

The exports of coal from Vancouver Island collieries for December were as follows:—

New Van. Coal Co.	28,609	42,132	D	13,523
Ladysmith	20,479	20,935	D	456
Union	3,759	20,009	D	16,310

52,847 83,136 D 30,289

For the first two weeks of January the New Vancouver Coal Company shipped:—

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
4—	S.S. San Jose, San Francisco	1,896
2—	S.S. New England, Alaska	63
5—	S.S. Tellus, San Francisco	3,650
7—	S.S. San Mateo, Port Los Angeles	4,237
9—	S.S. Robt. Adamson, Portland, Ore.	800
9—	S.S. Titania, San Francisco	5,687
11—	S.S. Mineola, Port Los Angeles	3,244
13—	S.S. New England, Alaska	63
14—	S.S. Milton, San Diego	4,574

Total 24,214

THE METAL MARKET—JANUARY.

SILVER.

SILVER is considerably lower in price in the absence of buying orders. The effect is only temporary and will not permanently interfere with the steady appreciation of the metal. The average price for December was 64.14. During January it has varied from 63 to 61½. The month closes at the lowest quotation.

COPPER.

The market in Europe is depressed. American home demand is well maintained. Lake, 16½; electrolytic, 16½.

LEAD.

The market has improved but prices are unchanged. New York price 4.17½@4.37½.

THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by A. W. More, Broker, Victoria.)

SINCE last report several B. C. mining stocks have fluctuated very much. For instance War Eagle has fallen from \$1 bid to 60 cents bid with sales at that figure, but it has rallied again to 78 bid, and 82 asked.

Payne dropped down to 50 asked and 45 bid, but has rallied to-day to 63 asked and 56 bid. Centre Star has fallen from \$1.40 asked and \$1.30 bid to \$1.25 asked and 95 bid but has since recovered to \$1.35 asked and \$1.30 bid. North Star remains steady, to-day's quotations being 90 asked and 84 bid. Cariboo-McKinney has fallen to 40 asked and 37 bid.

Several advances have taken place, namely: Iron Mask has advanced from 32 asked and 30 bid to 44 asked and 42 bid; Rambler-Cariboo from 26 asked and 25 bid to 33 asked and 31½ bid. Granby smelter has advanced to 45½ asked and 43 bid, and Crow's Nest to \$75 asked and \$65 bid, Fairview sold as high as 4 cents; a month ago it was selling at 2½c. Giant sold as high as 5c.; a month ago it was selling at 2c to 2½c. Giant has been one of the largest sellers in the West owing to the rumour that ex-Governor Mackintosh had bought control for an English company. The mine was closed down shortly after this rumour and the stock is again declining. Iron Mask

has been in very great demand and as already quoted, has advanced some 10 cents during the month. This stock is held in very wealthy hands and it is just rumoured that a sale is about to take place, but the insiders deny this report.

Rambler-Cariboo has also been a large seller and seems to be getting into strong hands. The stock is advancing at present and has gone up 6½ cents during the month. Morrison has been another stock that has been in very great demand and the stock has doubled in value since the 1st of January with large sales at 100 per cent. advance during the month. Winnipeg is selling freely in the West at advancing prices and is a great favourite in the West although not in much request either in Toronto or Montreal. Waterloo has been selling in considerable quantities both in Victoria and Spokane. White Bear has been a heavy seller, with sales at 5c. but to-day it is quoted at 4½c. asked and 4½c. bid.

The outlook for mining in British Columbia looks very bright and brokers look forward to a very active stock market during the year 1901.



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HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIERE,

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, at our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

H. A. MACLEAN, } WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as
Deputy Attorney-General, } soon as may be, to meet Our People of
Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legisla-
ture:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and consideration of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the twenty-first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and one, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable SIR HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY DE LOTBINIERE, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this seventeenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the sixty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

J. D. PRENTICE,

Provincial Secretary



PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

17th January, 1901.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act," has been pleased to establish at the City of Nelson in the County of Kootenay, a District Office for the Recording of Instruments and Registration of Titles affecting real estate, situate within the County of Kootenay.

The name of the said registration district shall be the Kootenay Land Registration District.

Henry Fry McLeod, of the City of Nelson, Solicitor, has been appointed to perform the duties of the said District Office, which shall be open for the transaction of business on and after the second day of March, 1901.

By Command,

J. D. PRENTICE,

Provincial Secretary.