

In 1907 British Columbia coal mines exported to other countries 673,000 tons of coal.

The total amount of dividends paid by the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company up to the end of 1907 was \$9,816,000.

The first coal sent from the Diamond Vale company's mine at Coutlee, Nicola Valley, to Vancouver was shipped towards the end of January.

Last season officials of the Geological Survey of Canada ascertained that enormous quantities of bituminous coal are available in the Yukon.

Of 222,900 tons of coke made in British Columbia in 1907, 155,600 tons were used in Canada, 60,000 tons exported to the United States, and 7,300 tons added to stock.

At the Dominion Copper Company's Rawhide mine in Phoenix camp, Boundary district, a daily output of about 800 tons of ore can be regularly maintained for an indefinite period.

The Dominion Copper Company's mining, smelting and freight costs, when the works are dealing with 1,000 tons of ore per day, says M. M. Johnson, consulting engineer, should not exceed \$2.75 per ton of ore treated.

Says the *Whitehorse (Yukon) Star*: Members of all Seattle labour unions are boycotting the Seattle fair which is billed to happen, on account of alleged bad treatment of the unions. The unions need not worry. By 1909 that little real estate boom will have died a-bornin'.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers was opened at Montreal on January 28, and was continued over three days. The membership of this society in number now exceeds 2,000, and includes members resident in one or other of the various provinces from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A hopeful sign is noted by the *San Francisco Commercial News*, which says the local trade in Australia coal has fallen off so sharply that there is every prospect of a goodly supply of unchartered tonnage on the coast. This would indicate that the importing of coal from Australia to California in large quantity is being discontinued.

In 1907 Mr. W. W. Leach, while engaged in Geological Survey work, collected from two localities in the Bulkley Valley district of British Columbia 35 fossils from rocks that Dr. Whiteaves says are evidently of Lower Cretaceous age. These fossils were sent to the Geological Survey, Palaeontology and Zoology department, for examination by Dr. Whiteaves, who is the officer in charge.

The *Daily News*, Nelson, states that the Krao mine, at Ainsworth, has been closed down owing to the quantity of water encountered in sinking the new shaft. A Butte mining engineer has been looking over the ground with a view to ascertaining the commercial practicability of reaching the workings by a drift upon the vein from the west, giving a depth of about 900 ft. from the outcrop.

During January some 1,300 tons of zinc-concentrate has been shipped from the Vancouver mine, near Silverton, Sloean, being operated under lease by the Le Roi No. 2, Limited, of Rossland. Of this quantity nearly 280 tons were produced in January; the remainder was accumulated during several prior months. The net receipts of the company on this account are stated to be less than \$10 per ton shipped.

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company's collieries in 1907 was about 876,700 tons (2,240 lb.). This was disposed of as follows: Made into coke, 322,800 tons; sold for consumption in Canada, 215,500 tons; used locally, 47,000 tons; exported to United States, 291,400 tons. The quantity of coke made was about 206,500 tons. In 1906 the coal production was 720,449 tons, of which 304,045 tons was made into 189,385 tons of coke.

The *Moyie Leader* lately reported that at a meeting of those who have a bond on the Aurora, situated on the west side of Moyie Lake, and located on what is thought to be a continuation of the St. Eugene lead, Manager Feltham submitted his report, which covered the work done up to the end of 1907. This report was very satisfactory and showed that the work done had opened up some good orebodies.

It is gratifying to note that there is increasing activity in mining operations in the Salmo-Eric section of Nelson mining division. The Arlington continues to ship ore to the smelter in moderate quantity, the Kootenay Belle is milling at the rate of 200 to 300 tons per month, the installation of ten additional stamps at the Queen mill is about completed, the Mother Lode is expected to maintain a fair output, and the Nugget and several others are contributing to the total of the ore production of the district.

The enlargements in the lead plant at Trail, states the *Nelson Daily News*, have now reached a point which will make it unnecessary for the Consolidated Company to make any further shipments of St. Eugene lead concentrates to Europe. In future these concentrates will all be smelted and refined locally. During the past several years contracts for many thousands of tons of concentrates have been made with European firms for shipment to Antwerp and Hamburg, where the concentrates have always found