

the proposed railway connection he will at once commence the erection of a large smelting plant in British Columbia adjacent to the coal fields; and we have assurances scarcely less definite from others of the establishment of three or four more smelting industries at other suitable points in southern British Columbia, provided the proposed road is built.

“The prospect, therefore, for southern British Columbia would appear to be exceedingly bright. Once the charter for the railway is assured, the construction of the coke ovens, the building of the homes for the miners, and the virtual establishment of two new towns in southern British Columbia, will await only the opening of the season. Scarce more time will elapse, from the assurances we now have, before more than one large smelting industry will be put under way, and hundreds of thousands of dollars will be invested in developing this important industry in that country.

“With improved transportation facilities, as well as the improved smelting facilities, which would be secured, a smelter could