

on the wane, and mining on the "Rand" is getting down to a business basis. Speculators are still wild over Cripple Creek, but that boom has assumed proportions so ridiculously large as to be patent to all who gaze thereon. Alaska's mines cannot be boomed as yet, there being so much expense and danger and difficulty in getting to them, and the mining speculator and "boomer" will next be after Trail Creek—where his presence is in no way desired.

Through all the South African and Cripple Creek sensations, the Trail Creek mines have been working right along at the same old stand, their productiveness being only retarded by lack of capital. Here, on the Canadian side of the International boundary line, only a few miles from the line, with easy and cheap ways of ingress and egress, the mines of Trail Creek have silently held out their offers of fortunes to those who would come and claim them—and the tide of immigration, the so-called