

lead contents of the ore than could be done on the hitherto existing arrangement.

Zinc ore comparatively free from lead, mined at the Bosun, continues to find a profitable market in Belgium, and so well known has this become that other mine owners are contemplating following suit. The new concentrator at the Wakefield which was run successfully for a few days not long since and will soon be in continuous operation is especially adapted for saving this product which will no doubt prove a source of considerable revenue.

The signs of an all-round revival in interest in this section are numerous and varied. But few vacant houses are now to be seen, and judging from the number of applications for naturalization papers which are being received, many evidently find it to their advantage to settle here permanently. Bonds and options are again spoken of, in whispers, of course, the Mollie Hughes, Lost Tiger, Monitor and Mountain Chief being each in receipt of attention from prospective purchasers. That old familiar cry of waggon roads, as indicating the necessity for their construction is again being heard with respect to the properties on Silver Mountain, and there is every likelihood of its being constructed during the coming summer.

PRODUCING MINES.

TEXADA ISLAND.

THE following returns of smelter operations are published in the annual report of the Van Anda Copper and Gold Company:—

JANUARY.

Receipts—	
Matte sales	\$18,637 61
Store	5,904 17
Lot	230 00
Wharf	55 00
Rentals	102 75
Total	\$24,929 53
Disbursements—	
Labour	\$12,874 75
Material and Repairs	4,980 99
Freights	2,500 00
Interest and discount	550 00
Total	\$20,905 74
Profit for month	4,023 79
January ore hauled to smelter	619 tons

FEBRUARY (ROUGHLY.)

Receipts—	
Matte sales	\$17,285 64
Store	5,241 93
Lots	200 00
Wharf	50 00
Rentals	102 75
Total	\$22,880 32
Disbursements—	
Labour	\$12,375 36
Materials and repairs	4,841 85
Freights	2,100 00
Interest and discount	700 00
Total	\$20,017 21
Profit for month	2,863 11
February ore hauled to the smelter	749 tons
Note—March will get credit for a ton of bullion accumulated during January and February and really belonging to the credits of those months although shipped in March, value about \$2,500.00.	

NELSON.

The following are the results of the operations of the Hall Mines smelter during January:

Copper smelting 8 days 11 hours, 1,803 tons of Silver King ore from the company's mine and 700 tons of purchased ore were smelted, containing (approximately)—Silver King ore, 30 tons copper, 17,403 ounces silver; purchased ore, 9 tons copper, 5,770 ounces silver, 34 ounces gold. Lead smelting, 29 days 1 hour, 741 tons of purchased ore were smelted, together with 128 tons of Silver King ore from the company's mine, from which were produced 164 tons of bullion, containing (approximately) from Silver King ore, 1,700 ounces silver; from purchased ore, etc., 159 tons lead, 25,820 oz. silver and 146 oz. gold.

The returns of the Athabasca mill for February are appended:

Mill run, 27 days and 14 hours.

Number of tons crushed, 347.

Value of bullion recovered, \$9,544.59.

Gross value of concentrates recovered, \$1,767.50.

Total values recovered, \$11,312.09.

• Total values recovered per ton of ore crushed, \$32.60.

The mine exports for the month of February from the port of Nelson were as follows: Lead bullion, \$20,304; gold bullion, \$39,776; other exports, \$1,160; making a total of \$61,240.

ROSSLAND.

Our Rossland correspondent telegraphs that the mines are preparing for the early resumption of operations. The production this month has been insignificant. The total shipments to the end of February are given at 31,972 tons, as shown in the annexed table:

Le Roi	9,198	3,245.5	12,443.5
War Eagle	8,221.5	2,381.5	10,603
Centre Star	5,638.5	1,379	7,017.5
Iron Mask	976.5	363.5	1,340
I. X. L.	48	105.5	153.5
Evening Star	30	69.5	99.5
Monte Christo	273	273
Giant	42	42
Total tons	24,427.5	7,544.5	31,972

SLOCAN.

During the month of February 794,000 pounds of ore was produced in this district.

COAL EXPORTATIONS.

FOREIGN SHIPMENTS.

February.	Tons.
New Vancouver Coal Co.	38,832
Union	17,811
Oyster Harbour (Extension)	18,897

MARCH.

The New Vancouver Coal Company's shipments for the three weeks ending March 20th were as follows:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Tons.
1st—	SS. New England	Alaska	52
5th—	SS. San Mateo	Port Los Angeles	4,321
6th—	SS. R. Adamson	San Francisco	4,431
8th—	SS. Mineola	San Francisco	3,196
10th—	SS. Manauense	Mahukona, H. I.	1,446
11th—	SS. New England	Alaska	54
14th—	SS. Titania	Port Los Angeles	5,781
18th—	SS. New England	Alaska	62

Total 19,343