

The other districts of West Kootenay now prominent in respect of their silver ores are Ainsworth, Hendryx and Toad Mountain districts, all of which have been well described by Dr. G. M. Dawson, of the Survey, in his report of West Kootenay. The ores of the latter district, however, are more mixed, copper and the richer silver minerals occurring with the galena. They also carry a little gold. Other camps which have come into prominent notice of late are those of Goat River and Trail Creek.

Three smelters have been erected in the district, one at Golden, one at Revelstoke (now washed away by floods), and one at Pilot Bay on Kootenay Lake. The latter, however, has not been completed owing to some disagreement amongst the capitalists concerned.

The two former works consisted each of a single water jacket furnace with roaster and appurtenances, but the Pilot Bay works have been projected upon a more extensive scale. The plan includes:

Concentrator Building.....	85 x 100
Sampling Works .....	100 x 108
Roaster .....	100 x 170
Smelter .....	58 x 98
Refinery .....	120 x 245
Assay Office.....	25 x 80
Boiler House.....	40 x 48
Blacksmith Shop.....	20 x 40
Machine Shop.....	20 x 40
Office .....	30 x 45
Boarding House.....	25 x 60

As none of these works have so far been running all the ore produced has been shipped to smelters in the United States at Tacoma and San Francisco.

Pack trails traverse the country and some few wagon roads connect the chief camps with steamer navigation on the lakes and rivers, whereby connection can be made with the Canadian Pacific Railway and the American railways to the south, whilst other projected connecting railways now being built will give a still better chance of success.

To a certain extent the mines are waiting the completion of these better means of communication, which are rendered the more necessary by the present low price of silver, but notwithstanding this discouraging feature and the existing commercial depression, the amount of discovery and development work prosecuted has been quite considerable, and we can, I think, still feel very hopeful for the future of silver mining in British Columbia.