

the past week were 10,874 tons, and for the year to date 1,579,233 tons.

Trail smelter receipts—Week, 6,151; year, 254,180.

Le Roi smelter receipts, Northport, Wash.—Week, 2,171; year, 96,213.

Marysville smelter receipts—Week, 600; year, 30,000.

The total amount of receipts reported from the local and foreign mines for the past week here 8,922 tons, and for the year to date 1,490,490 tons.

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass collieries for the week ending December 13 was 24,536 tons, or a daily average of 4,089 tons.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ORE FIGURES.

The following are the shipments and ore receipts from the Southeastern districts of British Columbia for the past week and year to date:—

Shipments—	Week.	Year.
East of Columbia River ... ..	3,453	163,872
Rossland ... ..	7,090	263,470
Boundary ... ..	.....	1,141,457
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>10,543</b>	<b>1,568,799</b>
Receipts—		
Trail ... ..	5,407	248,029
Marysville ... ..	600	29,400
Northport ... ..	2,670	94,060
Others ... ..	.....	1,110,079
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>8,677</b>	<b>1,481,568</b>

Bar silver in London has made a new low level for the year, dropping to under 25d. per ounce. The decline is said to be due largely to conditions in India.

The subjoined table shows the range of silver prices, quoted in cents, since 1900:—

1907 ... ..	70½	53⅞
1906 ... ..	71¾	62⅞
1905 ... ..	65⅞	55
1904 ... ..	62	53⅞
1903 ... ..	61¾	47
1902 ... ..	56½	47
1901 ... ..	64	54¼
1900 ... ..	65½	58⅞

The highest price since 1900 was attained on November 17th, 1906, when it reached 71 3-4 cents. The low record, 47 cents, was made on three occasions, November 28th, 1902, and January 22nd and 29th, 1903.

Returns to the Bureau of Mines show that the output of the metalliferous mines and works in the Province of Ontario for the nine months ending September 30th, 1907, was as follows:—

	Quantity.
Silver, ounces ... ..	6,919,987
Copper, tons ... ..	5,111
Nickel, tons ... ..	8,087
Iron ore, tons ... ..	141,719
Pig iron, tons ... ..	180,663
Steel, tons ... ..	120,077
Zinc ore, tons ... ..	400

Last year's total silver output was only 5,401,766 ounces, so that the product for nine months this year is greater than for the whole previous year. The value of silver has declined. The total last year was worth \$3,667,551. This year nine months' product is worth about \$4,312,000. Last year's copper production was \$6,032 tons, and nickel 10,936 tons.

The following table, which shows the net profits, dividends and surplus after dividends of the Standard Oil Company, from 1902 to 1907, inclusive, the profits for 1907 being estimated, gives a good idea of the Standard Oil Company's tremendous earning power and the large surplus available for distribution to stockholders:—

Year.	Profits.	Dividends.	After Dividends.
1907 ... ..	\$85,000,000	\$39,335,320	\$45,664,680
1906 ... ..	83,122,251	39,335,320	43,786,931
1905 ... ..	57,459,356	39,335,320	18,124,036
1904 ... ..	61,670,110	35,188,206	26,381,844
1903 ... ..	81,326,904	42,877,478	38,459,516
1902 ... ..	64,618,363	43,861,966	20,761,397
	<b>\$439,202,074</b>	<b>\$239,923,670</b>	<b>\$193,678,404</b>

The above table includes only the surplus accumulated over the last six years and not the surplus since the time the company was organized, to Dec. 31, 1901. Until 1902, the Standard Oil Company apparently made it a point to distribute to shareholders each year a very large percentage of the net profits, but this policy was abandoned at the close of 1901.

The output of the collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company for the week ended December 20th totalled 22,051 tons, a daily average of 3,675 tons.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

Following are the weekly shipments from Cobalt camp, and those from January 1 to date:—

	Week ending	
	Dec. 21.	Since Jan. 1
	Ore in lbs.	Ore in lbs.
Buffalo ... ..	.....	2,208,820
City of Cobalt ... ..	.....	101,230
Coniagas ... ..	.....	4,798,710
Cobalt Central ... ..	.....	101,360
Colonial ... ..	.....	74,250
Drummond ... ..	.....	108,920
Foster ... ..	.....	611,806
Green-Meehan ... ..	.....	196,780
Hudson Bay ... ..	64,000	243,170
Imperial Cobalt ... ..	.....	37,530
Kerr Lake ... ..	43,700	644,890
La Rose ... ..	43,730	5,706,875
McKinley-Darragh ... ..	.....	1,407,935
Nipissing ... ..	130,599	4,788,249
Nova Scotia ... ..	181,000	493,000
O'Brien ... ..	.....	2,666,360
Red Rock ... ..	.....	91,443
Right of Way ... ..	.....	258,220
Silver Leaf ... ..	.....	93,618
Silver Queen ... ..	.....	957,157
Trethewey ... ..	.....	1,648,438
Townsite ... ..	.....	234,278
Temiskaming ... ..	.....	430,611
University ... ..	.....	61,383