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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Imports of lead into the United States from Canada in February of this year were 2,686 tons, against 383 tons in 1903.

In its Mining Stock Report of 6th inst. the New York *Engineering and Mining Journal* stated that British Columbia Copper Co.'s shares "showed expansion, selling at \$7.55 @ \$8," and that Granby Co.'s stock "came forward at \$5.875 @ \$6.125."

The first steam shovel for use in Atlin camp has been purchased and is to be forwarded at once, so that advantage may be taken of as much of the ensuing season as shall be practicable. Negotiations for another of these useful machines, for use in the same camp, are reported to be proceeding in San Francisco.

An amendment to the County Courts Act has been passed providing that all mining cases may be tried in the County Court, thus affording a less costly method of procedure than in the Supreme Court. Dr. Young, who introduced this amendment, described it as the most important piece of legislation he had been able to bring about since his election.

According to statistics compiled by the Phoenix *Pioneer*, Boundary mines produced nearly 231,000 tons of ore during the first quarter of 1905. Of this quantity 139,000 tons were from the Granby Co.'s mines, about 43,000 tons from the the B. C. Copper Co.'s properties, 47,000 tons from the Montreal and Boston Co.'s mines, 1,000 tons from the Oro Denoro, and nearly 1,000 tons from the small high-grade properties about Greenwood.

The Waihi, New Zealand, correspondent of the London *Mining Journal* says that in the Waihi district "the dredging industry continues to yield a large amount of gold, and in quite a number of instances sound dividends are paid to shareholders. To carry on dredging operations successfully, the work is best done by small companies, who manage much more economically than if the company's operations were in the hands of a large staff as a management. The whole secret of making anything pay, especially mining, is that there should be no drones, but all workers."