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#### SMELTING AT COST.

"On Thursday afternoon the War Eagle mine resumed shipping ore after an interval of several months," says the Toronto Globe of last Saturday. "During the early part of this stoppage new hoisting machinery was put in, and latterly a struggle has been going on between the Gooder- It might be a good idea to send to Lonham-Blackstock syndicate and the Canadian Pacific railroad, as to smelter terms. dual interest in mines and whose state-The Canadian Pacific railroad owns the Trail smelter, which has a monopoly in suspicion. It should have enough of an that district. The charge for reducing gold ores has been \$7 a ton, with a percentage of the metals other than gold contained in the rock. The Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate has been for a long time dissatisfied with the charges which they regarded as excessive, but the "scalping" of copper and other metals was particularly obnoxious. Nothing that they could do could induce the C. P. R. to give more favorable rates, so that the War Eagle people decided that it was time to make a stand and either get what they wanted or start another smelter. They demanded from the C. P. R. a cheaper rate of smelting and more reasonable percentage on "scalping," but what the exact that the C. P. R. would oppose, tooth and terms were is not known. If the railway would not accede Mr. Gooderham stated that he would erect a smelter with a capacity of 1,000 tons a cay to treat all the War Eagle and Centre Star ores. So that the regular monthly dividends of the War Eagle would not be disturbed the agreed the western division of the C. P. C., gave to division of the C. P. C. gave to division of the C. P. C., gave to di Eagle would not be disturbed, he agreed to buy the ore produced by the mine until the proposed smelter was completed. Inus matters stood when Mr. Goodernam and Mr. Blackstock left for England, and the fact that the mine has started shipping again is taken as an indication that the railway company has agreed to accord railway company has agreed to accept their offer rather than permit the construction of a rival smelter in the Trail Creek district."

When two great corporations meet on a business basis something interesting usually happens. The War Eagle Consolidated and the Centre Star were evidently too much for even the Canadian Pacific railway smelting corporation. The mining men were in a position to demand the \$6 per ton rate for freign, and treatment

ish, not only thoroughly understand the smelting situation in British Columbia, but are possessed of such ample means that they can enforce any reasonable demand for freight and treatment rates that they choose to make. In this connection mining men should clearly understand that the U. P. R. have been forced to undertake the smelting of Trail Creek ore at cost or nearly so in order to prevent any other undertaking entering into the field in open competition. In order, therefore, to obtain reasonable rates for freight and treatment other mining corporations should insist on obtaining in every instance the War Eagle rate, and if refused the facts should be made public, otherwise it may be taken for granted that the rate will be only given to those who are in a position to enforce it. If the C. P. R. desires to act honestly in the matter there should be no difficulty in fixing the general rate even lower than that last quoted, providing the railway corporation will live up to its expressed terms. At the present juncture the smelting situation in Trail Creek district is extremely interesting and should be closely followed by all those who have at heart the best

### interests of the camp. THE TRAIL IS BLAZED.

A few days sinse an interview was published in this paper with W. Hart-Mc-Harg, who recently visited London, in which he spoke of the way in which British Columbia is regarded by the leading mining men there. There was one feature of the interview which is most important. Among other things Mr. Hart-Mc-Harg said if a few of the larger mining magnates, who are operating mines in South Africa and Westralia, could be induced to embark in like enterprises here the others would follow like a flock of sheep. Then there would ensue a boom which has been so long expected, and which would redound to the great benefit of the entire province.

'Ine road has been pointed out by Mr. Hart-McHarg, which, if properly traversed, will lead to a result which all the peothere is a way. We all have the will and Star thinks differently. The full report the district it left it to look after itself, hoped for the credit of the national rail-

the way has been plainly pointed Weekly Rossland Miner, the way has been plainly pointed out through the perspicacity of Mr. Hart-Mc-Harg. Hitherto with the exception, perhaps of the agent of the province, men from this province, who visited London went there for the purpose of putting through deals of some kind or other. Their statements concerning the mining possibilities of the province were, therefore, taken with a grain of salt and perhaps a little pepper. The accounts which they gave of our mines were considered as ex parte because it was to their interest to put the best possible side on them in order to induce sales. As a consequence they did not talk to large or very influential audiences, and the effort to induce a great inflow of British capital has failed. It is true that Whitaker Wright and his associates have invested heavily here, and that their enterprise will be well rewarded. One swallow does not make a spring, nor one company a boom. There must be more than one or two big British investors in this field in order to bring about the result spoken of by Mr.

