

WILL USE B. C. BOG IRON ORE.

Bog iron from British Columbia will be in use shortly for fluxing purposes at the furnaces of Irondale, Wn., arrangements having been made by the owners of the property with the Pacific Coast Steel Co. The same company is using the magnetite ores of Texada Island, British Columbia, and the product of its plant is to be utilized in connection with the building of ships in the Puget Sound district. The contract entered into for bog iron calls for the delivery of 5,000 tons as soon as possible and a spur line is being run from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the property, which is situated near Mons, B.C., in order to provide satisfactory transportation facilities.

AN ORE SAMPLING PLANT FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

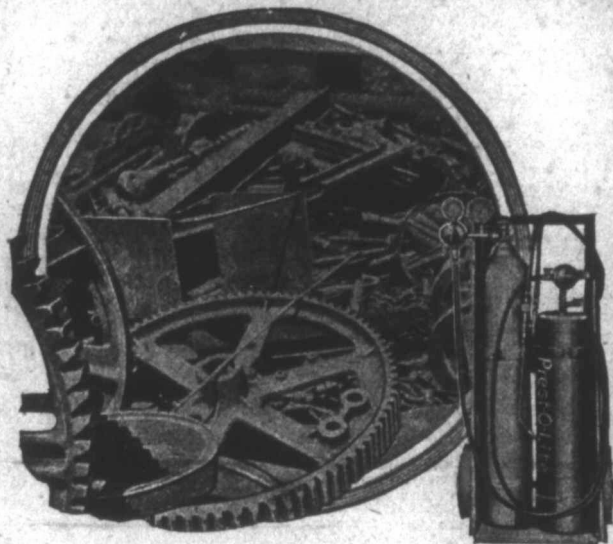
At a meeting of the Vancouver Chamber of Mines held recently, Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Mines, delivered an address in which he stated that an ore sampling plant would be established in British Columbia by the Dominion Government. He said that the matter had come before him some months ago. Mr. George Mackenzie, of the Department of Mines, now at the head of one of the parties engaged in field work in the Province, prepared a memorandum on the subject which convinced him that such a plant would be a material aid to the mining industry in British Columbia and that it also was required in the Province of Nova Scotia. In this connection the Minister referred to the high cost of the transportation of ores to the Government plant at Ottawa for treatment there, and wound up by declaring that the mining men of the West might rest assured that the matter would not be neglected.

PLACER MINING IN ATLIN DISTRICT, B.C.

Mr. Frank Mobley, member of the British Columbia Legislature for Atlin District, has returned to the Coast after spending the season in the placer mining section of the district. He speaks more optimistically than most of those who refer to the gold production of the North. While the output has been reduced 25 per cent. owing to lack of labor, according to Mr. Mobley, mining is said to be more profitable than it has ever been "because the methods of mining are improved." Formerly it was possible to make only four-ounce ground pay whereas now profits can be made out of two-ounce ground. Mr. Mobley summarizes the season's work on the various placer waterways of Atlin as follows: "Ruby Creek Hydraulic Mine has done very well; Boulder Creek, fair; at Birch Creek there has been a scarcity of water, and the output has been small; Pine Creek has had a fair season; McKee Creek did practically nothing owing to having to cut through a new channel; Otter Creek has had a good output and all the individual mines have given good returns. The general output, however, has not been more than 60 per cent. of that of former years.

ALASKA MINERS IN DANGER.

That there are several thousand miners and prospectors in the Kuskokwim River district, Alaska, threatened with famine is the effect of a report brought from the North by the captain of the power steamer, Ruby, which has just reached Seattle, Wn., in a damaged condition. This boat, which was the only one to set out with food and other necessities for the miners of the Kuskokwim, was unable to complete her journey because of heavy storms which drove her into Seward, Alaska, for shelter. The prospects of getting relief to these people, it is said, are slim as it is believed to be too late for another vessel to make the trip.

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