

VICTORIA AS PROSPEROUS YEAR

Steady Growth in all Lines of Industry During 1902.

Contented Present and Perfect Confidence in the Future.

During the year just closed Victoria has enjoyed its full share of the prosperity which has been universal throughout Canada. The revival of business in all lines in the East, the steady increase in Central and Western Canada, with the additional stimulus of the invasion of a vast army of immigration to the fertile prairies, all combined to make 1902 one of the most memorable years of plenty in the history of the Dominion.

The wholesale business of the city during 1902 will compare favorably with that of any past year, and in some lines a considerable improvement was felt. In groceries, for instance, trade was so good and payments so satisfactory that it was found practicable to shorten the credits and decrease the discounts for cash payments—a healthy sign which proves the general prevalence of prosperity throughout the province.

Shipbuilders, machinists, contractors and builders, and all other trades had a very busy and prosperous year. There were few idle men in Victoria, and the city was almost entirely self-sufficient in all lines of trade.

The health of the city was excellent during the year, there being very few cases of contagious diseases. The sanitary conditions were improved in the way of paving, sewer construction, extension of water mains, and the erection of the new Victoria hospital.

The Tourist Association, organized nearly in 1902, did a very successful business during the summer, and succeeded in attracting many hundreds of strangers to the city.

Buildings and Improvements

As a result of building operations and other similar improvements for the year just closed, nearly three-quarters of a million dollars have been expended in the city.

Although the subjoined list of new buildings erected in this city during the year just past is not as large as that which it has been the pleasure of the "Colonist" to print in boom days still the list is not unimpressive.

At the close of the year 1902, the city was in a state of contented present and perfect confidence in the future.

PROGRESS OF THE MINING INDUSTRY

Greatly Increased Production But Falling Off In Values.

Decrease in Prices of Silver, Lead and Copper Ores.

When the year 1902 was new, notwithstanding the splendid showing made by its predecessor, there were pessimists at home and abroad who prophesied disaster to the mining industry.

Cigar Making

Perhaps during the past year, none of the local industries have made greater strides forward than the cigar manufacturing industry.

The increase in many draw-walks, the depreciation of silver and the depreciation of copper have had the effect of increasing the output of these metals.

Salmon Pack.

A notable addition to the industries which were established in Victoria during the year which has just closed is the enterprise which was recently launched under the name of the British Columbia Metallic Bedstead and Bedding Co., Ltd.

Inland Revenue.

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MINES THAT SHIPPED.

Table with columns: Mine Name, Tons, Value. Includes entries for Phoenix camp, Summit camp, etc.

The quantity of silver produced in 1901 was 27,667,746 lbs. The quantity of silver produced in 1902 was 27,667,746 lbs.

BOUNDARY DISTRICT.

Phoenix, Jan. 3, 1903.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the fact that the calendar year of 1902 has shown a decided advancement in the Boundary District, the amount of development work accomplished.

LABOUR AND TROUT LAKE.

The output of the Lardeau and Trout Lake divisions are not available at present, but will likely run about as high as last year.

CARIBOO AND CASSIAR.

In consequence of the dryness of the past summer, hydraulic operations in the Cariboo and Cassiar districts have been retarded.

OVER TWO MILLIONS IN VALUE.

Boundary mines never yet having paid dividends, although the value of the ore has been given out as to the average value of the ore.