

The British Columbia MINING RECORD,
Victoria, B.C.

Gentlemen :—

This being the time when it is customary for us to place our advertisements for the ensuing year, we wish to express our satisfaction with the results of our cards in the British Columbia MINING RECORD, and would say that our desire is to continue occupying the same space.

Yours respectfully,
The Trenton Iron Co.,
WM. HEWITT,
Vice-President.

Trenton, N.J.,
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when development shall have warranted them, but the smelters at present projected and actually building will be able to handle the output, especially if concentrated before shipment, for some time to come. Additional smelters will not be needed, and the money it is proposed to sink in them would be far better spent in development work and concentrating plants. Large amounts of ore will be available, while the dumps in Phoenix, Summit and Deadwood camps are being drawn upon, but so soon as these shall have been exhausted, the output will fall for some months, or until the workings permit the extraction of larger quantities of ore than would be possible at present.

We have pointed out more than once that the estimates of copper values in assay returns are often too



Cassiar Central Railway—Grading on Left Bank of Stickine River.

Many, perhaps most, of the large copper deposits of the Boundary country, will be most profitably worked as concentrating propositions. There are very large bodies of quartz and calcite carrying from 1.5-3 per cent. cu., which might seemingly be concentrated to advantage before shipping to a smelter. The great need of that district is development, and it is sincerely to be hoped that as large a percentage as possible of available capital will be put into the underground workings of the various lodes. Comparatively inexpensive concentration plants might follow,

high. The practice, however, continues. There is an advertisement running in a Rossland paper which contains an assay report by a very prominent mining engineer, in which the copper is valued at 17 cents a pound. Another assay, by a gentleman who has been in charge of one of the largest properties near Greenwood, of the ore of a claim in which the public is to be invited to take stock, estimates the copper at \$3 a unit, thereby making ore containing 18.66 per cent. cu. worth \$55.98 a ton. These values are altogether fictitious so far as the merchantable value of the ore