

	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
Brought forward,	1437	5	3	11	
Add rough ore raised from the mine, and mostly prepared for dressing prior to Dec. 15, 1853, estimated	160	0	0	0	15 per cent produce.
And we have as—					
The total produce of the above period from mine stuff, halvans, skimp- ings, and slime	1497	5	3	11	
On hand Dec. 15, 1852, dressed ore, not included in the above	150	0	0	0	14 "
Dressed ore on hand Dec. 15, 1853	150	0	0	0	14 "
Rough ore on hand ditto, estimated	160	0	0	0	15 "
[Both included in the above State- ment.]					
Total ore on hand Dec. 15, 1853,	310	0	0	0	

Our stock of dressed ore at the end of the year being the same as our stock of dressed ore at the beginning, it follows that our shipments during the season have just equalled the quantity dressed,—

	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1453	11	3	11	wet,
or 1337	5	3	11	dry weight.

The ore dressed from the skimpings last winter proved of lower produce by 1 per cent. than I expected, averaging about 11 per cent. only. We will endeavor to dress it to 12 per cent. at least this winter, but there is no advantage in attempting to obtain ore of high produce from "wastes" such as the skimpings. The parcel (64 tons) dressed on tribute, winter before last, does not furnish a fair criterion to judge from, as to what produce we should raise our skimping ore to; for the process followed at that time was a superficial one, by which the best ore only was taken out of the skimpings, and enough still left in them when thrown aside to pay us for dressing the whole over again.

A new jigging house was put up last fall. It is attached to the old jigging house, and contains ten new jiggs. The whole were completed last month. The machinery is very substantially put up, and, I am glad to say, works exceedingly well.