

at the head of McDonald Creek, a branch of Horse Thief Creek, at an elevation of 8,500 feet above sea level, and at a distance of about 27 miles from the town of Wilmer, on the Columbia River, in North-East Kootenay. The accompanying illustration gives a typical view of the neighbouring country.

PEERLESS CLAIM, QUATSINO SOUND.

One of the best of the many blocks illustrating the special reports in the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for 1903 is that entitled "Open Cut, Peerless Mineral Claim, Quatsino Sound." Printed in a sepia-black tint on plate paper, it makes a far more attractive picture than it is practicable to reproduce here. It represents one of a number of photographic views taken by Mr. Herbert Carmichael, Provincial As-

sessor, flows round the north-western base of the mountain from Victoria to Alice Lake. After crossing Link Creek from the June group, and at the eastern end of a slight ridge, open quarry work has exposed an ore body 30 feet wide of nearly solid zinc blende mixed with a little quartz vein matter. The quarry shows a face of from nine to ten feet high. Some prospect holes have been sunk on the ridge 200 feet to the west of the quarry, the mineral at this point being principally arsenical iron in a quartz, with some blende."

MINERAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS.

The following statistics relating to the mineral production of British Columbia are taken from the Report of the Minister of Mines for 1903:



Open Cut, Peerless Mineral Claim, Quatsino Sound.

sayer, when he visited the Quatsino Sound country last year, and was used to illustrate his report on that section. Although the Peerless had not then been opened up sufficiently to warrant its being classed among the more important mining properties of the district, it appeared to be one of considerable promise. It is in the neighbourhood of Teta River, a small stream flowing into the South-East Arm of the Sound on its western shore, five miles south-east from Yreka. Mr. Carmichael made the following reference to it in his report: "The Peerless mineral claim is situated to the east of the June group, on Murray Creek, on the western end of the range separating Alice Lake from Victoria Lake. Link Creek

Total production for all years up to and including 1903—

Gold, placer	\$65,688,103	
Gold, lode	26,862,348	
		\$92,550,451
Silver		19,997,354
Lead		11,137,265
Copper		16,803,754
Coal and Coke		63,321,869
Building stone, bricks, etc.....		3,325,000
Other metals		88,799

\$207,224,492