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Experts have reported that if coal were taken from the Crow's Nest Pass region alone at the rate of from 4,000,000 to 10,000,000 tons a year that field would not be exhausted in less than 5,000 years. Nature seems to have made a provision that is almost providential—that in those regions barren of fuel in forests, the earth should contain almost inexhaustible resources of coal.

ton as the official report had stated—Canada woke up and went mildly wild. The mining camp became the town of Cobalt, with a mushroom population; and if history is still further to repeat itself, the next thing in order is a series of wild-cat promoter schemes at inflated paper capital to filch the servant girls' wages. And sure enough, such advertisements are now going the rounds of the American Press! Meanwhile, the young man who took the hurried course in mineralogy and had staked out a claim before the rest of Canada had wakened up is estimated to be a millionaire. At least, a New York company offered him £3,000,000 for his claim. The sale of his interests to the Guggenheims was reported in October.

The discovery of the vast nickel beds and of the cobalt-silver resulted from railways penetrating unexplored regions. As I said before, nine-tenths of Canada's mineral regions are unexplored. Again and again when I was going over the daily journals at the Hudson Bay for hunters, who tracked all parts of the wilds for furs, I found reports of "minerals here." But the company did not want minerals. They wanted furs. The report of minerals was ignored.

If the old journals' prediction of copper in Labrador and silver on the Coppermine and galena and gold from MacKenzie to the Rockies be likewise verified, Canada's lethargy regarding its mines

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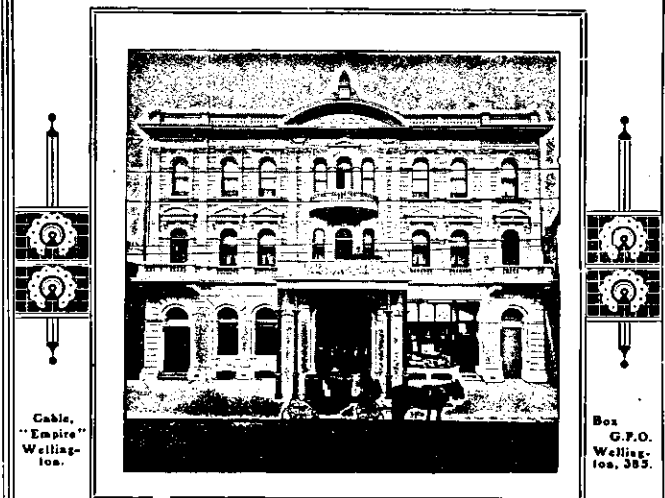
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