

COBALT RETURNS.

The silver production of Cobalt in the year 1911 will establish a new record production for the great Ontario silver mining district. The actual tonnage shipped as shown in the table published elsewhere in these columns, amounts to only 25,763 tons, and as such falls materially below the figures for the year 1910, when actual shipments of 33,977 tons were made. The discrepancy is due to the fact that in 1911 many of the mines confined their shipments of ore to concentrates, and as such the indicated value of the output will show up much larger in comparison than the published figures show.

It is also to be considered that Cobalt has made heavy shipments of silver bullion during the year, these amounting in all to a valuation of \$1,678,353. This amount is to be added to the total production represented in the ordinary ore shipments, and will bring the aggregate considerably above the record for 1910.

It is too early as yet to form any accurate idea of the total value of the Cobalt production for the year, but it has been conservatively estimated that it will run into something like \$16,500,000, an increase of a million dollars over 1910, when the output was valued officially at \$15,477,986.

The shipments of bullion from the Cobalt camp for 1911 were as follows:—

Nipissing	1,751,187	\$987,224
Nova Scotia	517,296	261,300
O'Brien	234,699	166,484
Crown Reserve	307,023	158,237
Timiskaming	85,282	42,502
Buffalo	71,845	39,283
Kerr Lake	13,740	6,266
Hudson Bay	10,292	4,369
Hargraves	5,023	2,776
Trethewey	3,518	1,680
Drummond	3,148	1,689
Cobalt Townsite	1,947	952
Silver Cliff	1,032	453
Colonial	468	257
Wettlaufer	330	160
Waldman	328	140
Unclassified	9,770	4,373
Total		\$1,678,353

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL AND COAL CO.

The 1911 and 1910 outputs of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., are as follows:

	1910	1911
Coke made	90,360	97,971
Pig iron made	66,000	84,166
Steel ingots	31,521	84,503
Billets clogged	59,000	78,389
Shipments of finished materials, steel bars, ingots, plates, and forgings	60,200	69,800

As showing the extension of the company's business during the past seven years, the following output figures for 1903 and 1911 are interesting:—

	1903	1911
Pig iron	27,490	84,166
Steel ingots	31,521	84,503
Finished steel bars, plates and forgings	27,631	69,800

Mr. Thos. Cantley, general manager, stated recently that notwithstanding the depression which shadowed the trade during the year, considerable progress was made by the Scotia Company, and substantial increases shown in all its manufacturing departments.

Iron ore mining at Wabana passed through a period of transition during the year due to the substitution of submarine for surface mining, and while the tonnage exceeded that of 1910 these altering conditions prevented increase in output pro-

portionate to the annual gain usually shown in this department.

In coal mining, a serious accident in the largest producing mine of the company early in January caused a heavy falling off in the output for the first quarter of the year. This mine has now, however, been working up to its full output for some months and while the output from all five collieries for the last quarter of the year exceeded the figures for the corresponding period of the previous year, the initial setback was not entirely overcome.

Very satisfactory increases were recorded in the metallurgical operations of the company.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS

Following are the shipments from the Cobalt camp for the week ending Dec. 29, and those from Jan. 1, 1911, to date:—

	Dec. 29. Ore in lbs.	Since Jan. 1. Ore in lbs.
Badger		55,200
Bailey		40,000
Beaver		1,585,297
Buffalo	62,200	2,570,467
Casey Cobalt		261,265
Chambers-Ferland		1,364,900
City of Cobalt		727,180
Cobalt Lake	126,640	4,162,900
Colonial		227,910
Cobalt Townsite	59,000	1,388,053
Coniagas		3,971,305
Crown Reserve	41,116	2,133,145
Drummond		1,440,000
Green-Meehan	62,170	207,970
Hargraves		204,880
Hudson Bay		1,576,279
Kerr Lake		2,520,190
King Edward		40,000
La Rose	216,109	7,292,706
McKinley - Dar	148,161	6,491,736
Nipissing	130,964	6,032,281
O'Brien		1,388,788
Little Nip		58,430
Powerful		2,010
Provincial		202,050
Right-of-Way		1,336,035
Silver Alliance	3,484	3,484
Silver Cliff		106,680
Standard		102,813
Temiskaming	62,540	1,748,641
Trethewey	58,620	1,330,746
Wettlaufer		851,860

The shipments for the week were 1,071,004 pounds, or 535 tons, against 359 tons the previous week.

The shipments from Jan. 1 to Dec. 29 were 51,526,061 lbs., or 25,763 tons.

SILVER PRICES.

	New York. cents.	London. pence.
Dec. 26	54½	..
“ 27	54¾	..
“ 28	54¾	25½
“ 29	54¾	25½
“ 30	54¼	25½
Jan. 2	54¾	25½
“ 3	54¾	25½
“ 4	54¾	25½
“ 5	55	25¾