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A. R. Le Doux to James J. Hill.

Re a smelting proposition near Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. Quotes part of a letter from J.F.Collom to E.W.Herrick, both of whom are interested in the Pilot Bay smelter on Kootenai Lake. Collom and Herrick claim that the Canadian Pacific Road is looking at the Pilot Bay smelter and the Blue Bell mine with the idea of purchasing them. The Traill and Nelson smelters are doing very well, and the Crow's Nest Pass line is finished. The Canadians are trying to keep

the smelting in Canada and the Americans are determined to keep it in the United States. An Englishman named A.R. Brown is buying ore [at Sandon, B.C.] to be treated in England.

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