

Mining Throughout British Columbia

The following is a list of the ore received at the Trail Smelter, December 15th to 21st, 1918:

Mine	Location	Gross Tons
Arlington.....	Slocan	74
Bonanza.....	Evans, Wm.	46
Brisco.....	Brisco	38
Centre Star	Rossland	1377
Emma.....	Eholt	331
Florence.....	Princess Creek	133
Josie.....	Rossland	646
Liberty Cu Co.....	Danville, Wn.	20
Meteor.....	Slocan City	22
Mandy.....	Le Pas	41
Mohawk.....	Adamant	9
North Star	Kimberley	265
Queen Bess.....	Sandon	60
Rainbow.....	Adamant	2
Silversmith.....	Sandon	48
St. Eugene.....	Moyie	37
Sullivan (zinc).....	Kimberley	2123
Sullivan (lead).....	Kimberley	479
Total.....		5848

Mr. A. C. Flummerfelt, President of the International Coal and Coke Company, Limited, with collieries at Coleman, Alberta, has sent out a notice to the shareholders requesting proxies for a change in corporation from the State of Washington to a corporation to be chartered under the laws of the Dominion of Canada. While the operations of the Company are in the Province of Alberta, the Company being a United States charter, has to pay taxes in the United States which are now costing between \$1200 and \$1500 per month, and as well paying taxes under the laws of the Dominion of Canada. By operating under the Canadian Law the United States taxes will be eliminated and the above amount will be saved to the Company. The notice requests that the proxies be executed and returned to the Secretary of the Company, Mr. W. G. Graves, 1230 Old National Bank Building, Spokane, Washington. The desirability of this action of the directors is obvious and it is difficult to see how any shareholder would refuse to give the necessary authority to the directors, since it involves a saving of between \$15,000 and \$18,000 per year to the Company.

In view of the high prices the Company is receiving for its product and development at the mine, together with the installation of by-products coke ovens, the Company is enjoying considerable prosperity and is rapidly increasing its financial strength. Two dividends amounting to three per cent. have been paid to shareholders during the year.

The Meteor Mine, a silver property at Slocan City, has been sold by Geo. Aylard and associates to J. C. Buchanan and his son, W. A. Buchanan. The Meteor was located several years ago by Mr. Aylard, who did considerable development work and leased it on occasions to parties who did further work. The most recent lessees were Taylor & Barber, who shipped some ore to the smelter at Trail. Development under the new ownership will be under management of W. A. Buchanan.

Increased interest in the development of his district by outside capital is reported by Mr. R. W. Thompson, Provincial District Mining Engineer, having supervision over what is known as the Central Mineral Survey District, with headquarters at Kamloops.

Much interest is being taken by the mining men of the district in the diamond drilling of the properties in Highland Valley, a contract for which work was recently let by the Provincial Government to the International Diamond Drilling Company of Spokane, a concern which has just been incorporated to carry on business in B.C. development work on existing properties, and much exploratory work is

being carried on, Mr. Thompson stated, and there is every indication that the forthcoming year will see great activity in that section of the Province which has hitherto, owing to lack of transportation facilities, been more or less neglected. But now, with the C.N.R. and P.G.E. lines opening up large sections of great promise from the mining standpoint, there will be much prospecting work carried on, Mr. Thompson states.

Under the spur of war, mineral production in the United States reached the unprecedented value of \$5,010,948,000 in 1917, exceeding by 43 per cent. the previous record made in 1916, the geological survey announced in its final report for the year.

The increase in value was \$1,496,976,000. Blast furnaces products (pig iron and ferro alloys), copper, coal and petroleum, contributed 74 per cent. of the year's total value and 88 per cent. of the increase in value.

Metals established a new record value and presented 42 per cent. of the mineral production.

From the latest announcement it is more than likely that the people of the Greenwood District will have the benefit of the smelter's operations until the end of the current month at least. Some little time ago it was a question as to whether the payroll would not cease at the end of last month by reason of the Company's plans to transfer operations and centralize at Copper Mountain, where its main holdings are situated.

When the Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education and Provincial Secretary, conferred with the company's officials at Greenwood a few weeks since, it was explained to him that as a commercial enterprise the company's undertaking at Greenwood had ceased to exist, and that upon expert engineering advice the change had been determined.

It is understood that the Provincial Government made an effort to save the Greenwood smelter from closing by offering to guarantee the bonds on a plant to treat the ore from Copper Mountain, but the management did not feel justified in accepting the proposal.

It is well known, of course, that the Canada Copper Corporation, owners of the smelter, has an enormous copper ore body at Copper Mountain, where a concentrator is in the course of construction, its daily capacity being estimated at two thousand tons.

The Mountain Chief mine at Renata was bonded for \$100,000 recently by J. W. Evans of Revelstoke, according to report from Nelson. The owners of the mine are M. McDaniels, E. H. McDaniels, Fred Estey, O. Wheeler and Thomas Williamson. The last shipment of ore from the mine, which is a gold, silver and copper ore producer, has just been sent to the smelter.

Mr. Evans plans to start on development work immediately, putting in a tramway from the mine to the Arrow Lake. At present the mine is shipping 200 tons of ore a month, but it is expected that when the tramway is completed the output will be greatly increased.

International Coal and Coke declared a dividend of \$45,000, paid December 15th, being its second distribution last year, the total for 1918 was \$90,000.

Hedley Gold declared its regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share, amounting to \$18,000, and making a total of \$108,000 declared during 1918.

Granby declared its regular quarterly dividend of \$375,000, making \$1,500,000 declared last year.

Consolidated company declared its usual quarterly dividend of \$261,935, making a little over \$1,000,000 in dividends declared last year.

Electric Point, which shipped 4,594 tons of ore to Trail—but which is now shipping elsewhere as plenty of clean Canadian ores have been secured for the Trail smelter—declared a dividend of 5 cents per share, or \$45,000, making a total of \$87,312 last year.