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Hence, with the decline of "wild-catting," the departure of superfluous brokers and boomers, Rossland is again on the up grade with good prospects in the early future when rail transport and treatment become better and cheaper, a change well assured by the Crow's Nest extension project of the C.P.R. and by the determination of that railroad to establish branch connections via the Columbia & Western widened to standard gauge and other linked lines. Rossland, therefore, bids fair to become a solid mine city and camp, and as such the abode of a considerably larger population than now, thought it can never hope to become a second Denver. This natural circumstance and surroundings prevent.

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