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### THE WAVERLEY MINE.

The prospects of this mine at the Albert Canyon, Illecilliwaet, are generally favorably regarded by visiting mining experts. The result of operations now proceeding, should soon show how far their prognostications are well founded.

### THE MAUD.

The Maud Hydraulic Gold Mining Company's property in Cariboo has been rebounded to a New York Syndicate for \$100,000, a second sum of \$5,000 being paid to bind the conditional bargain. It is likely that the deferred deal will soon now be consummated.

### A NEW SMELTER FOR ROBSON.

It is stated that so soon as the C. P. R. arranges a connection between Robson and Rossland, the wealthy English syndicate that is behind the Centre Star mine at Rossland will erect at Robson a rival smelter to that of Mr. Heinze at Trail, an event to which Rossland eagerly looks forward in hope.

### ROSSLAND'S OUTPUT.

The latest reported weekly output of Rossland's shipping mines was 2,125 tons, valued very conservatively at \$63,750. Of this total the Le Roi as usual provided more than the lion's share with 1,865 tons shipped. The Columbia and Kootenay furnished 150 tons, the Iron Mask 60 and the Cliff 50. The Le Roi Company has now paid another dividend of \$50,000, making \$575,000 in all to date.

### MORE LIKE BUSINESS.

The offer of Mr. W. H. Remington, of Seattle, to provide Vancouver with a smelter of 300 tons daily capacity, in return for a civic bonus of \$100,000, payable at the rate of \$1 a ton on output, is, although the bonus asked is larger than at first expected, based on the business lines of actual operations and pro rata. The offer is, therefore, well worth full consideration by the City Council. Perhaps it may induce a similar business-like proposal, backed also by guarantees of solidity, from the Mr. J. H. Rothschild, of London, England, who has so long been promising great things in regard to smelter working in or near Vancouver. The Coast and Island mines stand in growing need of smelter pro-

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