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now route is almost certain to become the favorite one, facilitated as travel along it will be by all possible devices of well directed capital and engineering skill, whilst the great Canadian railroad will have the further advantage of being able to offer all the world through bookings to the Yukon. The result of the undertaking will be of great importance to British Columbia, and more especially to Vancouver, which should become the great centre of outfitting and point of departure for the Yukon country, which will thus be reached at far less expense and infinitely less risk than now. The new service should also, by facilitating food and other transport, reduce greatly the present enormous cost of living in the Clondyke region. But what we in British Columbia mainly expect as a good permanent result of the Clondyke excitement is the staying, by the way, in this far more favored mining region, of many capitalists and workers, who will readily perceive how much more widely distributed, more extensive, more varied and more permanent are the mineral resources of Canada's Pacific province.

THE GREAT WESTERN, OF ROSSLAND.

The company owning and operating this mine is reported to have secured a sufficiency of new capital and to contemplate extensive new work. The water is being pumped out of the shafts and all possible being done to make the Great Western a profitable shipper at an early date.

THE O. K. MINE.

This free milling gold mine in the Rossland district is with its stamp mill and plant offered for sale by the liquidator of the company. It is claimed that the property has intrinsic value and really only needs capital expenditure and skilled management to place it on a dividend earning basis. The O. K. is an exception to the rule of the mines in and about Rossland, their ores being usually copper gold smelting ones.

NEW STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

The Union Steamship Co. of Southampton and Shaw, Saville & Co., steamship owners, of London, Eng., have now in Victoria their representative, Mr. Woods, who states that the two concerns intend jointly to put on next spring two fine steamships of large freight and passenger capacity to ply between a B. C. port—probably Victoria—and St. Michaels on the Yukon, where they will transfer passengers and freight to river boats. A probable reason for the likelihood of selecting Victoria is suggested by the fact that the C. P. R. steamship service will start from Vancouver, making Victoria a port of call en route north.

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