

Statistics of production since 1901 are shown in Table 16 following:—

COAL.—TABLE 16.
Yukon Territory: Annual Production.

Calendar Year.	Tons.	Value.	Average value per ton.
		\$	\$ cts.
1901	15,864	86,230	14 70
1902	4,910	37,286	7 59
1903	1,849	29,584	16 00
1904			
1905	7,000	21,000	3 00
1906	7,000	28,000	4 00
1907	15,000	60,000	4 00
1908	3,847	21,158	5 50
1909	7,864	49,502	6 72

† Part of this production was mined in 1900.

The Whitehorse and Five Fingers coal mines in southern Yukon were not operated in 1909. The coal fields of this district at Whitehorse, Five Fingers, and Tantalus have been described by Mr. D. D. Cairnes, of the Geological Survey.¹

During the season of 1909, Mr. Cairnes found coal outcroppings in the Wheaton River district, south of the Whitehorse deposits, his description of the area being as follows:—

‘BUSH MOUNTAIN COAL AREA.

‘The Tantalus conglomerates which, in the southern Yukon, are known to be coal-bearing, were found outcropping about one mile west of the Union mines, on the ridge joining Bush mountain and Idaho hill, and search was made for coal, which, if found in this locality, would be of considerable value. Three seams were discovered: one over 6 feet, one 18 inches, and one of unknown thickness, but at least 3 feet. There were indications of other seams; but as the ground was frozen and the coal deeply covered, to have made a section of the measures, or even to have determined the thickness of the different beds of coal, would have entailed a very considerable amount of work. The measures were traced from the summit of the ridge to near the valley bottoms of Schnabel and Follé creeks, on the south and north sides respectively. These creeks are here two miles apart, and, opposite the coal, are about 2,000 feet lower than the summit of the ridge between them. The belt of coal-bearing formation is about half a mile wide, and the rocks comprising it are much folded and disturbed. The coal, which is bituminous and of the same age as that at Whitehorse and Tantalus, should make a good fuel.’

¹ Report on a portion of the Conrad and Whitehorse Mining District, Yukon, D. D. Cairnes, Geological Survey, 1908.