

## MINING MATTERS.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**  
The English courts have ordered the compulsory winding up of the West Le Roi, East Le Roi and Columbia-Kootenay Mining companies, all Walker-Wright concerns.

Returns to hand show that 35,070 tons of ore were produced at the Ontario district mines during October last.

Negotiations are still progressing for the erection of a silver lead refinery by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. at Nelson.

The gold commissioner's report of gold produced this season in the Athabasca district shows 900 ounces more than last season.

The mines tributary to Slocan produced 174 tons of ore during October. The Rambler-Carlson has paid another dividend of \$12,500, making \$139,000 to date.

The shipments of ore from the Rossland camp for the week ending Saturday were: Le Roi, 3,720 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 840 tons; Rossland and Western, 60 tons; total, 4,420 tons total for the week, 252,358 tons.

## NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The clean-up from the run of the last two weeks in October of the Mikado mine amounted to nearly 88,000.

Work on the Big Master mine will be carried on all winter in order that the new stamp mill may be kept running continuously next year.

The output of the Helen Iron mine at Michipicoten has been 200,000 tons of ore during the present season. Of this 60,000 tons have gone to Canadian smelters and the balance to American ports.

It is reported that a large body of ore showing good values, has been encountered on the property situated in the Upper Manitowish district, owned and operated by the Twentieth Century Mining Company, Limited.

The greatly increased development of Ontario metaliferous mines is shown by the returns of production for the past nine months of the year, as reported to the bureau of mines. These show an aggregate of \$2,822,000, compared with \$2,511,341 for the whole of 1900, and is the highest production yet reached.

## Railway and Traffic Matters.

The steel superstructure for the new C. P. R. bridge over the Red river at Winnipeg, has arrived.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has let a contract for the reconstruction of the grades in the vicinity of Field, B. C. It is estimated that this work will cost about \$1,000,000.

Recent reports that the Great Northern railway had purchased the Victoria and Sydney railway of British Columbia are generally accepted as correct by officials familiar with the railway situation in the Pacific Northwest.

Despatches from Victoria, B. C., state that application will be made to the legislative assembly at its next session for an act to incorporate a company to build a railway from, at or near Hazelton to a point on the northern boundary of the province at or near Teslin Lake or Atlin, both forming part of the Canadian route to the Yukon, and also from Hazelton to a point at or near the eastern boundary of the province via the Skeena, Iskut, Bulkley, Orisko and Finlay rivers of the Peace River Pass. The Pacific Northern & Orisko Railway Company will apply to amend the act of incorporation by giving the company power to build a branch line from a point east of Hazelton on the main line of the most feasible route following the general direction of the Bulkley River to a point near its junction with the Telquar River, in Cassiar district, and to increase the bonding powers of the company.

## Tenders.

W. J. Swain, Grand View, Man., is calling for tenders for the putting in of a water supply plant in the village of Grand View, up to Nov. 23, noon, 1901.

The Lands and Works department of the British Columbia government are calling for tenders to be in by the 9th January, 1902, for the erection of a bridge over the Fraser river.

Sealed tenders will be received by

the Indian department, Ottawa, until noon Friday, the 22nd day of November, for certain farm lands situated in what was formerly known as the Chacastapasin Indian reserve.

Sealed tenders are called for by the interior department, Ottawa, to be opened on the 15th December, for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 988, comprising 20 square miles to be located in not more than five parcels in townships 40 and 41, ranges 4, 5 and 6, west of the second meridian, the selection to be subject to Berths Nos. 92, 823 and 958.

## Crop Notes.

Threshing is nearly over at Sidney, Man.

David Louit, of Melita, threshed from 4 out of five acres the other day, 1,000 bushels of wheat, or just 40 bushels to the acre.

John Irvine, of Longburn, Man., has 6,000 bushels of wheat this fall, all of which will grade 1 hard and 1 northern. The average yield was 25 bushels per acre.

In the immediate vicinity of Melita, Man., threshing was completed early this week and most of the machines had been laid up for the season. A few machines had as much as a week or ten days' work ahead.

At Shout Lake, Man., a McKay's crop yielded 1,640 bushels of wheat from 50 acres. The number of acres were not counted at this time as the field was covered with a chain. This is 33 bushels to the acre.

Threshing may be considered completed in this report received last Monday, is about completed, though north and west of the town there still remain considerable number of stacks. Considerable plowing has been done, and most of the farmers will be in good shape to commence seeding operations early in the spring.

Mr. Alex. Wilson, of the Moose Jaw district, has threshed 8,000 bushels of wheat, 2,900 of oats, on 250 acres of land, besides keeping about 300 bushels of oats unthreshed for feed. Last summer he expected an average of from 30 to 35 bushels of wheat all round. His expectations have been fully realized, and a large field of new land averaged him over 40 bushels per acre.

His brother, Mr. John Wilson, of Caron, threshed 4,500 bushels of wheat on 130 acres or an average of over 34 bushels per acre, but his summer plowing and breaking averaged close on to 45 bushels per acre. He had also 2,000 bushels of oats on 30 acres, an average of 60 bushels.

## The Tight Way.

The Winnipeg Free Press of the 4th inst. said: "The number of telephones in use in Toronto places that city in a position only second to New York in cities on the continent, when considered on a percentage basis, in relation to the number of inhabitants. There are 8,000 telephones in Toronto, which, with a population of 200,000, involves an average of one telephone to 25 persons. This leads with a service of 1 in 16, and Boston is second with 1 in 24." The rate here for business telephones is right in saying Toronto's percentage of telephones to population is exceeded by only two other cities. But the town of Neepawa puts San Francisco and Boston as well as Toronto in a bad light. The rate here has 120 telephones in use with a population of 1,418, or one telephone to every 11 persons. We will venture to say that in regard to price also Neepawa enjoys a first position. The rate here for business telephones is \$20 a year, and for a residence \$10 a year. The explanation of Neepawa's position of pre-eminence in the use of telephones is that ours is a municipal system, maintained by the people for their own accommodation and not to make money for a few at the expense of the many.—Neepawa Free.

Returns to the Dominion fisheries department give the total sealing catch for the season at about 22,023 skins, against 30,048 for last year.

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