

Florence Silver, with property at Ainsworth, was also expected to start itself in the dividend column, with the expectation of keeping it up regularly at one cent per share per month, beginning in January.

The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Limited, have received word that the Imperial Munitions Board has arranged for the export of all lead remaining in their hands, so that the market is left free for the lead in the hands of producers.

The arrangement involves the export also of about 2500 tons in the hands of the company, which, when delivered, will allow of the liquidation of more of the deferred ore settlements, and will reduce the pooled lead balance to, approximately, 5000 tons. The quantity remaining unsold is, therefore, still very large, but there was a prospect prior to this move being made by the munitions board of the market having to be shared with re-sold stocks held by the board. The export of this metal will materially relieve the lead marketing situation.

Rock Candy, the fluorite property on the North Fork recently acquired by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, will commence regular shipments of ore shortly. Following the completion of road construction to the property, which has been under way for three months, six four-horse teams commenced hauling ore from the property to the Kettle Valley siding at Humming Bird, a distance of ten miles, and shipping via this route will continue without interruption until the tram line is built and connection made with the railway spur above Lynch Creek.

Development work has been going forward at the Rock Candy under Supt. D. Matheson, who has also been responsible for recent exceptional activity in having the road completed, and no difficulty is expected in keeping up regular shipments.

The building of the bucket tramline from the Rock Candy a distance of about two miles to connect with a spur of the K. V. R., is making good progress under Supt. L. Oughtred. The work on the towers is about finished, and the teams bringing out ore will take in cable for the new line. Three engines are now being installed for operating the tram. Although the tramline will be ready for taking out ore about January, there is apparently no move as yet on the part of the railway company to build the spur. How-

ever, this will no doubt be ready by spring, and in the meantime the ore will be teamed from the tram terminal to the steelhead at Lynch Creek for shipment.

The Kettle Valley Railway at Lynch Creek may be extended a little over a mile so it can receive fluorite trammed from the Rock Candy group.

Considerable work has been done on the Celtic Chief group, near Princeton, according to a report received from that point. Evan Thomas is at the head of the development and he is assisted by Hugh Finnigan and Archie Chisholm, who are clearing out the tunnel, a part of which had caved in. They will also start a new tunnel lower down the slope in order to get greater depth on the ore body which was found at the upper workings.

The tunnels have already been driven on the Celtic Chief. One is 350 feet long and the other 250 feet. The ore taken from the property is galena and assays have run as high as 103 ounces in silver, 78 per cent. lead and 5 per cent. zinc.

STATEMENT OF COAL AND COKE TONNAGE
Returns for the Month of November 1918

Name of Company	Mine	Coal Tonnage	Coke Tonnage
Canadian Collieries, Ltd., Comox.....		27,065	1,565
Canadian Collieries, Ltd., Wellington.....		16,216	.....
Western Fuel Company, Nanaimo.....		49,121	.....
Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Limited, South Wellington		2,912	.....
B. C. Coal Mining Co. (Leased) East Wellington		3,257	.....
Nanoose Collieries, Ltd., Nanoose Bay.....		1,112	.....
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Michel.....		14,414	4,141
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Coal Creek.....		24,430	5,061
Corbin Coal & Coke Co., Corbin.....		7,847	.....
Middlesboro Collieries, Middlesboro		6,000	.....
Princeton Coal & Land Co., Princeton.....		2,263	.....
Fleming Coal Co., Merritt.....		2,695	.....
Granby Co., Cassidy's Landing		2,010	.....
Coalmont Collieries, Nicola		610
Telkwa Collieries, Hazelton		178
Total Tonnage		160,138	10,767

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TO END OF DECEMBER, 1917

Has produced Minerals valued as follows: Placer Gold, \$75,116,103; Lode Gold, \$93,717,974; Silver, \$43,623,761; Lead, \$39,366,144; Copper, \$130,597,620; Other Metals (Zinc, Iron, etc.), \$10,933,466; Coal and Coke, \$174,313,658; Building Stone, Brick, Cement, etc., \$27,902,381; making its Mineral Production to the end of 1917 show an

Aggregate Value of \$595,571,107

Production for Year Ending December, 1917, \$37,010,392

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