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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Of the building of smelters in mind, there is no end; of the building of a smelter, in fact, there is no beginning.

It is very apparent that the citizens of Vancouver are not likely to give their countenance to the bonusing of any smelter proposition.

That a smelter in the city or vicinity of Vancouver would be a help to it industrially and commercially, cannot be denied; but if there is occasion for such an undertaking it should be established on a business basis, just the same as a dry goods store would be founded.

The foregoing comments are not written antagonistic to any of the smelter propositions which for months past have more or less exercised the public mind, nor to any way mar the projects of parties interested, but it seems just common equine perception and is undoubtedly the unexpressed opinion of many citizens.

Notwithstanding this, however, we do find that both neighboring and distant cities will make every effort and even use the public funds to secure increased industry in their midst. Therefore, Vancouver cannot afford to let pass

Gold strikes in the West and labor strikes in the East are keeping time pretty well these days.

If advance reports, in the rough, of observations made by the Provincial Mineralogist, Mr. W. A. Carlyle, in the different sections of the interior could be obtained, printed and sent out, they would doubtless materially benefit the mining prospects of British Columbia.

There is a state of coma in the land. This is not a new state enrolled under the stars and stripes, but a state into which Vancouver seems to be falling as regards to mining. Wake up, gentlemen! Develop what you have at your very feet and at your own doors. The C-K-lonkyke, or dike, is too far away for the majority, and the Kootenays, East and West, are not near enough under present means of communication. Within one hundred miles up the coast and up the Fraser there are splendid possibilities—nay, probabilities.

Rossland and its neighborhood has not only produced much ore containing precious metals, but it has produced a genius expert knowing precious little. This is a kind of person who has been defined as "a fellow wearing yellow boots." He might also be termed a mining Trilby, posing for the "altogether" of knowledge anent mining and its matters. Not only is the schoolmaster abroad; the expert is also—very much abroad. He might take rank with the yellow kid.

In our correspondence columns will be found a letter from the Treasurer of the Ibez Mining Co., of Kaslo. The MINING CRITIC is pleased to insert it as it shows a healthy state of things. Would that more companies were in the same prosperous condition.

The tone of the United States press is distinctly inimical to the commercial, including mining, interest of Canada and especially of British Columbia. Talk of Anglo-Saxon brotherhood is nicely sentimental, but Greater Brit-