

best do not and never have taken any stock in the lies told during the year. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this testimonial, but above all for the kindly feeling and good will that prompted this act."

THE CALL OF THE MOTHERLAND

(By Bernard Malcolm Ramsay, in the *Financier*,
London.)

Over the lands and the waters, outsing the song of the sea,
There comes to the ear of Britain the voice of her children free—
The sons who have wrought and fought for Britain and Liberty.

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Back in the mists of the ages Britain was born to be blest,
Cradled and rocked by the ocean lapping her island nest:
The sea and the stars strove together to speed her behest.

So, at her time of fruition Britain bore venturous sons;
Boats were their bulwarks and bridges under the thunder of guns:
Never the sea and its sailors Attila dared with his Huns.

Fleets of envious rivals strove for the Sea Queen's fall,
Pitting their power against Britain. But, ready and quick to the call,
Drake and Rodney and Nelson vanquished the foemen all.

Storms came out of the heavens to fling the Armada far;
The fame of the bold Dutch rovers paled 'neath the new-born star;
And the blood of the greatest sea-lord bought the triumph of Trafalgar.

Thus were the seas swept surely. . . . Britain arose in her might,
Proffered the pledge of freedom to all she had flung in fight,
And a pass to the paths of the oceans, under her light.

Then did she send her children over the seven seas:
Speeded and swung to the far lands, each by a fateful breeze,
Heat could not conquer their courage, and frost could not freeze.

So did they mould fair cities; fashioned their rails and docks,
Girdled the earth with cables, lighted the oceans' rocks,
Peopled and pastured the prairies, and tended their droves and flocks.

Thus was the Empire builded, based upon Freedom's Chart,
Thus was a story written of trade and many an art,
And the fame of the Sons of Empire, dear to the Motherland's heart.

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Over the lands and the waters floated a clarion call.

Britain, the Mother of Heroes, summoned her children all:

"Here are the Huns at my gateway! Help, lest I fall!"

Swift to the sudden summons brave Sons of the Empire sprang:

"We're coming, we're coming, Mother!" loudly the answer rang;

While the salt sea heard and echoed the song that the soldiers sang.

And now the Sons of the Empire will show to the watching world

That the cause of the Mother is theirs; and ne'er shall her flag be furled

Till the Huns from the gate of Britain back to the Pit are hurled.

STANDARD SILVER-LEAD MINING CO.

The following information relative to the operations in 1914 of the Standard Silver-Lead Mining Co., owning a group of mines situated near Silverton, B.C., and a concentrating mill situated on the eastern shore of Slokan lake at that town, has been obtained from the company.

Development work done during the year totalled 9,059 ft., this consisting chiefly of drifts and crosscuts, with a few raises between levels.

The quantity of ore milled was 44,806 tons, beside which there was mined and shipped crude 4,914 tons, together with 49,720 tons.

Average metal recoveries were as follows: From 4,714.47 lb. of crude silver-lead ore, an average of 49.17 per cent. lead and 86.65 oz. silver to the ton. From 4,154.47 lb. of silver-lead concentrate, an average of 65.75 per cent. lead and 103.31 oz. silver to the ton. From 5,618.50 lb. of silver-zinc concentrate, an average of 43.84 per cent. zinc and 35.23 oz. silver to the ton.

There was left on hand at the close of the year about 200 tons of crude ore of shipping grade, 1,300 tons of silver-lead concentrate, and 30 tons of silver-zinc concentrate.

No important additions were made to mine or mill plant and machinery during the year, both having been previously adequately equipped. An experimental unit of the Minerals Separation flotation process plant was put in but results were such as to lead to its abandonment.

Since the close of the year to which the foregoing particulars relate, development work has been continued in the Standard mine, and quite recently a crosscut was being driven from the raise that connects Nos. 6 and 7 levels, this constituting an intermediate level; No. 4 adit was also being extended. The Alpha mine, situated higher up the hill than the Standard, is being further developed by the extension of three of the adits opened years ago by the former owners. The work of driving No. 8 adit, which is on the old Emily Edith property, below the Standard, is to be resumed shortly. More men are being employed in the mines as work is advantageously found for them, and the concentrating plant is being operated one shift daily. Gradually mine and mill will be got back to work at full capacity.

HEDLEY GOLD MINING COMPANY.

A quarterly dividend of three per cent. and an additional dividend of two per cent. has been declared on the outstanding capital stock of the Hedley Gold Mining Company, payable Wednesday, June 30, 1915, to stockholders of record June 19, 1915.