

Table II. shows the values of the total production of the mines of the Province for each year from 1890 to 1906, during which period the output increased nearly ten-fold. It reached a production for the past year valued at \$24,980,546, or more than double what it was in 1890.

Table IV. gives the amounts, in the customary units of measure, and the values, of the various metals and other minerals which go to make up the grand total of the mineral production of the Province for 1906, and also, for purposes of comparison, similar data for the two immediately preceding years.

The table shows that in 1906, as compared with 1905, there was a decrease in the production of placer gold of some \$20,900 and of lode gold \$302,463, making for this metal a total decrease of \$323,363.

The amount of silver produced in 1906 was 2,990,262 oz., having a gross value of \$1,897,320, a decrease from 1905 of \$74,498, due chiefly to the decreased production of the Slocan district.

The table also shows an output of lead in 1906

amounting to 52,408,217 lb., valued at \$2,667,578, which although a decrease from the production of the last preceding year of 4,172,486 lb. is still greater than that of any other year since 1900, but owing to the greatly increased market value of the metal, and in spite of the materially decreased amount produced, the value of the product for 1906 shows an increase over that of 1905 of \$268,556.

As it has been impossible as yet to collect accurate statistics regarding building stone, lime, bricks, tiles, etc., these have been estimated.

Table V. shows the proportions of the total mineral production made in each of the various districts into which the Province is divided. It will be noted that in 1906 the Boundary (Yale) district again has the honour of first place, followed in order of output by the Coast district and East Kootenay, with West Kootenay, for many years the Province's greatest producer, only fourth on the list. The Coast and East Kootenay districts, however, owe a considerable percentage of their outputs to the coal mines

TABLE IV.—AMOUNT AND VALUE OF MINERAL PRODUCTS FOR 1904, 1905 AND 1906.

	Customary Measure.	1904.		1905.		1906.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold, placer.....	Ounces	55,765	\$ 1,115,300	48,465	\$ 969,300	\$ 948,400
" lode.....	"	222,042	4,589,608	238,660	4,933,102	224,027	4,630,639
Silver.....	"	3,222,481	1,719,516	3,439,417	1,971,818	2,990,262	1,897,320
Lead.....	Pounds	36,646,244	1,421,874	56,580,703	2,399,022	52,408,217	2,667,578
Copper.....	"	35,710,128	4,578,037	37,692,251	5,876,222	42,990,488	8,288,565
Coal.....	Tons 2,240 lb	1,253,628	3,760,884	1,384,312	4,152,936	1,517,303	4,551,909
Coke.....	" "	238,428	1,192,140	271,785	1,358,925	199,227	996,135
Other materials.....	"	600,000	800,000	1,000,000
Totals.....			\$18,977,359		\$22,461,325		\$24,980,546

TABLE V.—PRODUCTION OF MINERAL BY DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS.

Name.	Divisions.			Districts.		
	1904	1905	1906	1904	1905	1906
Cariboo District.....				\$ 474,600	\$ 406,000	\$ 405,400
Cariboo mining division.....	\$ 313,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 355,800			
Quesnel ".....	150,000	96,000	39,600			
Omineca ".....	11,600	10,000	10,000			
Cassiar District.....				558,573	504,372	555,599
East Kootenay District.....				3,210,573	5,339,154	5,171,024
West Kootenay District.....				5,806,070	5,421,859	4,660,352
Ainsworth division.....	168,023	100,273	268,111			
Nelson ".....	466,683	532,564	515,709			
Slocan ".....	1,236,858	970,544	532,228			
Trail Creek ".....	3,760,866	3,672,828	3,223,587			
Other parts.....	173,640	145,650	120,717			
Lillooet District.....				34,583	32,584	20,314
Yale District.....				4,190,281	6,483,504	8,779,711
Osoyoos, Grand Forks and Greenwood divisions.....	4,110,366	6,356,410	8,689,470			
Similkameen division.....	2,500	1,533	2,624			
Yale ".....	77,415	125,561	78,617			
Coast Districts (Nanaimo, Alberni, Clayoquot, Quatsino, Victoria).....				4,702,679	4,273,852	5,388,146
Totals.....				\$18,977,359	\$22,461,325	\$24,980,546