

cations, it seems likely that this land will not long be in the market at present low values. There are appearances of a renewed tide of settlement settling in this way, and when it does these lands will assume something nearer their real value. One thing is certain, that those who hold Winnipeg district lands will some day discover that they have a very valuable property. Those who secure farms now are sure to find, a few years hence, that they have greatly increased in value, far beyond the natural increase from the improvements which may have been put upon them.

Apply the Law.

Mr. Richardson has made at least one good move at Ottawa, in which he will be upheld by the business interests. He has introduced a bill to provide that the salaries of civil ser-

Northwestern Ontario Mines.

The Olive Gold Mine company, of Selkirk River, has recently issued a neat prospectus, from which we learn that the capital of the company is \$1,000,000, in \$1 par value shares, non-assessable. The company holds several properties in the Rainy River district, of Ontario, upon which over \$30,000 have been expended in development work and improvements. The Olive is a gold-producing mine, and with a two stamp mill has already turned out some thousands of dollars of bullion. It is proposed to largely increase the capacity of the machinery. With the exception of Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who is president, the directors of the company are all Winnipeggers, and include Wm. Blackwood, Dr. R. M. Simpson, A. T. R. Blackwood and Dr. A. H. Simpson. C. B. Deacon, is secretary of the company. We show a cut herewith of the new buildings of the mine.

ers there, erect shops, roundhouses and other buildings. The council are favorable to the plan, and will submit a by-law to the people to be voted on, embracing the details. Calgary is well supplied with schools, good water and other modern advantages attractive to skilled mechanics, and if given a permanent pay roll by some large company, there is no reason why the place should not become one of the big western centres. In Mr. Whyte's opinion a large flour mill would be a paying concern there; one of not less than 1,000 barrels capacity. The opportunities are good for the disposal of the produce of such a mill to the ranchers in that district. As an instance of such profit, Mr. Whyte stated that stall fed cattle are selling for 4 cents a pound at present in Calgary, and the future offers just as bright a prospect with the great extent of Kootenay to provide for.

The recent storms in the west were the severest on record between Medicine Hat and Calgary. Around Maple Creek it did not rage so severely,



STAMP MILLS AT OLIVE MINE.

vants may be attached by the same process as is applied in the case of salaries of persons employed in any private capacity. One section of the bill further provides that "all moneys in the hands of the government of Canada, or under its control or management, and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, shall be liable to the attachment at the suit of any judgment creditor of any person to whom any portion of the said moneys is payable in the same manner and by the same process as moneys in the hands of private persons. Why not? Is there any good reason why moneys in the hands of the government, or salaries coming due to civil servants, should be exempt from attachment? Deadbeats in the public service should not be encouraged to go on in their evil ways.

Events in the West.

Manager Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific railway, returned on Tuesday from his trip to the Pacific coast. To a Free Press representative Mr. Whyte said that his mission to Vancouver was to inspect the new docks in progress of construction there, and to look into other matters affecting the arrangements under way to handle the traffic to Yukon. The docks at Vancouver are being enlarged, for besides the shipments for the Australian, Japan and China boats, there is the new service to Yukon ports. Then the handling of supplies for the new railway to Teslin Lake and for all the people leaving for the north, requires greater dockage room. Speaking about the new divisional point for the railway in the mountains, Mr. Whyte said the company was much impressed with Calgary, and while west he submitted a proposition to the town council. Under certain conditions the company will establish their headquart-

and this was a strange fact. From Elkhorn to Maple Creek there was not much snow, but from Poplar Point to Elkhorn there was considerable. The weather was also cold and the winds were strong all through the day and night.

The rush to the Klondike was one of the amazing sights that Mr. Whyte witnessed. Every boat bound northward was loaded and on some of the steamers the accommodation was distressing. One company has twelve river boats under construction in Seattle; the C. P. R. has also twelve, but four are being built in Toronto, four in Seattle, and four in Vancouver. These will ply on the Stikine river, Teslin lake and Yukon river. The people are crowding in to Wrangel and up the road now being laid out, to Teslin Lake. Navigation will open on the Stikine about May 1. In Mr. Whyte's estimation the trade that has arisen through the struggle to get to Yukon will amount this year to at least \$100,000,000. The old country