

me to give it. From the accessibility of the Kootenay district I have given it more space and attention, probably at the expense of other districts equally as promising and valuable, but at present not so favourably situated. This is simply because, in this district, as a whole, more developments have been made, affording me more tangible proof to present to you.

Mining in British Columbia has now reached that stage when examination of its mines is courted and invited. Let us hope, then, that with the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and improved facilities for travel, capitalists will visit the country and judge for themselves.

Let me state, in conclusion, that the existence of rich, valuable and extensive mineral deposits within the boundaries of British Columbia is now admitted, and that it is only a question of a short time till this will be definitely proved. The development and working of these deposits will create a vast and permanent industry, supporting a large population. Important towns and mining centres will spring up at various points, railroads will be built, and British Columbia, I venture to say, will become one of the richest, if not the richest, and most valuable provinces of our Dominion of Canada.