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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The index for the 1905 volume of the B. C. MINING RECORD will be issued with the February number.

A recent press despatch from Rossland states that a body of ore of good grade, 20 ft. in width, has been encountered in a cross-cut at the eleventh level of the War Eagle mine, and describes this as the most important discovery yet made in that mine.

News from the Horsefly section of the Cariboo district is to the effect that the snowfall has been considerable—sufficient to insure ample water for mining operations through the coming season. As the Horsefly country is not far from Quesnel Forks section, in which is situated the big hydraulic gold mine of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co., recently acquired by New York capitalists, the good prospect should also favourably affect the latter.

According to J. W. Harrison's Fuel Report for 1905 there were 13,378 tons more coal from British Columbia received at San Francisco in 1905 than in 1904, the totals for the two years, respectively, being 348,515 tons for the former and 335,137 tons for the latter. On the other hand coal receipts from Seattle, Tacoma and Australia fell off heavily, their combined totals being 469,785 tons in 1904 and 251,476 tons in 1905.

The coal properties of the Diamond Vale Coal Co. at Quilchena, near Nicola, according to Mr. W. H. Wall, who has had charge of boring operations, give promise of proving extensive and capable of being profitably worked. The coal is described as a good bituminous coal, going as high as 54 to 56 per cent carbon. Now that the Nicola district is being opened up by a railway, the outlook for the local coal fields is greatly improved.

After commenting on the satisfactory progress the mining industry of British Columbia made in 1905, the London *Critic* observes: "Unfortunately, debarred by past failures resulting from over-capitalisation, English investors are taking but a languid