

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOGGERS' ASSOCIATION

At the recent annual meeting of the British Columbia Loggers' Association, Ltd., held on Thursday, January 15th, the following officers were elected for 1920: President, Mr. P. A. Wilson, of Wilson-Brady, Ltd., 415 Winch Building; vice-president, Mr. Mark D. Rector, International Timber Co., 1060 Rogers Building. The following directors were also elected for the year 1920: Mr. F. C. Riley, of Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, Ltd.; Mr. J. M. Dempsey, of Dempsey Logging Co.; Mr. N. S. Lougheed, of Abernethy & Lougheed; Mr. F. R. Pendleton, Straits Lumber Co.; Mr. G. G. Johnston, Capilano Lumber Co.; George Moore, of Merrell, Ring, Moore Lumber Co.; Mr. L. H. Webber, Brooks-Scanlon-O'Brien Co., Ltd.; E. J. English, of the Nimpkish Lake Logging Co.; Mr. T. A. Lamb, Lamb Bros.; Mr. E. A. Munn, Munn & Kerr Timber Co., Ltd.

MINERAL PRODUCTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 1919

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is the only metal in the list the price of which may be considered abnormally high, and from the present outlook this high price seems likely to continue for some years, to the great advantage of the mines producing the metal.

In British Columbia our silver is almost entirely derived from ores carrying also other metals which have not increased in value.

The production of lead shows a decrease, due partly to strikes at some of the larger producing mines, and on account of the low price of the metal due to an overstocked market.

As regards quantity, zinc shows a somewhat increased production as compared with 1918, but due to a lower market price the value of this year's product shows a decrease. A considerable portion of the ore mined or concentrates produced found their way to the United States for smelting, the returns from which can at present only be estimated until final returns are received.

The collieries of the Province about held their own as far as production was concerned during the past year. The Coast collieries show an increase, but the Crows Nest collieries show a slight decrease in coal produced and a large decrease in the amount of coke produced, due to a long-continued period of labor trouble, to some extent due to the large percentage of aliens employed in and about these mines. Due to this fact the total value of the products of the collieries appears to be this year about \$357,718 less than in 1918.

Increases in the selling prices of coal have been allowed at various times in the past few years by the Dominion Government Fuel Controller, until as nearly as can be calculated the average price of coal for the year, over the Province as a whole, has been about \$5 a ton, and the similar average price for coke about \$7 a ton.

The following table shows the quantities and value of the several minerals produced in the year 1918, and the estimated production in 1919. It may here be explained that the prices used in calculating the estimated value for 1919 of silver, lead, copper, and zinc are the average prices for the year, as published in The Engineering and Mining Journal, New York, less a deduction of 5 per cent. off silver, 10 per cent. off lead, and 15 per cent. off zinc.

Mineral Production for Two Years, 1918-1919

	Production, 1918.		Estimated Production, 1919.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value
Gold, placer, oz.	16,000	\$ 320,000	14,325	\$ 286,500
Gold, lode, oz.	164,674	3,403,812	141,769	2,930,365
Total gold		\$ 3,723,812		\$ 3,216,865
Silver, oz.	3,498,172	3,215,870	3,667,516	3,871,063
Lead, lbs.	43,899,661	2,928,107	32,134,136	1,658,121
Copper, lb.	61,483,754	15,143,449	45,984,046	8,631,205
Zinc	41,772,916	2,899,040	43,694,583	2,717,803
Total metalliferous		\$27,910,278		\$20,095,057
Coal, tons, 2,240 lb.	2,302,245	\$11,511,225	2,357,218	\$11,786,090
Coke, tons, 2,240 lb.	188,967	1,322,769	98,598	690,186
Total collieries		\$12,833,994		\$12,476,276
Miscellaneous and building material		\$ 1,038,202		\$ 850,000
Total production ..		\$41,782,474		\$33,421,333

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Mineral Province of Western Canada

TO END OF DECEMBER, 1918

Has produced Minerals valued as follows: Placer Gold, \$75,436,103; Lode Gold, \$97,121,786; Silver, \$46,839,631; Lead, \$42,294,251; Copper, \$145,741,060; Other Metals (Zinc, Iron, etc.), \$13,278,058; Coal and Coke, \$187,147,652; Building Stone, Brick, Cement, etc., \$28,843,272; Miscellaneous Minerals, \$651,759; making its Mineral Production to the end of 1918 show an

Aggregate Value of \$637,353,581

Production for Year Ending December, 1918, \$41,782,474

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.

Mineral locations are granted to discoverers for nominal fees.

Absolute Titles are obtained by developing such properties, the security of which is guaranteed by Crown Grants.

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THE HON. THE MINISTER OF MINES
VICTORIA, British Columbia.