

of 50c per annum. It contains, in addition to two lithographed maps of respectively the Province and the City of Victoria, a great deal of useful information, such as time tables, stage and rail distances, postal rates, the Dominion mining laws and the British Columbia placer mining laws. A number of definitions of mining terms are also given, but as these are both inaccurate and quite unnecessary, they might with advantage be omitted in future issues.

PRODUCING MINES.

NELSON.

The following is the mill run at the Athabasca for the month of November: Number of days run, 29 days, 3 hours; number of tons crushed, 338.

Value of bullion recovered \$9,203 03
Gross value of concentrates recovered.... 2,385 25

Total.....\$11,588 28
Value of bullion recovered per ton of ore crushed\$23 72
Gross value of concentrates recovered per ton of ore crushed 6.14
Total values recovered per ton of ore crushed. 29.86

The Custom returns from Nelson for November include the following exports:

	Value.
Coke	\$ 339
Lead bullion	36,513
Gold bullion	48,095

The result of the Hall Mines smelting operations for the five weeks ending December 1st, are as follows:

Smelter in blast 19 days and 13 hours, during which time 128 tons of Silver King ore (containing approximately 1,540 ounces of silver) and 368 tons of purchased ores were smelted; 103 tons of lead bullion were produced, containing (approximately) 102 tons of lead, 11,330 ounces of silver and 387 ounces of gold.

The output of mines of East and West Kootenay for the eleven months ending November 30th approximates in value \$5,500,000 in gold, silver, lead and copper. The total for the year will be in the neighbourhood of \$6,000,000.

SLOCAN.

The exports of ore from the port of Kaslo during November make a very insignificant showing, and the aggregate tonnage was less than during any similar period since the construction of the railway in this district. The returns are as follows: 570,585 lbs., containing 298,798 lbs. lead and 16,926 oz. silver.

ROSSLAND.

Our Rossland correspondent telegraphs:—

In consequence of Le Roi shutting down for a few days while the Jeansboro pump is being installed, ore shipments of this division for 1899 will not exceed 185,000 tons and may fall short of this about 1,200 tons. There are numerous reports current as to labour complications, creating much uneasiness in some quarters, but there is nothing to justify the belief that a strike is impending.

For the month of November 9,260 tons of ore, valued at \$260,068, and 705,422 lbs. of matte, valued at \$189,158, were exported from Rossland.

LILLOOET.

During November the ten-stamp battery at the

Ben D'Or mine was in operation 24 days, 35 minutes, and crushed 455 tons of rock, yielding 277.83 ounces gold.

COAL EXPORTATIONS.

	November.	Tons.
New Vancouver Coal Co.		36,448
Wellington Mines		22,932
Union Mines		4,678
Extension Mines (Oyster Bay)		4,678
Total		72,314

The following are the New Vancouver Coal Company's foreign shipments for the three weeks ending December 20th:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Tons.
2—SS.	San Mateo	Port Los Angeles..	4,289
2—SS.	Tyee	Port Townsend	27
5—SS.	New England...	Alaska ..	48
11—SS.	R. Adamson...	San Francisco	4,427
10—SS.	Mineola	Port Los Angeles.	3,242
14—SS.	Sea Lion	Port Townsend	24
14—SS.	New England...	Alaska	41
16—SS.	San Mateo	Port Los Angeles ..	4,323
19—Bark	C. D. Bryant	Lahiana, H.I.	1,468

THE METAL MARKET—DECEMBER.

Compiled from special telegraphic quotations to the B. C. MINING RECORD from the *Engineering & Mining Journal*, New York.]

WHILE general business has been remarkably active for this time of year, money stringency has had a depressing effect in the speculative market. The bank rates are still high and are likely to continue so for some time yet.

SILVER.

The silver market has remained very steady during the month, the demand for China absorbing all offerings for both present and future delivery. Prices have fluctuated between 59 and 59½, while the average price last month was 58.67.

COPPER.

Copper has been very quiet for the last four weeks and very few transactions are reported. The disturbance in the financial market has, no doubt, affected prices, which are lower than for some time past. Holders have shown a disposition to realize, while on the other hand manufacturers, owing to the approach of the New Year, are reluctant to buy. The latest quotations are 16½ for lake, 15½ for electrolytic, in cakes, bars or ingots, and 15½ for cathodes. Meanwhile it is believed that the inflated prices of the last few months have been too high for the best interests of all concerned, and the present decline, or perhaps a still further one, would leave the price nearer its normal and healthy level. There is no occasion for any feeling of alarm. Demand for consumption is good, and all the copper offered can be placed without difficulty.

LEAD.

The market continues firm and the demand is unprecedentedly active for this season of the year. If