

secure freight charges and give rates for treatment that are now impossible.

**Success  
depends on  
reducing  
expenses.**

"It is hardly necessary to dwell at length on the resultant benefits to mining and other enterprises in British Columbia. These benefits are self-evident. In every lead mine there are masses of ore that will not pay at the present rate for treatment; in every camp there are propositions and mines just too lean to tempt operators or investors. Every dollar taken off the charge for treatment means thousands of tons more of ore available, and proportionately swells the pay-rolls of every camp. Every dollar of reduction in smelter charges widens the pay streak of every mine, and brings new mines within the paying class.

"It would be a great misfortune to British Columbia and to the Dominion at large if this opportunity should be lost, through the failure to secure adequate means of transportation. There are rival projects south of the boundary. Immense coal areas in the States of Washington and Montana are in process of development, and if the parties interested in these properties once secure possession and control