

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Silbert Mining Company the report of the president showed that the company was capitalized at \$2,000,000, in one dollar shares, of which 1,000,000 shares remained in the treasury. The property consists of 40 acres, and includes the old Silver City and the Albert claims. The plant is worth \$1,600 and the building is valued at about \$1,000. Several shafts have been sunk to depths varying from eight to eighty feet deep, but no pay ore has been encountered. The directors intend to sell sufficient stock to continue development work, principally in sinking on the 80-foot shaft. Mr. Geo. Stevenson was re-elected president of the company.

At the annual meeting of the Erie Cobalt Silver Mining Company, Limited, held in the company's office, 5 King street west, Mr. J. H. Jewell, the president occupied the chair. There was spent the past year on development work and operation \$49,000. The value of the ore pile is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Additional new plant is to be installed. The shareholders unanimously adopted the report of the company, which still has half its capital stock. Mr. Neil R. Macdonald, manager of the proposal to buy a concentrator, said it would be advisable to wait six months before commencing to figure on one, as there are several different makes, either in operation or under construction, at the present time, and he wished the shareholders to have the benefit of the trials.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS.

According to the estimates of L. Vogelstein & Company, 100 Broadway, New York, the German consumption of foreign copper for the year 1907 was as follows:

Imports	128,006 tons
Exports	8,454 tons

Consumption 119,552 tons

During 1906 the corresponding figure was 119,555 tons.

Of this quantity 103,530 tons were imported from the United States.

The production of coke and pig iron continued to fall off in volume, the January output being only, according *The Iron Age*, 1,045,525 tons, compared with 1,234,279 tons in December, 1,828,125 tons in November and 2,336,972 tons in October. The most rapid restriction took place during that period with the steel furnaces, which fell off from 1,514,000 tons in October to 660,000 tons in January. Merchant furnaces cut down their production more gradually, dropping from 822,000 tons in October to 744,000 tons in November, to 575,000 tons in December and 407,000 tons in January. Even then they have quite generally increased their stocks on hand, to judge from partial reports. Recently there has been some blowing in on the part of steel works furnaces, while merchant stacks have been blowing out. The result is that there were active on February 1 142 furnaces, with a capacity of 241,925 tons, as compared with 151 furnaces on January 1, with 235,152 weekly capacity.

The output for the collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company for the week ending February 7th was 20,431 tons, or a daily average of 3,405 tons. For the corresponding week of last year the output was 13,693 tons, a daily average of 2,315 tons.

Shipments from the Springhill Collieries of the Cumberland Railway & Coal Company for January were 37,015 tons.

Dominion Coal Company outputs for January, 1908:—

Dominion No. 1 Colliery	44,087
Dominion No. 2 Colliery	61,826
Dominion No. 3 Colliery	30,044
Dominion No. 4 Colliery	42,158
Dominion No. 5 Colliery	50,524
Dominion No. 6 Colliery	20,661
Dominion No. 7 Colliery	6,938
Dominion No. 8 Colliery	13,999
Dominion No. 9 Colliery	31,389
Dominion No. 10 Colliery	10,732

Total

British Columbia shipments for week ending February 1st are as follows:

District.	Week. Tons.	Year. Tons.
Boundary	22,011	69,332
Rossland	5,945	28,312
Slocan-Kootenay	3,052	14,418
Totals	31,008	112,062

B. C. SHIPMENTS WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25.

Nelson, B.C.—Shipments from the mines and receipts at the smelters of Southeastern British Columbia districts this past week and year to date were as follows:—

District.	Week.	Year.
Boundary	18,075	47,321
Rossland	5,394	22,347
East of Columbia River	3,039	11,000
Totals	26,508	80,668
Smelter receipts—		
Grand Forks	18,075	47,321
Trail	5,141	19,975
North Portal	1,629	7,030
Marysville	675	2,355
Totals	25,520	76,681

The revenue of the province of Ontario from the mining tax last year, it is said, was between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

Following are the shipments from Cobalt camp for the week ended February 1st:—

	Tons.
Buffalo	110,750
Cobalt Lake	50,800
Foster	68,600
LaRose	40,000
Nipissing	59,290
O'Brien	256,370
Standard	39,730
Silver Queen	243,000
Silver Cliff	52,000
Silver Leaf	62,000
Temiskaming	59,400
Temiskaming & H. B.	66,000

The total shipments for the week were 743,900 pounds, or 371 tons. The total shipments from January 1 to date are 2,651,750 pounds, or 1,325 tons.