

and the employment of large Capital in developing not only agricultural and pastoral lands, but in searching for, and utilizing the vast and rich mineral deposits that exist all over the Province.

It is the obvious duty of the Government to induce the inflow of that capital, and to make investors look with eager eyes on these new fields of industry. So far little has been done in that direction, except by private enterprise, emanating from this Board of Trade, with some pecuniary assistance on the part of the Aldermanic Board of Vancouver. Let us see what has been done with regard to the following important factors of our resources :

- (a) Mining;
- (b) Lumber Industry;
- (c) Fisheries;
- (d) Sugar Beet Culture;
- (e) Fruit Culture.

#### MINING DEVELOPMENT.

I look upon the development of Mining in this Province as one of our most necessary requirements, and to aid in this subject, to the best of my abilities, have prepared a pamphlet on the "Mineral Resources of British Columbia," which will go forth in thousands of copies to all parts of the globe.

I trust that the new Council of the Vancouver Board of Trade will constantly keep before them, and the public, the urgent necessity for fostering our natural resources in this respect; as to that industry we must look to it as one of the means which is to make this Province unparalleled for richness.

We are now, I may say, in the experimental stage of its development, but once the matter has got into full swing, there will come a time of such prosperity to this City as the present generation little dream of.

Energetic work is now being undertaken by various private individuals and Syndicates in this direction, and I have no doubt that the introduction of many new processes in smelting and chlorinating by the British Columbia Smelting Co. will result in the desired solution of the difficulty that has hitherto been encountered in dealing with some of our refractory ores.

The successful passing of the "Bill to incorporate Foreign Mining Companies" has been a step in the right direction, which will soon show its benefit to the Province.

#### THE LUMBER INDUSTRY.

This industry has shown a remarkable growth during the year; every mill at, and in the vicinity of our City, is running to its full capacity, many of them being in operation day and night. Other large mills, whose operations will be extensive are in process of completion.