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## The Commercial in British Columbia

Our Representative Visits the Pamous Sincan District.



The Slocan district can be reached from the C. P. R. main line by way of Revelstoke and Nakussp or by the more general route by way of Nelson, from where a branch line has been built connecting with the steamer a

is to the steamer at Siscean.
Entering by this latter route Slocan is the first town reached. This is sk-usted at the extreme southern end of Slocan lake and is a covar containing these general and two hardware stores, nine hotels and a weekly new-paper, the "Drill," and several smaller business places. It was incorporated as a cky in June last when the name was changed from Slocan City to

locan.
This is, like nearly every town in This 4s, like nearly every worn as the interior of British was a number of settlers took up land along the lize of rashway, some 70 registrations having been made. There is a lot of land grown profitshibly and k is expected that a good furming community will spring up in the near fusions. The large remaining community will spring up in the near fusions will be supported that a good furming community will spring up in the near fusions. It is expected that a good furming community will a larger number of men were employed and more development work done than for some years previous. This is

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mines directly tributary to each town.
One of the principal properties here
is that owned by the Bosun Mines.
Limited, about a mile from New Denver. There is a large force of men
working on this and a lot of work has
been done, exposing a large body of
good ore.

On Four-Mile creek is the group of some ten claims, on which a

group of some ten cleares, on which a small force of men are at present.

On the Marion, Hartney and California, groups work is being carried on and some good ore has been found. These mines have done some shipping but have had to step on account of the doing development work.

On Goat Mountain, about a mile from New Denver, as the Sweet Grass group of claims. This is a dry ore containing from 188 to 37 gold to the ton. They have shipped some ore and are now working a small force of men. ton. They have shipped some ore and are now working a small force of men and intend making regular ship-

and intend making regular ship-ments.

The Turres group, owned locally, has the same class of ore as the Sweet Grass. They have made some ship-ments but at present are doing de-velopment work with a small gang of men, running a cross-cut about 200 feet to catch the vein deeper down. They have some very high grade ore

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Several shipments have been made from the Molife Hughes but the mine is closed down at present. This is a dry ore running about \$12 to the ton

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trator.

The Vancouver is working a small force running a long tunnel to tap the vein. Some ore has been shipped but no more will be sent out until they complete this tunnel and catch the

vein.

These are the principal mining properties here. There are of course a large number of claims in various stages of development but very little work has been done on these during

work has been done on these during the last year. The city of Sandon has been great-ly changed and in many ways improv-ed since the disastrous fire of a year ago, when almost every building in the place was destroyed. It has a very poor location as regards the land on which it is built, but it is advis-on. very poor location as regards the land on which it is built, but it is advisable to have a town as close to the mines as possible, and up as close to the mines as possible, and up with poor townsites. Sandon is built in the narmountains rising very abruptly celler side or clerker side or clerker side or clerker side or clerker side or compared to the side of the s

lots, and part of the old steet still exists as a lane. Sandon is one of the most important mining camps in this district, as it is surrounded see a number of large mines working. It is well supplied with stores and banking establishments, newspapers, etc., the Paystreak, published by Wm. MacAdam, being one of the newslest weekly journals in the province. It is well supplied to the province of t

This is in the silver-lead region. The over here are very easily and cheaply worked, nearly all of the properties having paid from the grass roots, or, in other words, ore was found right on the surface of sufficient value to pay the expense of operating. The own here are very rich, running from the total of the properties of the prop This is in the silver-lead region. The

cent. in lead as well as carrying, in

some instances, values in copper and grid. Appre is among the best known means here. During the time it has been working, a little over four years, it has paid \$850,000 in dividends and it seepected that it will pay worked out. It was shut down last winter but a change has been made in the management and about forty men are worked in the dumps and back-fillings and they are now testing these in the dumps and back-fillings and they are now testing these in the contains sufficient values to warrant building a mill.

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The Slocan Star is another property which has pald large dividends. The shipments from this property are about 450 to 500 tons a month. They are working a stope 88 feet wide, said to be the biggest lead stope in Am-

to be the biggest near stope in a control of the co years but it is not shipping very heavily at present. It is the intention to
do a few thousand feet more development work and then to build a mil.
The American Boy has about 50 men
working and is shipping 100 tons of

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fine ore.
The Mountain Con. has recently been opened up and it is understood that there is some good ore here.
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The Slocan district is famous for its silver-lead ores which are for the silver-lead ores which are for the mines have been divery cheaply. A number of the mines have paid large dividends in the past, but operations have been greatly rolarded my proper of the mines have paid large dividends in the past, but operations have been greatly rolarded my properties of lead, etc. The last year has been very slack cowing to the smelter trust declining to handle the ore. Representants and a bonus has been offered for the refining of lead ores, and it is generally understood that a refinery will be buttoned to the smelter of lead ores, and it is generally understood that a refinery will be buttoned to the same the same that the same that the same that is not some strong bids for it. It is understood that the same that it will be located, as several places are making strong bids for it. It is understood that the same that the same that it is understood that the same that it is not some of the mines here and that some of the mines here and that some of the mines are starting stipping again, but it is in those whead as month. The Slocan district is famous for ping again, but it is thought by many that this district will not go ahead as it should until the government erects

a lead refinery and charges the miners only about the actual cost to trace the ores, or the price of lead experiences a sharp adviance. This uncertainty has also affected the smaller sweet and since last year there has been very little done on the claims excepting the assessment work.

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In a recent number of the North American Review a welfer witter witter and the state of the North American Review a welfer only two periods in the history of the money merical state can be compared to the present and to which we may look even control of these was the period following the discovery of America and the except of the state of the control of the state of the st

## One of Many.

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wanted to do with that a sewil pay it folday as a next week, couldn't you? "Yep," "Well, this man had to pay for the goods, be took the trouble to charge it on his books, make out the money after a reasonable leught with the trouble to the money after a reasonable leught and time. He the money and can just as well pay it as not, yet you got mad and insult the man after he has extended you a courtesy and an accommodation, just because he asks for what rightly belongs to him, to farm," you allow the dealers of the service of th

It is stated that interested parties It is stated that interested parties in Canada are endeavoring to secure the Canadian end of the business of the Mutual Mercantile Agency which recently became insolvent of the Canadian charter under which considerable organization work had been done and it is the purpose of those who had charge of the work to keep it going as a separate business if possible.