



A COOL REFRESHING SPOT.

Sandon is the centre of the lead mining industry of the Province, and within a radius of five miles of it are 32 shipping mines, with many other properties in more or less advanced stages of development. It is undoubtedly the richest silver-lead camp in British North America.

As an illustration of the richness of the ore, the following figures for a period of three years, taken from the Provincial Government returns, speak for themselves. From a total of 59,650 tons shipped, there were obtained 6,728,315 oz. of silver and 58,579,103 lbs. of lead, of an aggregate value of \$6,180,297. The average yield to the ton was 111.12 oz. of silver and 49.1 per cent. of lead, the value per ton at the then existing prices being \$103.60.

Comparatively little has been done to bring this very rich section of the Dominion before the public, but it may be stated that here are to be found a very considerable number of dividend paying mines, and mining is but yet in its infancy. In the future it is not too much to expect that many other names will be added to the list, which includes among other prominent properties the Payne, Slocan Star, Ruth, Last Chance, Reco, American Boy, Ivanhoe, Rambler-Cariboo, Washington, Sunset, Idaho, Monitor, Goodenough, Noble Five and Queen Bess.

All of the above-mentioned mines are within easy reach of Sandon by waggon roads and trails, and with good saddle horses, which can always and easily be obtained, a portion of the tourist's time may be profitably and pleasantly spent in an excursion to some of them.