

New railways were in course of construction in the Skeena country, Portland canal, Vancouver Island, Fraser valley, Similkameen, Boundary, and East Kootenay. All these will be of more or less benefit to mining in the several districts mentioned.

Roads, trails, and bridges were built or improved in all the mining districts to an extent never before approached, and the Provincial Government thereby much facilitated the work of both prospectors and mine operators.

A specially notable event of the year was the installation of mine-rescue apparatus at some of the coal-mines, and the establishment by the Provincial Department of Mines of mine-rescue stations adequately equipped and placed at points of advantage.

Finally, it is gratifying to note that several mining companies paid dividends in 1910. These were: Hedley Gold Mining Co., four quarterly distributions of profit and a bonus, totalling 14 per cent. of the issued capital, £1,200,000; Le Roi No. 2, Ltd., three dividends of two shillings each per share on 120,000 shares; Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., two dividends, each of 1 per cent.; Granby Consolidated M. S. & P. Co., one payment at the rate of 1 per cent. on about \$14,850,000; and the Hastings (British Columbia) Exploration Syndicate, Ltd., operating the Arlington gold-mine at Erle, Nelson Mining Division, a dividend of sixpence per share on 60,375 issued shares.

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