Hart-McHarg. at is palpable, therefore, that an earnest effort should be made to bring about the end spoken of by Mr. Hart-McHarg. The question is how this can best be done? don a delegation, which had no indiviments would not be looked upon with official character to be above that. Their time when in the British metropolis should be mainly devoted to convincing the larger mining operators that British Columbia is a much better field for them to invest in than any other. We really think that a well directed effort in this line would bring results. Then, just think of it, we would have the long looked for mining boom.

#### A FAR-FETCHED ARGUMENT.

When at the coast a few days ago Mr. William Whyte, general superintendent of the western division of the C. P. C., gave to a Colonist representative the assurance The above shows how far the manage

ment of the Canadian Pacific is compelled to go in search of arguments to support its fight against the Kettle River Valley railroad company. The corporation has suddenly become solicitous about the interests of the farmers of the Northwest territories. This is manifested at a very late day, but if the big monopoly seeker would show its solicitude in a way that would enable the farmers of the Northwest territories to market their products at Trail, as well as getting a full value in this country by granting them even livfor copper and other metals contained in ing rates on their products, there might the ore, and they obtained it, the C. P. be room for the people to believe that R. smelting company not caring to have they are sincere when they make stateanother smelter started along side of ments like those credited to Mr. Whyte. them by such a powerful mining aggraga- If, for instance, they would, to come home by a little enquiry to confirm for himto British Columbia, allow the farmers of The B. A. C. are also strong enough to the Okanagan valley a rate by which they owning smaller working and shipping other camps in the Kootenay at a profit benefit in proportion. some credence might be given to their pro-It is instructive to note that according to fessions of solicitude for the poor farmer. the Globe article Mr. Gooderham was It is a fact, nevertheless, that the farmers "for a long time dissatisfied with the and millers of the Okanagan valley cancharges which he regarded as excessive," not market their flour here at a profit. and in addition that he regarded the "scalping" of copper and other values as chase the flour on the American side, pay "particularly obnoxious." Fortunately for the railroad companies for hauling it here the mining interest of Trail Creek district and pay the duty on the flour, and sell the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, a it to their customers cheaper than they the Goodernam-Biackstock syndicate, a can Okanogan flour, and all this, too, because the rates charged by the Canad ian Pacific railway company are so high and the facilities for getting the flour in are so poor. Winnipeg flour is sold in this market only to a small extent, although, like the Okanagan flour, it is superior to the American article, being made from hard wheat, because the transportation rates of the Canadian Pacific railway

> are so high. If a refutation is wanted of Mr. Whyte' statement all one has to do is to turn to the records of the farmers in the Kettle River valley and their attitude on the Corbin charter. They raise products, against which goods brought from the other side of the line will compete and vet they are not afraid of a competing line: on the contrary, they strongly favor one. Last year when the petition was circulate ed in the Kettle River valley asking the Federal government to grant the Corbin charter they signed it almost to a man. This forms the best kind of a refutation valley, who will be most affected if this line is allowed to be built, want it, and section by this monopoly they are fighting with all their might and main. Besides all this it is well known that the duty on farm products, and in fact on about all sorts of commodities is large enough to enable them to secure a profit on what they raise, no matter how many lines are constructed from the other side. If the rates of the Canadian Pacific were not so exorbitant the farmers of Winni-

#### camps. THE DEER PARK REPORT.

general tenor of John B. Hastings' lookedfor report upon the general condition of the Deer Park mine, is, on the face of it, disappointing. It was confidently expected that the property was in such shape that shipping would commence early this ple of the province are anxious to bring spring-but it is evident that the general

clear that further development will have traffic facilities, and neglecting absoluteto be done before the Deer Park be- ly to fulfill all the promises it had made, the comes a shipper. The directors of the the company confining its energies to company are to be heartily congratulated upon the methods they have adopted in placing the property upon a proper footing, methods that might be followed to advantage by other mining companies in the camp.

All mining men understand very well how careful and conservative Mr. Hastings is. A more sanguine if not quite so sound an authority could have been brought in, resulting in a brighter report. The Deer Park directors, however, earnestly desired to get at the exact facts of the case, and well knowing that in audition to his general mining knowledge Mr. Hastings' experience with Rossland properties in the past three years, peculiarly fitted him for the purpose, they at once sought his opinion.

