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REPORT OF MINISTER OF MINES.

Decrease in Gold and Large Increase in Coal.

The report of the minister of mines for the year ending 31st December, 1884, shows that there is still another decrease in the output of gold, the total being 776,160, a decrease of over \$68,000 from that of 1883.

The total output of gold since the last six months of 1884 has been 640,072 lbs.

The reports from the various gold commissioners of the districts are printed with the usual detail and statistical information in reference to the operations for the year and progress of retrograde made.

In this district there has been a slight decrease in the number of white miners, and a corresponding increase in Chinese.

The closing of the assay office at Barkerville is referred to as being a loss to the community, as it was discouraging quartz mining.

The high price of provisions had been a hindrance to the progress of the country, many old Caribooites having left the district.

The report of Mr. J. L. Crisp, gold commissioner, is not very encouraging.

There is nothing to report from this section, except that a prospecting party who had been out for a lengthy period met with poor results.

The report of the output of coal for the past year shows an increase of 181,070 tons over that of 1883 from the various mines of the province.

The principal market for the coal was that of California, to which point the losses for the last twelve months are \$200,000.

What Some People Say.

That Sir Charles Tupper recently attended a meeting in London and declared that Canada is ready and willing to provide a living for 100,000 of the waifs and street Arabs of England.

That supporters of Victor Napoleon have issued an election manifesto, which declares against "republicanism" and appeals for the support of all who are opposed to a republic.

That a few days since the grasshopper descended upon the Naima vineyard, near Tolson, in such numbers that the immediate effort was necessary to prevent the absolute destruction of the vines.

That there was a general strike among the clerks at noon yesterday at San Francisco.

That the Duchesse of Montrose lights her training stables with electric lights.

That a trout that got away rarely weighs less than seven or eight pounds.

That the Washington judge has decided that organ-grinders are entitled to pay for their labor, and hence passing the hat round is not begging.

That the Boston fire of 1870 a quart of rum cost the same as a pound of coffee, to wit, 2 1/2 cts., and in some old accounts books it is reckoned to have a value of 10 cts. per lb. in about the same proportions.

That the cholera bacillus is called comma because it is shaped like that mark.

That the population of Melbourne increased 18,281 last year, and is now 322,690.

ANOTHER PIONEER.

Death of Sir Wm. A. G. Young.

Intelligence has just reached Victoria of the death of Sir William Alexander Young, who died at Victoria on the 25th of April, at Acoia, Gold Coast Colony.

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Hon. A. G. Archibald Knighted.

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BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

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