CONCENTRATES.

It is stated that the Pilot Bay smelter may not be operated by its new owners until a rise shall again have occurred in silver. The premises, however, will not be reinstated and in working order for nearly three months, by which time silver may again have risen.

The stamp mill and workers premises at the Tin Horn gold mine, Falrview, are rapidly nearing completion. Excellent accommodation will, it is stated, be provided for some 120 men. Meanwhile the Smuggler stamp mill in the same camp is busily crushing ore and good results are expected shortly.

A trial shipment of ore made to the Everett smelter from the Iron Mask mine, Kamloops, is stated to have shown a value of a little under \$30 a ton, there being left a considerable worth in the natural concentrates as brought out of the mine and left on the ore pile. The result is for surface ore regarded as distinctly encouraging to those interested in the new camp.

The prospectus of the Cassiar Central Railway Co., will be issued shortly in London, England. It is stated that the railroad will be constructed and in operation within two years, also that the Company's operations in mining and otherwise will be so exceptionally extensive as to place it in line with soveral great chartered companies that have made or are making history for various parts of the British Empire.

The San Francisco Examiner is being very properly censured officially and otherwise throughout B. C. and in Canada generally for publishing an outrageous lie to the effect that cholera recently broke out at Sandon. Typhoid, preventible by proper sanitation, occasionally troubles Sandon and other mine settlements in an early stage of urban development, but cholera B. C. has never known and in all probability never will know.

Vice-President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., thinks that the Dominion should substitute for small bills in amounts under \$5 a silver issue minted in Canada. The proposal is good, but it would probably be opposed by the powerful banking interests in Canada, which profit largely by small note issuance and have a, very "big pull" in Parliament. It is noteworthy that under the solid currency system of England the lowest note issued is one for five pounds, the equivalent of well over \$24.

THE VALUE OF A SMELTER.

A smelter is not only an absolutely necessary adjunct to precious metal mining in a country like ours, but most valuable in providing a means of livelihood for hardy labor. Thus Mr. Heinze's smelter at Trail pays in wages alone \$20,000 a month.

