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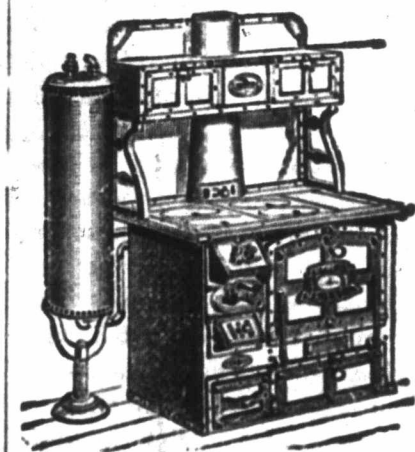
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A MINING MOVE IN B. C.

A correspondent of the *Canadian Engineer*, writes :

"News has been received of a move that will be of great interest to all who have mining investments in the Kootenay country. Several leading business men of British Columbia have joined forces with Eastern Americans in the promotion of one of the most extensive schemes known to the history of this rich mineral region. For a long time it has been known that one of the chief reasons for the comparative standstill in this section is the excessive tariff that all ores coming out of its mines have been made to suffer. Owing to a combination of inadequate transportation in the immediate vicinity of the mines, the long hauls necessary to convey the products to the smelters on the American side, and the tax at the line, only high grade ores could be handled to any advantage or profit. This necessarily left a large number of valuable medium and low grade properties idle on the hands of the owners. But American enterprise was not long to be baffled by such difficulties, and the solution of the problem appears to have been reached. As the result of the efforts of Andrew B. Hendryx, of New Haven, Conn., and Mr. Joshua Davis, of Victoria, B. C., a company has been formed to be known as the Kootenay Mining and Smelting Company, with a paid up capital of \$2,250,000, which has been subscribed in New Haven, Minneapolis, and Victoria, B. C. E. W. Herrick, a Minneapolis capitalist, is the president of the new company; R. P. Rithet, of Victoria, B. C., is the vice-president, and Joshua Davies, E. Crow Baker, W. H. Ellis, W. P. Sayward, W. J. Macaulay, James Hutcheson and H. Chapman, all of whom rank high in the business circles of British Columbia, are associated with them in the enterprise. Pilot Bay is the geographical centre of the Kootenay country, commanding on the one hand the rich Slocan with its high grade silver-lead ores, and on the other the copper, silver, and lead of Ainsworth and Nelson, with all their intermediate points. At Pilot Bay, and owned by the company, is the Blue Bell mine, one of the largest and most valuable deposits of fluxing ores in America. Such is the favorable location which the company has selected as the base of their operations. The plant as designed will accommodate four stacks each of 100 tons capacity. Seven large buildings have already been completed for the works and three others are under way. Over 200 tons of the most modern machinery has been received and is now being put into place, while several carloads more are on the way from the East. The plant will be the most modern and complete that money can buy. Extensive wharves are being erected along the water front, and apparatus will be placed for the handling of ores in large quantities. The works will be in operation before the first of October next, with one 100-ton stack in full blast for the reduction of silver-lead ores. The three other stacks will be added as fast as the district develops, and it is designed to give the treatment of copper ores the same attention as lead ores. In fact, all ores that can be handled to profit and advantage will be purchased and treated by the company. In addition to the smelter proper, the works will include a 300-ton sampling plant, a 200-ton concentrator, a refinery capable of treating all the bullion produced, and the finest laboratory and assay office in the west."



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Speaking of some of the gentlemen who compose the company, the same correspondent adds :

"Messrs. Hendryx and Herrick are pioneers of the British Columbia mining

regions contained within the Kootenay country. Mr. Hendryx is the founder of the Andrew B. Hendryx Company, New Haven, Conn., whose goods are well known on both sides of the Atlantic. He is a practical and successful mechanic and business man, and under his management the works will be skilfully handled. R. P. Rithet, the vice-president, is British Columbia's leading business man. He is at the head of the firm of R. P. Rithet & Co., Victoria, and Welsh & Co., of San Francisco, is largely interested in the sugar trade of the Sandwich Islands and China, has extensive steamboat interests, owns the Enderby flour mills, and large wharves at Victoria, is interested in lumbering enterprises, and has an interest in the Albion Iron Works and other business concerns. He has been made mayor of Victoria and president of the British Columbia Board of Trade, and holds to-day a foremost position as a progressive commercial man. Mr. Joshua Davies, who has the handling of the business in Victoria, is well known as a man of sound business integrity and ability, and the name is not a name on the list but belongs to a man who is known to make a success of whatever he undertakes."

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