

peded mining and railway transportation work temporarily, for there was a return to normal quantity for the first week in March.

East Kootenay.

The Monarch mine, in Golden division, North-east Kootenay; the Lead Queen, in Windermere division; Central East Kootenay; and the St. Eugene, in the southern part of Fort Steele division, are three small shippers of ore to Trail on this year's list. From each there has been received at the smelting works two shipments. While the total quantity received this year from all three mines is only 261 tons, it is pleasing to note even this much production being made in widely separated parts of this big district. Of course, the comparatively big production of the Sullivan mine, also in Fort Steele division, of 11,600 tons in 67 days of this year to March 7, inclusive, an average of 173 tons a day, is in strong contrast to the small output mentioned above, but since small producers are sometimes developed in due time into big ones, the more there are being operated in a mining district, the better the outlook for its future.

There is not much news coming from the coal fields just now. The following statement, reported to have been made by Mr. Elias Rogers, of Toronto, president of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., operating coal mines at Coal Creek and Michel, and coke ovens at Fernie and Michel, in South-east Kootenay, is of interest:

"January was rather a trying month for us, climatic conditions having been the most severe for many years. The heavy snowfall prevented movement of trains, with the result that we could not get more than two or three trains a week. Moreover, it was impossible for our men to work during the most severe weather. Conditions were decidedly abnormal, but, despite this, our net earnings for the month of January were much better than we expected.

"On March 31st we will pay a dividend of 1 1-2 per cent. We are not announcing this as a quarterly dividend, just at this time. We are buying from the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. a seven-mile branch from its Crow's Nest main line, and will be making large capital expenditure on this account. Our financial year which closed last December 31 was a much better one than the previous year and there was improvement all along the line. All our debts have been liquidated, and we now have more than \$300,000 cash in bank. The outlook for present year is of the best."

West Kootenay.

Ainsworth.—This year's ore-shippers from Ainsworth division so far have been the Bluebell, Cork-Providence, Florence, Highland, Martin, No. 1, and Utica mines. The total of receipts at Trail from these mines to March 7, inclusive, was 3,545, of which the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.'s No. 1 mine shipped 1,901 tons and the Bluebell 1,203 tons.

Slocan.—Shipments of silver and silver-lead ores from this district to Trail have not been large this year, the total from the two Slocan divisions to March 7 having been only 2,119 tons, of which three small high-grade mines in Slocan City division together sent 72 tons, while a dozen mines in Slocan division shipped 2,047 tons. These figures do not include shipments of zinc ore and concentrate, nor the output of the Surprise mine, which is sent to the United States. Shipments of silver-lead ore and concentrate from the Standard totalled 928 tons, Slocan-Star 268 tons, Rambler-Cariboo 236 tons, Galena Farm 163 tons, and Ruth 134

tons; the remaining 318 tons was the total of shipments from the Howitt-Lorna Doone, Lucky Thought, Noonday, Reco, Apex, Yakima, and Comstock.

Rossland.—This year's output of ore from Rossland mines to March 7 has averaged about 900 tons a day, the total for that period received at Trail having been 60,355 tons. Most of this ore was from the Consolidated Co.'s Centre Star and Le Roi mines, with the Le Roi No. 2 Co.'s Josie group also a shipper. One carload was from the Velvet mine, but that was the only shipment made from other parts of Rossland camp.

Revelstoke.—The Lanark mine, in Revelstoke mining division, has shipped two cars of ore to Trail this year, together 60 tons.

Yale.

Kamloops.—The Iron Mask mine, in Kamloops division, continues to ship ore to Trail. Seven lots have been received this year at the smelting works, a total of 403 tons.

Nicola.—A little ore is being sent from the Nicola division to the British Columbia Copper Co.'s smeltery at Greenwood. Now that the Kettle Valley railway gives direct connection with Boundary district smelting works, there is a probability of occasional small shipments being made from claims in this division now being developed.

Omineca.

The discovery of what is described as "a new mineral belt in the vicinity of White Sale and Emerald Lakes, south-west of Ootsa Lake," has been reported by the Omineca Herald, a newspaper published in the heart of the Skeena country, Omineca mining division. Zinc ore is stated to occur on the White Sale Lake property, while from the Lead Mountain mineral claims, consisting of five groups with a total of 27 claims, samples of ore assayed have given value in gold, silver, lead, and copper. Up to the present access to the new camp has been from Houston, on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, but there seems to be little likelihood of that route being used eventually for sending out ore, so it is suggested that an outlet by way of the head of Deah Channel may be found. In the 1914 official report of Mr. Stephen H. Hoskins, of Hazelton, gold commissioner for Omineca mining division, there was made mention of this part of the big area under the jurisdiction of that official: "During the summer of 1914 ledges of free-milling gold ore were discovered in the vicinity (of Sibolia creek), which resulted in 42 mineral claims being recorded. From reports it would appear that the country is difficult to get into; all travel so far has been from Houston, but it is suggested that an easier way may be found from Gardner canal by proceeding up the Kemano river."

SILVER PRICES.

	New York.	London.
March—	cents.	pence.
11.	56¾	27
13.	56½	27
14.	56½	27
15.	56¾	27⅞
16.	56½	27⅞
17.	57	27⅞
18.	57	27⅞
20.	57½	27¾
21.	57½	27½
22.	58½	27¾
23.	59¾	28¾