

## Vancouver as a Centre of British Columbia Mining Activity.

It should not be overlooked—although this pamphlet mainly discusses Vancouver's connection with the Yukon—that any who wish to engage in gold or silver mining in British Columbia itself, cannot do better than set out for Vancouver and thence direct their inquiries and personal investigations of the wonderful mineral resources of Canada's Pacific Province. No region on earth is apparently richer than British Columbia in gold and silver, copper, lead and iron. Whether it be desired to ascertain the facts and possibilities of the gold gravels of Cariboo, Cassiar or the Omineca country, or those of the copper-gold mining districts of Rossland and Boundary Creek; the silver-lead ores of the Slocan, Nelson, Lardeau and Illecillewaet; the free gold deposits of Lillooet, and the North Bend district, or the copper-gold, silver-gold, and free gold deposits of the Coast and Island region of British Columbia, all these points can be well ascertained at, and the districts themselves conveniently reached from Vancouver, which is destined to become the Denver of British Columbia!

As showing the superior advantages which Vancouver offers over other places as an outfitting point, attention is directed to the following invoice of an outfit purchased in Seattle by a miner who recently left for the Yukon. It was supplied by one of the largest outfitting companies in Seattle. The amount charged for the clothing was \$71.95; for the groceries, \$54.60, or a total cost for the outfit of \$126.55. The invoice was given to a leading outfitting firm in Vancouver with a request that it be duplicated. This was done and the cost was: For clothing, \$59.10, or \$12.85 less than the Seattle charge. The bill for the groceries was \$49.60, or \$5 less than the sum charged in Seattle, showing a total saving of \$17.85 (equal to over 14 per cent) by purchasing in Vancouver instead of Seattle. Add to this an average duty of 30 per cent., which goods bought in the United States will be subject to on reaching the Yukon frontier, and it will be seen that nearly 50 per cent. will be saved by persons outfitting in the Canadian and not in the United States port.