

ores of Texas are very high grade as a rule in copper percentage and contain in many cases good gold values. Cobalt has been recently discovered in connection with other metals in that vicinity, and both cobalt and nickel ores are found, the latter in paying quantities just across the mainland. At Malispina Inlet some strong high-grade veins bearing auriferous sulphides are being developed. At Shoal Bay and Phillip's Arm are a large number of promising properties. The lodes in this section are wide and strong, and while not running high, present a working margin of profit and give every reason to expect a thriving camp in this locality. This would be directly tributary to Vancouver.

The west coast of Vancouver Island is not a far cry when it is remembered that the haul is entirely by water, and that Vancouver is the nearest point at which all the smelting requisites can be advantageously assembled. The experience of a number of years of prospect-



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Old Man's Home, Kamloops, B.C.

ing and development work has demonstrated beyond a doubt that along the west coast of Vancouver Island runs a strong copper-bearing belt which will ultimately produce many shipping mines. In most cases the ore is a chalcopryite containing some gold and occasionally a little silver. At Sydney Inlet, however, a number of claims have been located on outcrops showing high grade bornite ore. Development work is now in progress on several of these. At Clayoquot, Nootka, Barclay Sound and Alberni Canal, work is being pushed on copper-bearing veins. The stimulus of a smelter where reasonable treatment charges, good copper prices and quick returns could be attained, would no doubt hasten many of these into the ranks of the shippers.

Toward the interior of the mainland are numerous points which can easily be rendered tributary to Vancouver. Among these are the Harrison Lake and Fire Mountain districts. Along Harrison Lake a considerable amount of work has been done with good results. Veins containing high values in gold and copper are now being opened up and shipments are promised before the summer is over. On Fire Mountain are strong veins of



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quartz running well in gold and copper. These have been worked sufficiently to show that they held values and width with considerable depth. High grade concentrates can be expected from this camp as soon as transportation facilities enable adequate machinery to be placed on the properties.

Several points along and near the main line of the C. P. R., are also coming to the front and will be tributary to Vancouver. Taken altogether there are good reasons to believe that in a few years Vancouver will hold the same relations to British Columbia that the City of Denver does to a large surrounding region. Denver lacks many of the natural advantages of Vancouver in this respect, and not many years ago the country tributary to Denver presented far more that was problematical than is found in the region which naturally must recognize Vancouver as its receiving, distributing and supply centre. The bearing



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all these features will have on the advancement of this city cannot be over-estimated, and will constitute an important factor in its future.

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