

L. W. Shatford and Mayor Gale; President, A. M. Whiteside; Vice-Presidents, Col. E. G. Prior and C. E. Cartwright; Secretary, William Gray.

The members of the Executive are: N. Thompson, Dr. E. T. Hodge, R. H. Stewart, J. M. Turnbull, S. J. Crocker, G. S. Pettapiece, J. Thomas, S. W. Miller, J. D. Kearns, H. P. McCraney, Ald. F. E. Woodside, B. G. Hawkins, W. E. Bland, A. B. Buckworth and G. S. Eldridge.

Kendall, Barr & Co. were reappointed auditors for the organization. Their report on the finances of the body showed that there is on hand exactly \$4,348.14, a sum which shows the prosperity enjoyed during 1918.

The enrollment book showed a membership of 240, which, although it is an increase over that of last year, is a decrease of more than 50 per cent. from 1914. A year book outlining the activities of the Chamber of Mines during the past year will be issued at an early date.

Mr. C. E. Cartwright, who acted as Chairman of the meeting in the absence of the President, expressed the belief that prospecting would be carried on to a far greater extent than formerly when the prospectors who had heard the call to service returned once more to their hunt for minerals. He predicted the uncovering of many rich mines in the near future.

Dr. E. T. Hodge declared that local business men were not aware of the fact that British Columbia is rich in minerals and for that reason most of the mines in the province were capitalized by "outsiders." He advocated a convention for the purpose of "waking them up" and urged the members of the organization to "boost" the plan.

The Surf Inlet mine made a profit of \$42,177 for September.

The Ikeda mine on Moresby Island has been shipping about 50 tons a month of high grade ore to the Granby Company's smelter at Anyox.

Development has been proceeding on the Southeaster mine on Graham Island, the property being held by Ontario interests.

Reduced production of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company in October and November resulted from no other cause than the influenza.

In the Lillooet District the Ida May stamp mill is running and development is going on at the Lorne Mine. On Cadwallader Creek the Pioneer has struck more good ore at depth, and the stamp mill is running all the time.

Considerable development had been done on the Willow Grouse group at Sooke by the Ladysmith Smelting corporation, and 400 tons of sorted ore were shipped to the smelter, when the management of the company decided to suspend operations.

The Tidewater Copper Company has been reorganized and will resume operations on the Indian Chief group at Sidney Inlet. The mine is equipped with a mill to treat 100 tons of ore a day, this being the first concentrating mill erected on Vancouver Island for the treatment of copper ores by flotation.

Ore in a body of large dimensions has been struck in the Galena Farm mine at Silverton. The body is 12 feet wide and contains milling and shipping values. It was disclosed in the operations of J. W. Casey and associates, lessees, who obtained a block of the property when operations were suspended by the company several months ago.

The Noble Five in the Slocan is running 1100 feet of upraise at the rate of 100 feet a month. This is the deepest mine in the Slocan and is owned by James Dunsmuir.

It is expected that the Canada Copper will have its 2000 ton mill near Princeton completed and running by August. The mill will then probably ship 500 tons of concentrates daily to Greenwood.

August returns of gold bullion at the Dominion Assay office, Vancouver, show a marked increase over August, 1917. Last month the product was valued at \$608,838.43. August, 1917, was only \$354,992.55, the increase this year being \$253,945.88.

The West Kootenay Power and Light Company has ordered 800,000 pounds of copper cable and other material from Hamilton, Ontario. This is enough for 300 miles of line and will be used principally on the extension of the circuit from Greenwood to Copper Mountain. That line will be finished by next July.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Mineral Province of Western Canada

TO END OF DECEMBER, 1917

Has produced Minerals valued as follows: Placer Gold, \$75,116,103; Lode Gold, \$93,717,974; Silver, \$43,623,761; Lead, \$39,366,144; Copper, \$130,597,620; Other Metals (Zinc, Iron, etc.), \$10,933,466; Coal and Coke, \$174,313,658; Building Stone, Brick, Cement, etc., \$27,902,381; making its Mineral Production to the end of 1917 show an

Aggregate Value of \$595,571,107

Production for Year Ending December, 1917, \$37,010,392

The Mining Laws of this Province are more liberal and the fees lower than those of any other Province in the Dominion, or any colony in the British Empire.

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