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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Reports from Ainsworth, the Sandon *Mining Standard* states, indicate the brightest winter for mining that has been experienced since the fall of 1897. A number of properties are being operated that have been idle for years and the list of men employed continually being swelled, while the ore shipments of the silver-lead are the largest around here.

A Boston report for the week ending November 16 shows the range for Granby Co's shares to have been "Low \$9, high \$9⁷/₈; last sale at \$9¹/₄; sales for week, 2,110 shares." The range for 1905 is given as "Lowest, March 8, \$5; highest, November 6, \$9³/₄." Prices in 1904 are stated to have ranged from \$2⁵/₈ to \$5⁷/₈.

At the Berry Creek Mining Co's placer gold mine on Thibert Creek, Cassiar, the season just closed has been another period of steady and expensive development (now fortunately completed). The little hydraulic it was found practicable to do at the close of the season gave excellent and profitable returns, even from the top gravels of a slide hitherto considered valueless.

The sale of the Bentley group of iron claims, situated in the south-west part of Vancouver Island, is reported. The development of this property on a large scale is looked forward to with confidence that the occurrence of an enormous quantity of iron ore of good quality will be proved and the commercial value of the deposit established.

The London *Mining Journal* of November 4 states: "Mr. T. A. Rickard, A.R.S.M., M.I.M.M., has, as we announced in our issue of August 26, bought the *Mining and Scientific Press* of San Francisco, California, U.S.A., and will, we understand, assume the editorship from January 1 next. In the unfettered control of this important paper Mr. Rickard has an opportunity worthy of his character and attainments. We heartily wish him success." The *MINING RECORD* fully concurs in these appreciative sentiments.

The Rossland *Miner* has changed hands. We congratulate Rossland and the mining industry in being

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