This has been frankly given, and at frighten off other capitalists, and once, as the dispatch indicates, the board keep out rival enterprise. has decided to increase the capital stock of the company, and with the funds so obtained, proceed with the further development of the property upon the lines suggested by Mr. Hastings.

Further, the management have prompt y made public the general result of the report, notwithstanding the fact that it competitive railways into the Boundary is not as favorable as looked for. The country, that by so doing they may burk general public, particularly those in close the attempts of this dangerous monoptouch with mining matters, will appreci- olv. ate the evident intention of the directors to deal fairly with them; and shareholders will have their confidence in the property strengthened by the wise and prompt action of the Deer Park managers.

The Miner again suggests to mine managers, who have any doubts concerning the wisdom of their plans for developing the properties in their charge, the advisability of following the example here recorded, and of obtaining a full report from an experienced authority regardless of temporary consequences. In the long run this will be found by far the better policy.

#### NO MISREPRESENTATION.

pursuing a campaign of slander" make with the public, or how would it ests of the people. less serve the interests of the people, if the statements we have made are in of the best and most fearless papers of accordance with the facts. If in all our the Dominion, is also "pursuing a camcharges against the C. P. R. company we have had a solid foundation of truth to stand upon, and if, in all that we ask the Government to do towards remedying the existing abuses created by the their magnificence. Where these bounoperation of the C. P. R. in this counties have gone we know not. The corman declare that all our contentions are undeniably right and proper, why should

shouts back "tuo quoque"? We have said nothing about the C. P. R. corporation which any one is not able which Canada will have to pay both self. We have said that this corporation was created by the money of the people

of capital.

taining a certain measure of justice.

an assertion of their rights.

British Columbia the C. P. R. is now sub-contracts from it, but that even treat, at its smelter at Trail, \$20.25 trying to shackle the Kootenays, and individual employees have found it diffithat in its efforts to do so it has already cult and, in some cases, so far impossible owners pay for sending their ore over nearly succeeded.

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ernment and repaired its old road.

demonstrated the value of this country, people; as certainly nothing is too great it stepped in and crowded out these for it to ask when making its demands farseeing Americans who were opening on the Government. The matter is one up the district.

That after succeeding in locking up parliamentary enquiry, and it is to be

out has not yet been made public, but it is ignoring all its reasonable requests for way that such pressure will be brought collecting high transportation rates and are long overdue. embarrassing the merchants with heartbreaking delays in the haulage of their goods.

That it purchased a smelter at Trail for the simple purpose—a purpose disclosed by its recently arrived-at understanding with the American smelting companies-of suppressing the establishment of the lead smelting industry in British Columbia, so that it might have the benefit of the long haul of ore over its railway lines to the smelters in Colorado and Nebraska.

That it has purchased a site in the Boundary district ostensibly to put a smelter on, but really that it may

These are facts which cannot be denied. The people of the Kootenays are too conversant with the facts, and know too well the truth to be duped any longer. For this reason they are making the most strenuous efforts to obtain

In publishing these facts is THE "MINER pursuing a campaign of slander" against the C. P. R., or is it simply acting in the plain interests of the public? Behind its utterances is the unanimous sentiment of the whole Kootenay district. The city of Victoria has placed itself on record, by its resolution in favor of granting a charter to the Corbin road as in accord with the views we have expressed; the citizens of Winnipeg, who have suffered in

the past through the machinations of this corporation, have shown their desire that this young country should not be weighed down by the in-Certain C. P. R. newspapers have cubus which nearly throttled their credited THE ROSSLAND MINER with Province; and the people of Eastern Canada, who are becoming more and gainst the corporation by which they more interested in the development of are owned, and their defense of their our great mineral deposits, will hardly patron is that the management of the consent that the richest province of the Rossland newspaper has its own private Confederation should be practically ends to serve in its attacks on monopoly. handed over to the mercies of a com-Now, were, this true, and it is very far pany which, by its past record, has from being so, what difference would it shown itself opposed to the best inter-

Perhaps the Winnipeg Tribune, one paign of slander" when it says this of the Canadian Pacific Railway company: Canada has lavished on this corporation gifts unprecedented and 'insane' in try, the people support us and as one poration has received privileges and exemptions such as probably no other corporation on earth has ever enjoyed. the Government hesitate to give us relief It has been permitted to tax the Canabecause the corporation we are attacking dian settlers practically without restriction, and at the same time has been permitted to accumulate a heavy debt, of principal and interest."

