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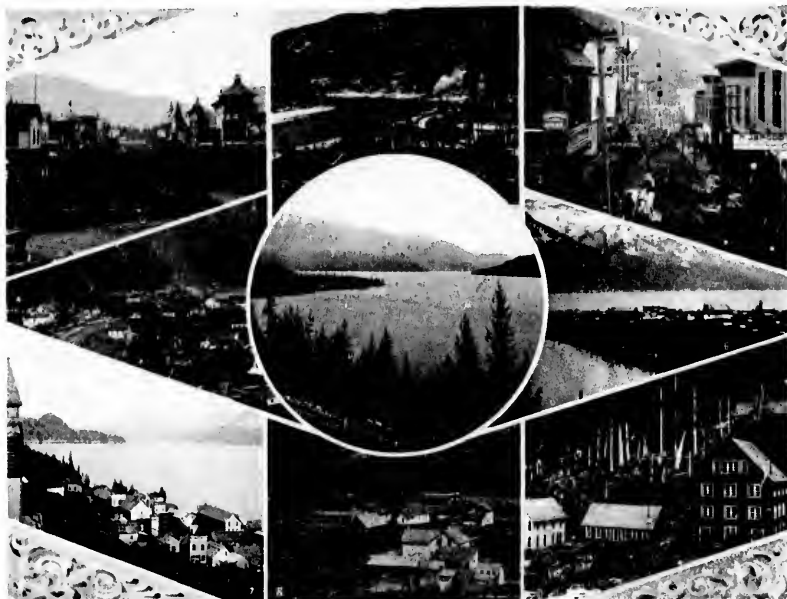


VANCOUVER AS A MINING CENTRE.

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THE mineral industry in British Columbia has assumed such proportions during the past year or so that it is extremely difficult within the limits of an article of necessarily restricted scope, as this is, to convey an adequate idea of its range and importance. It is impossible

field and anxious, of course, to keep everyone else out. After the recent defeat of the smelter by-law it came to light that a very strong company has been organized in London, for smelting purposes, with Vancouver as an objective point. The whole movement simply shows that with fuel, fluxes, transportation and other facilities of an



MINING TOWNS AND SCENES IN B.C.

1. Street, Skeena City, B.C.
2. Trail Creek, B.C.
3. Street in Sandon, B.C.
4. Yale, B.C.
5. New Denver, B.C.
6. Kaslo, B.C.
7. Ainsworth, B.C.
8. Mining Plant.
9. Concentrator, Cady, B.C.

to give more than the briefest outline of the present conditions and lend the added emphasis of a few statistics.

The City of Vancouver, from its position on the sea board, and the terminus of a great transcontinental railroad, is becoming more and more the recognized centre of the mining industry. Nearly all the heavy British Columbia companies have head offices here and few important moves have been made recently, the train for which was not laid in Vancouver.

As a smelter point Vancouver presents such splendid advantages that it has become the bone of contention with numerous strong companies, each eager to be the first in the



Tranquille Hydraulic Gold Mines.

unequalled nature Vancouver citizens need not fear but what more than one busy smelter will add its quota to the local volume of business in the near future.

A glance at the country surrounding this city shows that there are numerous points each of which is contributing towards making this an important mining and smelting centre.

On Texada Island enough has been done to demonstrate the permanent and valuable nature of the deposits and to warrant the opinion that this camp can be relied upon to furnish a steady supply of chalcopryite and hornblende ores, as well as those running more to gold and silver values. The copper