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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Thos. Kiddie has been appointed manager of the smelting works at Northport, Washington, and will assume charge on December 1, or perhaps a week or two earlier.

During the month ore was being shipped to the sampling works at Kaslo by the Ferguson Mines, Limited, owning the Silver Cup and other mines in northern Lardeau.

The Kootenay Ore Company is operating its sampling works at Kaslo, and according to the *Kootenian*, has enough ore on hand to keep the sampler running for three months.

According to report, says the *Kootenian*, the concentrator at the Bluebell mine, opposite Ainsworth, will soon be in operation, when a big tonnage of ore will be shipped from the old mine.

From Fairview, Osoyoos mining division, comes the report that an important body of well mineralized quartz has been encountered on the 200-ft. level of the mine in that camp of the Stenwinder Gold and Coal Mining Company.

A conciliation board under the Lemieux Act has held several sittings in connection with the demands of the employees at the St. Eugene mine and mill, Moyie, East Kootenay, for higher wages. No decision has yet been announced.

A large tonnage of ore of good grade is stated to be available on the 100 ft. level of the Idaho mine at Rosland. This mine is one of several neighbouring properties owned by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada.

A correspondent of the *London Mining Journal*, writing from Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, says: Fifteen years ago wolfram ore unsaleable at £20 a ton, and hardly any production; today, unobtainable at £150 a ton, although the world's production has increased from 300 tons in 1892 to 3,500 tons during the last twelve months.