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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Revised figures show British Columbia's mineral production in 1906 to have been nearly \$25,000,000.

The *Slocan Mining Review* intimates that the Whitewater mill may be at work again by the middle of May.

The concentrating mill at the Ruth mine, Sandon, is being prepared for operation during the ensuing summer.

An examination for assayers for licence to practise assaying in British Columbia will be held in Victoria on May 27 and following days.

"There is an increasing shortage of men at the mines," says the *Boundary Creek Times*. "The demand for more help is heard continually."

There has been a steady advance in the value of British Columbia's mineral production during the last five years. For 1902 the total was \$17,486,000; for 1906 it was nearly \$25,000,000.

All provincial annual free miners' certificates will expire on May 31. In order to retain rights in mineral claims not Crown-granted, certificates must be renewed on or before the date mentioned.

When in Nelson on April 23 the manager of the Ymir mine informed the *Daily News* that it is intended to resume work in mine as soon as certain plans, already ordered, shall have been prepared.

Those interested in mining and other developments on the larger islands of the Queen Charlotte group will be pleased at provision having been made for less infrequent mail communication in the future. Two services are being arranged for.

It is reported from Nelson that the La Plata mill, on Kokanee Creek, near Nelson, is treating about 500 tons of silver-lead ore daily and will be able to continue doing so until the season of low water again occurs. The mill machinery is driven by water power.