

As none of these works have so far been running all the ore produced has been shipped to smelters in the United States at Tacoma and San Francisco.

Pack trail traverse the country and some few wagon roads connect the chief camps with steamer navigation on the lakes and rivers, whereby connection can be made with the Canadian Pacific Railway and the American railway to the south, whilst other projected connecting railways now being built will give a still better chance of success.

To a certain extent the mines are waiting the completion of these better means of communication, which are rendered the more necessary by the present low price of silver, but notwithstanding this discouraging feature and the existing commercial depression, the amount of discovery and development work prosecuted has been quite considerable, and we can, I think, still feel very hopeful for the future of silver mining in British Columbia.

