

If all the coal bores now working are successful, Vancouver Island will soon be a beehive of coal mines, says the *Nanaimo Free Press*. Four bores are now in operation; the Dunsmuir at Englishman's River, the Eastman at Nanoose, the Cedar district, and the bore at Courtenay.

According to the *Slocan Mining Review*, published at Sandon, "the long-headed ones say the present is not the time to sell zinc but to collect it. They believe that a few dollars extra spent in separating out the high-grade zinc during sorting will show a good profit before the year is out."

From the lately-published "Mineral Resources of the United States" it is learned that the exports of domestic quicksilver from San Francisco, California, to British Columbia during two successive years were as follows: In 1904, 205 flasks, valued at \$8,739; in 1905, 23 flasks, valued at \$870.

The work of sinking the main four-compartment shaft at the Le Roi mine, Roseland, below the 1,350-ft. level, commenced several months since, is progressing satisfactorily. A depth of 1,650 ft. was reached by the end of March, and the contractors were using all expedition in sinking to a deeper level.

On April 20 the *Grand Forks Gazette* mentioned that "the Granby smelter has been running seven furnaces during the past week or ten days and some phenomenal runs have been made." It also noted that during that week Boundary smelters by treating 33,516 tons of ore had beaten all their previous records.

The offices of the *Mining and Scientific Press* are now at 667 Howard Street, a few doors east of Third Street, and close to the financial district of San Francisco. We congratulate our esteemed contemporary in having at length become settled in permanent quarters after its year's temporary sojourn at Berkeley, rendered necessary by the destruction of its former abode at the time of the great disaster of April 18, 1906.

The *Canadian Mining Journal*, Toronto, Ontario, has published and distributed a 10x16 half-tone showing the officers and council of the Canadian Mining Institute for 1906-7, several of the members of which are prominently connected with the mining industry of British Columbia and others have also been in past years. The group is of general interest as being representative of the geologists, mineralogists and metallurgists of Canada.

With the favourable reports now coming from all parts of the Slocan as to the results of the winter's work in the mines and the cheerful prospects for the season, together with the announcement of the Government's decision to spend all available money on public works to assist the opening up and devel-

opment of the country, in the opinion of the *Nelson Canadian* there seems to be ample justification for the expectation formed of a genuine mining revival in Kootenay's silver district.

According to the *Ashcroft Journal*, the latest advices from the Tamarac mine in Highland Valley, where development operations are now being prosecuted, are that an ore body some 9 ft. in thickness has been uncovered. This ore will range from 12 per cent. copper upwards, it also carries small values in gold and silver.

An enlarged output of lead-silver ore at the Sullivan Group Company's mine is reported. One recent week's production was about 1,000 tons, which is stated to be an increase of 30 per cent. over the ordinary weekly output for some time past. The ore is all treated at the company's lead smelter at Marysville, a few miles from the mine.

The Dominion Copper Company is further increasing the equipment of its mines in Phoenix mine. At its smelting works at Boundary Falls the erection of the large blast furnace—the largest copper-smelting furnace in Canada—is well forward. The addition of this furnace increases the smelting capacity of these works to between 1,400 and 1,500 tons per day.

Preparations are being made for the ensuing season's placer gold mining on both Wild Horse and Perry Creeks, in Fort Steele mining division. On the former the Invicta, Nip and Tuck and Brown-Larsen properties, among others, will be worked. The heavy snowfall of the 1906-7 winter promises an abundant supply of water for gravel-washing purposes.

The *Nanaimo Herald* has stated that "a single order has been accepted by the Wellington Colliery Co. to furnish 20,000 tons of sack coal for Nome parties." Our information is that while no undertaking has been given that this stated quantity will be supplied, efforts will be made to supply as much as shall be practicable under the condition that an active demand from numerous other quarters has also to be met.

Ore shipped in quantity from the Richard III mine at Mt. Sicker, Vancouver Island, is returning a few cents less than \$14 per ton net, after deduction of transportation and smelting charges. More than 1,000 tons were shipped during April. Should nothing occur to prevent the directors expect that the Richard III Mining Co. will soon be in a good enough position financially to justify the payment of a dividend to shareholders.

Hon. H. W. Cushing, minister of public works for the province of Alberta, while at Fernie recently in connection with the settlement of the differences between the coal mine operators and miners, tele-