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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Vermilion Forks Mining Co., Princeton, Similkameen, is inviting tenders for hauling 500 tons of coal from Princeton to Hedley, a distance of about 26 miles. It would appear that a beginning is to be made to find a market for Princeton coal.

In its notes on the Missouri ore market under date Joplin, August 26, the *Engineering and Mining Journal* mentioned that prices were then \$12 per ton higher for lead and \$12 per ton higher for zinc than a year ago. A review of the eight months ending on that date brought out the fact that zinc ore had averaged in price \$44.90 per ton and lead \$58.54 per ton.

The *Industrial Advocate*, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, concludes an appreciative review of the 1904 Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for British Columbia and the pamphlet "British Columbia, the Mineral Province of Canada," as follows: "The province of British Columbia sets a good example in the character and amplitude of its official mining literature."

It is reported from Whitehorse that the commissioner of the Yukon is having made a survey of the boundary line between Yukon Territory and British Columbia, in the Little Windy Arm country, for the information of prospectors, so that they may know where it will be necessary for them to record mineral locations they make. The commissioner visited the Alsek, Kluane, and Windy Arm districts of Yukon Territory this month, and Mr. R. G. McConnell, of the Geological Survey Department, is now examining the last-mentioned section.

The increasing interest taken in the United States in the stocks of two or three of the copper mining companies of British Columbia is evidenced by the substantial advancement of prices. In its mining stock market report late last month the *Engineering and Mining Journal* made the following satisfactory reference to the stock (par value \$5 per share) of the British Columbia Copper Co., which is profitably operating copper mines and a smelter near Greenwood, Boundary district of British Columbia: "In the outside market, the only sensation was a sharp rise in British Columbia Copper, which sold up to \$9."