

The coal produced by Vancouver Island Collieries for the five months up to and including May, 1918, totalled 717,266 tons, as follows:

	Tons.
Canadian Western Fuel Co., Nanaimo Colliery.	328,299
Canadian Collieries (D), Ltd., Comox Colliery.	232,255
Canadian Collieries (D), Ltd., Extension Coll'y	97,781
Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Ltd., S. Wellington.	42,764
Nanoose Collieries, Ltd., Nanoose Collieries...	16,167
	717,266

In spite of the fact that the Jingle Pot Mine, Nanaimo, has been closed all year; that Nos. 1 and 2 Slopes of the South Wellington Colliery of the Pacific Coast Coal Mines have been abandoned; that No. 4, Extension Colliery, of the Canadian Collieries (D), Ltd., also has been abandoned; that No. 6 Mine, Comox Colliery, Canadian Collieries (D), Ltd., has been closed; and that some of the other mines have been put on single shift because of lack of labor, the tonnage of the Island Mines has been maintained to last year's standard, within a few thousand tons. To date the Western Fuel Company has made a gain over last year's tonnage of 60,000 tons and the Nanoose Collieries a gain of 9,786 tons.

#### NORTHERN ONTARIO.

##### High Grade Ore at Green-Meehan.

In addition to the mining of considerable low grade ore at the Green-Meehan property, there is also considerable high grade being encountered. The property is now being worked under the name of Edwards and Wright and under this management a discovery of high-grade silver ore was made the last week in April in a vein encountered at a depth of 245 feet. The vein was found in the diabase, close to and running parallel with the diabase-Keewatin contact. Since that time considerable lateral work has been done with favorable results and last week another vein carrying commercial values was reported to have been found. Owing to the favorable turn in developments in this section of Bucke township a good deal of attention is being shown to the immediate vicinity and much activity is anticipated.

##### Adanac.

According to an official advice, Mr. Alfred R. Whitman, geologist, has stated concerning the Adanac mine that "The indications seem to be entirely favorable, and that there is every encouragement to continue the North crosscut at the 310-ft. level. The flat shearing for over 200 feet back from the present face of the crosscut shows such strength and consistency, dipping towards the south that it can probably be regarded as distinct evidence of the correctness of former calculations regarding the dip of the diabase contact which the crosscut is approaching. The flat shearing which is coming in from the west dipping from the south-east instead of being contradictory evidence, rather tends to confirm the contour of the contact on former plans drawn. The vertical joining also tends to confirm the evidence of inclined shearing. The most economical exploration will be to continue the present north crosscut for probably 150 feet further before driving branch cross-cuts. When that point is reached the branch cross-cuts if driven should go both to the right and left equal distances." The conditions at the property are considered to be highly favorable for the development of commercial ore in the near future.

##### Private Wire to New York.

The Cobalt branch office of Messrs. Kiely, Smith &

Amos has been purchased by the brokerage firm of Hamilton-B. Wills. Mr. A. A. Amos, who formerly handled the business, is being retained by the new owner as business manager. A direct wire service, the first of its kind to connect Cobalt and New York, has been installed and the inauguration was in the form of greetings between the Mayor of Cobalt and Mayor Hylan of New York City.

##### Extending Cobalt Area.

Considerable enthusiasm is apparent regarding the discovery of native silver made since the taking under option of forty acres of land on the west side of the Nipissing Central Railway from the N.C.R. by the Mining Corporation of Canada recently. This company is also negotiating for the purchase of two other claims, while a number of other Cobalt mining companies are also becoming interested in the district. Deals for properties now pending are: the Pride of Cobalt, and the Stratheona to the west of the track, and the Ruby Silver Mining and Development Company to the east, which property adjoins the Green-Meehan on the southwest. It is pointed out that a contact zone extends from the shore of Lake Temiskaming at a point known as Devil's rock and runs northwest for several miles through the township of Bucke. Considerable shearing occurs along this zone and a number of promising veins are in evidence. Enthusiasts declare that this heavy shear zone in Bucke township is the direction in which to look for the mother lode of Cobalt. While conservative mining men are sceptical, they look upon the peculiar structure of the Bucke township contact as decidedly interesting and worth investigation. In the meantime considerable exploration work is contemplated and the results of this will determine the correctness or otherwise of these different theories.

##### Kerr Lake Makes New Record.

During the month of May the greatest amount of silver for any single monthly period in its history was produced at the Kerr Lake Mine, the output amounting to approximately 268,213 ounces. As the company's working force is comprised of only about 105 men, the production from the property is around 2,500 ounces per man for the month. The cost of production at the property works out at a little over 25 cents per ounce and as the price of silver is close to the dollar mark, it therefore costs about twenty-five per cent of the total revenue for production, leaving a net profit in the neighborhood of seventy-five per cent. This indicates a net profit for the month of May of close to \$200,000, or at the rate of over \$6,000 daily. Compared with the month of April this is an increase of about sixty-seven thousand ounces of silver.

The company has introduced the "cafeteria" system of serving meals to its employees and has had it in force for the past fourteen months. The results of this method have been highly satisfactory, permitting of fewer waiters in the mess rooms and giving entire satisfaction to the management and employees alike.

##### Prospecting in Doherty District.

Considerable activity is apparent in the Doherty district. However, owing to the scarcity of men the work so far has consisted chiefly of trenching and sinking of test pits. In a number of instances discoveries of Cobalt bloom, and low silver values have been made. Results to date are considered to be highly encouraging.

##### Nipissing.

According to the monthly report of the Nipissing Mining Company for May, ore of an estimated value of