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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Canadian Marble and Granite Works, Nelson, has secured several contracts for the supply of marble and granite for use at Edmonton, Alberta, in the erection of school and other buildings.

The returns received from shipments of ore from the Richard III mine at Mt. Sicker, Vancouver Island, continue to be so satisfactory that the payment of a dividend in June will result.

At Revelstoke last month it was stated that a sale may be made of part of the property of the Prince Mining and Development Company, with the object of providing funds for the further development of that company's Standard mine.

A conference of geologists who have worked on the Pacific coast of Alaska was convened to be held in Washington, D. C., in April. The purpose of the meeting was to compare the stratigraphy of the coastal region from Cross Sound to Cook Inlet.

A newspaper announcement has been made to the effect that an oil refinery with a capacity for the treatment of 1,000 to 2,000 bbl. of crude oil per day will be built in Vancouver within three or four months, by the British American Oil Refineries, Ltd., at a cost of \$220,000.

White miners at Atlin have organized an association with the object of preventing Japanese from working on Atlin district mining properties. At last advices the Japanese taken in by J. M. Ruffner to work on the hydraulic mines he manages had not been induced to leave the district.

A few weeks ago the London *Mining Journal* published the statement that Lord Stratheona, High Commissioner for Canada, had been informed by cablegram that "the mineral production of British Columbia in 1906 was equivalent in value to \$132 for every man, woman and child in the Province."

A new record of ore treated in any one month at the British Columbia Copper Co.'s smelter was made in April, in which month 34,239 tons of ore were smelted in two blast furnaces. The hearth area