## SHOULD PAY ITS DEBTS.

It would be a matter which undoubtlly would excite general interest in the nail" methods. That when the company got into a country if, at the present session, some position to do so, it tyrannized over the fearless member of the Dominion par- Canadian Pacific Railway company is people of Manitoba and the Northwest liament were to make a request on the the real enemy of the smelting industry Territories as no free people ever were Government for information as to the in this province. It is so because it is tyrannized over before by a combination number of communications which have pretending that it intends to erect a been received by it, since it took office, number of smelters here. It intends by That the oppression reached such a from sub-contractors complaining that this pretense to keep all competitors out point of severity that the people of Man- the Canadian Pacific Railway company of the field. It pretends that it is its itoba finally rebelled and succeeded, had not arrived at a settlement with intention to reduce the silver-lead ores through almost armed resistance, in ob- them for work done on the Crow's Nest of the Kootenays at Trail and else-Pass and other lines of the transconti- where. This is another of its false pre-That the Territories and British Co- nental system; and asking that the tenses. At the meeting at Spokane of lumbia, which by their situation Government intervene to obtain for the smelter men we believe that the C. were utterly defenseless, were re- them the sums of money owing to them. P. R. entered into an agreement by fused any of the redress which Manitoba It is a matter of common fame that which it is to receive \$5.50 per ton on obtained through the struggle made by there are many accounts which the C. every ton of B. C. silver-lead ore it the citizens of Winnipeg, and, if any. P. R. company owes and which it has hauls into the states and delivers into thing, were kept in a greater degree of neglected to pay despite the urgent de- the hands of the American smelters. subjection than formerly that they mands of those who have done work for it, This, in addition to the amount it will might understand that they must not and who, so far, are out of pocket, not only be paid for the long haul into the States, become inoculated with the principles for their time and labor, but for material which had aroused the Manitobans to supplied. It is said, too, with considerable basis of truth, that the indebted- the people of this province. The very That with the chains which were ness of this great, rich, grasping corpora- fact that it is now asking for the treatwoven for the Territories and Northern tion is not limited to men who have held ment of lead ore, which it does not to obtain what is due them. That such the long haul to Colorado and Nebraska, That it is attempting to prevent the a state of affairs should exist is not and defraying the customs duties and existence of any rival in the transporta- creditable to the C. P. R. company. shows that the people of the Kettle River tion business in this district, so that it The Canadian people would for the may be able to manipulate rates to future be inclined to hesitate, before please itself, and that its aim is not only granting such enormous bonuses as they ores here. If at this price the ores were that the thing that they most fear is a to obtain absolute control of the trans- have given this corporation in the past, smelted at Trail, the C. P. B. would monopoly of the transportation in their portation field, but so to coop-up other if they fully realized that the company put the extortionate profit of \$12 a ton lines of industrial and commercial en- to which they are so generous did not over and above the ordinary profit, obterprise that only by its permission and carry out its contracts with its own under its ægis will they be able to workmen in a reasonably business-like charged for treatment by the smelters of manner. Surely it cannot be that the the United States, in the pockets of its We have said that the C. P. R. com- management of a corporation with such shareholders. pany, after obtaining \$11,000 a mile from immense financial resources, can be dethe Canadian people to construct the sirous, in withholding for as long a Crow's Nest Pass railway, placed on this period as possible the payment of such Cos., practically entered into a conline old rails from its mountain division, sums of money, of putting the interest spiracy to burk the up-building of a peg and Okanagan would be doing a large which were not suited to the main line, in the pockets of its shareholders in the business in Rossland and surrounding but which had to suffice for the new form of dividends. This seems too route, and that by this exchange it de- petty, but what other conclusion can be ceived the country, jockeyed the Gov- arrived at in regard to the matter. When we consider the small tricks to which the vent at all hazards-by the adoption of That after hesitating on the borders company resorts to increase the profits pears in another column concerning the of the Kootenay district for years until of its freight and passenger traffic we granting by the government of the Montana capitalists, with courage and are almost inclined to say that nothing enterprise, which it did not possess, is too mean for it in its dealing with the

to bear upon it that it will no longer delay in liquidating those debts which it cannot honestly repudiate and which

