to foresee the amount or the end."

IMPROVED MINING METHODS

As the most primitive methods only were employed in mining the more precious ores up to a few years ago, the full value of the country's mineral resources could scarcely be approximately estimated, but with the recent commencement of the era of scientific mining in a systematic manner, made possible by the development of the Province through the inflow of foreign capital



STARTING FOR THE MINES

and the increased facilities for transportation, rendering prospecting easier and actual mining operations profitable, it is assured that the coming great development will show an enormous richness hitherto past comprehension.

These rich fields are now attracting experienced miners and mining men from all over the world, and capital is pouring in from all directions to continue in a more concerted and organized way that marvellous developing which has characterized the Kootenays and Cariboo and other sections during the past two years. No fewer than thirty-seven of the new English mining companies formed during the year 1896, and over \$16,000,000 of the new capital involved, are to operate in British Columbia, besides the large sums of American, Canadian and Australian money which are being invested here.