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and one bed is an excellent fireclay. Associated with these rocks is a bed of lignite which is sufficiently good to be used for firing the boilers of the plant. The production of this company was a little greater than in 1917. Firebrick is the principal manufactured article produced by this company, but, in addition, considerable quantities of common brick, paving-brick, drain-pipe, and prepared fireclay, are made. The output for the year is valued at over \$250,000.

The British Columbia Pottery Company at Victoria West, which manufactures drain and sewer pipes, chimney-tiles, etc., made a smaller production in 1918 than in the previous year. The Port Haney Brick Company, besides manufacturing common brick, also makes drain-pipe, partition-blocks, etc.

The manufacture of lime is conducted in a small way at a large number of points in the Province, but only on the Coast has any attempt been made at more extensive operations. In the neighborhood of Victoria, on Esquimalt harbor, three kilns are in operation, and there are kilns on Saanich Arm. On Texada Island—in addition to the old plant at Marble Bay—a new and extensive plant was erected at Blubber Bay a few years ago. The limestone being used is of exceptional purity, but in some instances the limestone beds are cut by igneous dykes which have to be rejected, and this somewhat increases the cost of quarrying.

The production of lime and limestone for 1918 is valued at \$28,536, as compared with \$102,223 in 1917, and in addition nearly \$100,000 worth of limestone was quarried for use as smelter flux by the Granby and Consolidated companies.

There are two large well-equipped cement plants in the Province, both situated on Saanich Inlet. The Vancouver Portland Cement Company, of Tod Inlet (R. P. Butchart, president, Board of Trade Building, Victoria), made an output of Portland cement, of a value of nearly \$300,000. This company also manufactured for the Associated Cement Company, whose works at Bamberton were not operated this past year.

The returns for crushed rock and gravel indicate a falling off in the demand for this material. Some of the plants which have been in operation for the past two or three years ceased operations and others made a smaller output than in the previous year.

During the boom years of 1911 and 1912 a number of well-equipped plants were put up near Vancouver and Victoria for supplying washed sand and gravel, properly screened to size. Some of these companies use a system of mining the gravel by hydraulic streams and carrying the product to the screens by the water used. Practically all of these plants are now idle, as there is but little demand for sand and gravel.

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