TOOTH AND TOENAIL METHODS.

pian to resist by every legitimate means energy. the tapping of the Kootenay district by That his party will be able to hold the railways of foreign corporations in him within the narrow bounds of prothis fair province. Then follows the vincial politics is doubtful. The party following garbled dispatch:

ported here that President Hill of the absolutely lacks, within its parliamen-Great Northern Railway Company in- tary ranks, a leader who can unite and tends to make this city a smelting cen- bring into harmony the disorganized tre and furnish all transportation facili- forces. To induce Mr. Whitney to ties required if the citizens will erect the abandon the provincial field and take smelter. The idea is to prevent the the leadership in the Dominion would smelting industry getting on a solid basis probably wreck the hopes of the conin Southern British Columbia, and in- servatives in Ontario, but it would give cidentally to cut the C. P. R. out of its to the federal party a captain who has James J. Hill of the Great Northern

railway, he advised the people there to integrity. build a smelter. In fact, he said, if they would erect a smelter he would haul the ores to it. Out of this statement the papers there, in their desire to serve the public, spoke of establishing a smelter before the business had been firmly established in Southern British Columbia. The MINER at the time pointed out some of the difficulties that lay in the way of establishing a smelter there. Then the news of this incident traveled slowly to Montreal, and several days after it happened the above dispatch was sent out and with private directions to certain papers in the control of the C. P. R. to make as much capital as they possibly could out of it. As a natural consequence there came the frantic appeals under big headlines for the people of the province to oppose, not the Spokane smelter, but the Corbin charter. As Manager William Whyte of the C. P. R., a few days since in an interview with the Colonist, said the C. P. R. would oppose tooth and toenail the granting of Byening Star. 

would net that company a splendid sum each year and pay them well for gulling a ton, the same price which the mineother expenses, is irrefutable proof that it is in league with the American smelters and has no intention of smelting the tained from smelting on the basis

The C. P. R. by such an arrangement as it made with the American Smelting

smelter industry in this province. By its present campaign of falsehoods, through its subsidized press, it has practically entered into a conspiracy to pre-"tooth and toenail methods"—the boon of competitive railways to the Boundary country.

In both instances it has shown itself for the purposes of private gain the secret enemy of the country. which rightly comes within the scope of

Will its falsehood and double dealing succeed with the government in opposi-

THE ONTARIO OPPOSITION LEADER

The presentation of a gold watch by the conservative members of the Ontario legislature to their leader, Mr. J. P. Whitney, which took place a few days ago in Toronto, was a happy device by which to convey to him some The hired men on the papers owned assurance of their public loyalty and and temporarily leased by the Canadian private esteem, and it is a pleasant Pacific railway are evidently having al- thing to think that, in a political field most a famine for material, judging by where the party struggle is so sharp as the way they are using a little telegram it is in that province, the expressions of which was sent out over the Canadian sincere regard and admiration, which Pacific wires, masquerading as an Asso- were given utterance to, should be so ciated Press dispatch, which in reality universally echoed by his opponents. was concocted by the agents of the big For the first time in a quarter of a cenrailway company. In staring headlines tury the conservatives of Ontario have and by other hysterical methods these at their head a man who possesses all paid purveyors of garbled news frantic- the qualifications of a leader, and with ally appeal to the people of the province him in command they have much reato arouse themselves to the awful danger son for hopefulness for the future. At which threatens one of the most im- the last general election, Mr. Whitney portant of British Columbian industries. almost carried the province, and the Then they allege that a conspiracy has successful fight made by his party been entered into by Jim Hill and against a strongly-entrenched governother Americans to strangle British ment, with able and experienced men Columbia smelting in its infancy. They at the helm, was due almost entirely to loudly call on every loyal British Colum- his personal efforts and indefatigable

in the Dominion is sadly in need of Spokane, Wash., March 30.—It is re- able men, and at the present time it not been mixed up with any of the disgraceful transactions which scandalized railway is a shrewd, far-seeing man, and the people of Canada and resulted in one who seeks business wherever he the defeat of the late government. It can find it. During a recent visit to would likewise place at the head of the Spokane he was approached concerning party a man of approved ability and the advisability of the erection of a energy and one who has impressed upon smelter in that city, and as he had an the whole people a high sense of his eye on the business it would bring to his fair-mindedness and his sterling public

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