

bank, which at first seemed like snow; upon a little further examination I thought it was alkali, such as I have often seen in New Mexico and other places in the Southwest. On inquiry I found that it was manganese. One gentleman told me that he had investigated this great deposit and had dug down 15 feet through a pure body of manganese. It appears almost like potters' clay of the finest quality. I was assured that there are unlimited quantities of this mineral in the vicinity of Atlin, but the present freight rates make it impossible to deliver this to the iron manufacturers at a profit. I have very little doubt that the time will soon come when this will be a very valuable deposit, one to be developed at great profit; today it appears to be valueless. It is my opinion that some of our manufacturers of steel in the United States would do well to investigate this large deposit of manganese.

There are new mines being discovered in the vicinity of Atlin constantly, and I believe that, this will eventually become one of the largest mining districts on this coast, but, as I have previously said, it will require large capital for its development. At the present time there are five hydraulic propositions under development. Three of these are now sending out gold frequently, which I am informed is secured at a price which yields good profit on the investments. There are others under process of development that are expected to be in operation before the end of the present season or, at least, early next year.—*Mines and Minerals.*

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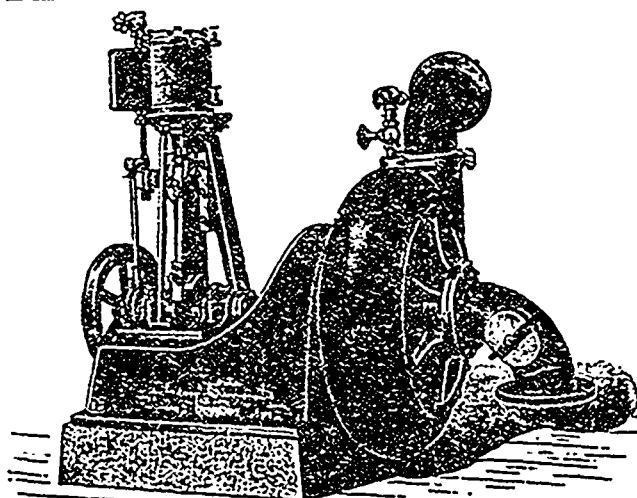
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