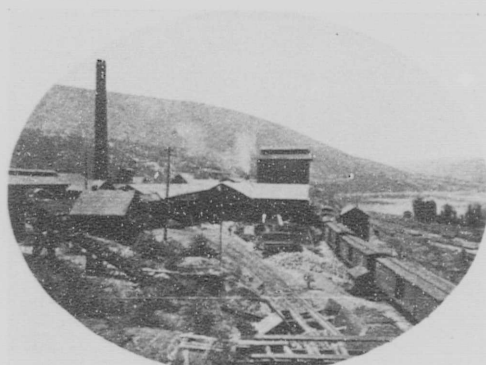


more economic methods of handling ores are also importantly affecting the mining industry as a whole.

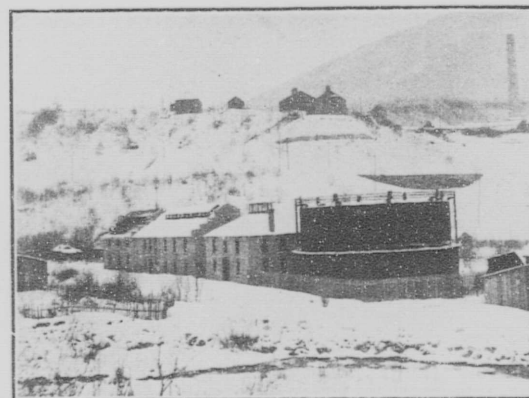
The attention of capitalists

is now increasingly given to the vast mineral resources of British Columbia, as yet but partially developed, and especially is this so as regards the Kootenay, the larger part of the trade of which centres in the City of Nelson.

The lumbering industry of the Kootenays is one also of very great importance. The output for the year 1906 in the district is estimated to have been 300,000,000 feet, or an increase of 50,000,000 feet over that of the preceding year, and the present indications are that a still larger increase of the cut may be expected for the year 1907. Not only have many new saw mills been



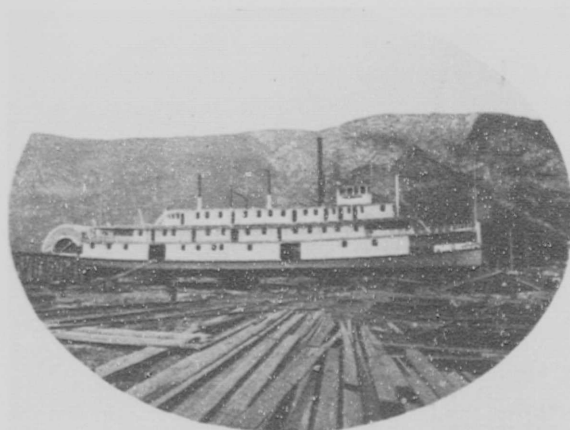
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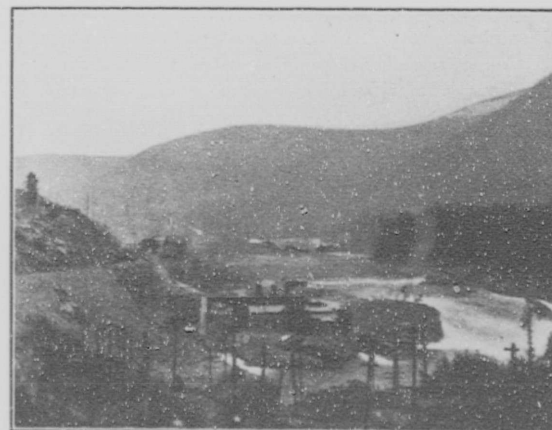
THE GAS WORKS, NELSON.

recently erected, but several others are projected, while many of those already in existence have in contemplation the extension of their plant and operations.

As the immensity of the resources of this part of British Columbia become fully realized, there will follow the investment of capital and the pouring in of settlers which cannot but result in the development of Kootenay into one of the most important districts of the Province of British Columbia, a Province apparently destined to become the most valuable in the Dominion.



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