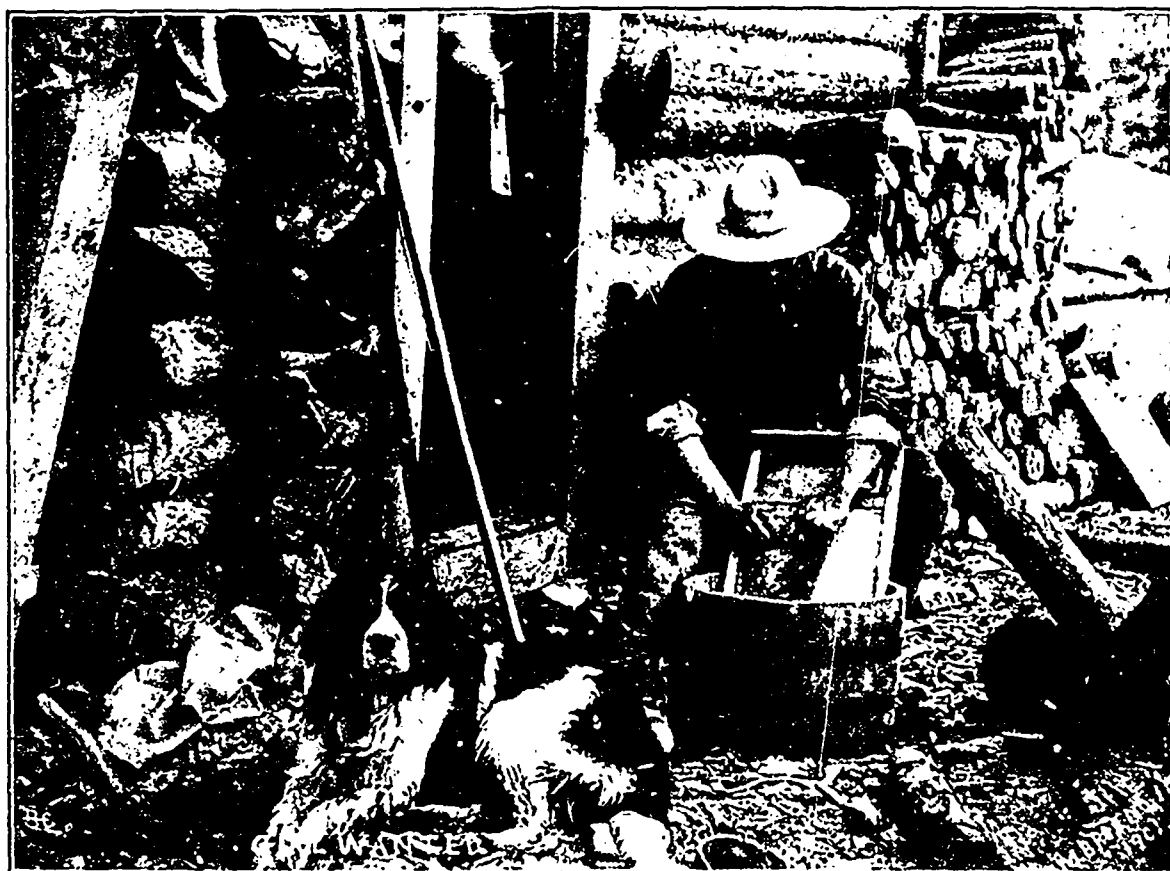


firmed that the method of concentration adopted at Five Mile has proved quite successful. A tolerably good showing has also been made by the free-milling quartz mines at Camborne, though in the case of one of the principal producing properties work was delayed by the destruction of plant by bush fires during the summer. The difficulty of securing capital, in part ascribed to the unreasonable valuations placed on properties by claim-owners, has limited development operations in the Poplar Creek section, which as yet has failed to justify last year's high expectations. The Government bounty on lead resulted in stimulating in some measure mining activity in the Ainsworth division, and about 2,000 tons of concentrates was ship-

infinitely more encouraging than it was (say) eighteen months ago. At the same time it would be absurd to deny that the result of the year's work in the district is not disappointing in view of the earlier expectations. The explanation is that in many instances mine development had been neglected, and consequently much dead work was required to be done at a number of properties before a steady production, for which the bounty offered encouragement, could be again maintained. Further, where lead occurs in the Slocan there is also associated with it a considerable proportion of zinc and a method of separating these minerals though possibly found has not as yet been generally adopted. But, as we have said, substantial progress



An Atlin Miner engaged in domestic pursuits. A correspondent suggests that this photograph might aptly illustrate "The Atlin clean-up."

ped by the Highland mine during the first six months of the year. Production, however, ceased at the end of August. The great drawback to mining in this section is the cost of transportation, consequent upon conditions which may, and it is hoped will ere long, be improved. In this district large deposits of zinc-bearing ores have been developed and favourable freight rates would result in the production of a considerable tonnage of ore of this character.

There can be no question that the lead bounty has exercised a most beneficial effect in removing the depression under which mining in the Slocan has suffered during recent years, and the situation now is

has nevertheless been made, as evidenced not only by greater activity in mine equipment and development and in the leasing and working of properties long idle, but in a very considerable increase of production of both silver, lead and zinc ores and concentrates.

The profitable operation of the Hall smelter and notable developments in the Ymir section are matters chiefly worthy of remark having reference to the industry in the Nelson district. Tonnage production from the neighbourhood of Ymir, where eight mines are now making regular shipments, has increased very materially this year, while activity has been general throughout the district, a number of new discoveries