

The following ore shipments are reported for the four weeks ending October 13th :
Sandon—

| | Tons. |
|-----------------------|-------|
| American Boy | 20½ |
| Payne | 80 |
| McGuigan— | |
| Rambler-Cariboo | 40 |
| Red Fox | 14 |
| Whitewater— | |
| Jackson | 48 |
| Whitewater | 106 |
| Hillside | 1 |

From January 1st to October 14th the total production of the Slocan is estimated at 18,060½ tons.

NELSON.

The report of the Athabasca mine for the month of September is very favourable. The time run was 29 days, 11 hours. Number of tons crushed, 416½. Value of bullion recovered, \$7,453.55. Concentrates, \$2,185.27. Total recovered, \$9,638.82. Value of bullion recovered per ton of ore crushed, \$17.88. Concentrates, \$5.24. Total value per ton \$23.12.

The result of the Hall mines smelting operations for the four weeks ending September 30th, are appended 5,142 tons of Silver King ore were smelted, containing (approximately) 119 tons of copper, 80,000 ounces of silver.

LEAD SMELTING.

116 tons of Silver King ore and 836 tons of purchased ores were smelted; 170 tons of silver-lead bullion were produced, containing (approximately) 165 tons of lead, 23,820 ounces of silver, 948 ounces of gold.

The exports of ore and matte from the port of Nelson during the month of September aggregated in value \$175,000.

ROSSLAND.

The value of ore and matte exported from this port during September was \$380,000.

The production of the Rossland camp for the three weeks ending Oct. 14, are approximately estimated as follows:

| | Tons. |
|--------------------|-------|
| Le Roi | 4,288 |
| War Eagle | 3,224 |
| Iron Mask | 403 |
| Evening Star | 120 |
| Centre Star | 1,333 |
| Virginia | 40 |

The total output to date is placed at 129,037 tons.

LILLOOET.

Last month the Ben D'Or mine, Cadwallader Creek, produced two gold-bricks of the value of \$6,147.59 and \$7,692.40, respectively.

COAL EXPORTATIONS.

The Vancouver Island coal exportation for the month of September were as follows:

| | Tons. |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| New Vancouver Coal Co. | 41,753 |
| Wellington | 21,870 |
| Union | 2,826 |
| Total | 66,449 |

The New Vancouver Coal Co.'s shipments for the three weeks ending October 20th, were:

| Date. | Vessel. | Destination. | Tons. |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|
| 3— | SS. San Mateo..... | Port Los Angeles.. | 4,443 |
| 3— | SS. New England... | Alaska | 38 |
| 5— | SS. R. Adamson.... | San Francisco | 4,455 |
| 7— | SS. Mineola..... | Port Los Angeles.. | 3,431 |
| 10— | Bark C. D. Bryant.... | Lahaina, H.I. | 1,475 |
| 13— | SS. Titania..... | San Francisco | 5,089 |
| 13— | Str. New England... | Alaska | 43 |
| 18— | SS. San Mateo..... | Port Los Angeles.. | 4,457 |
| Total..... | | | 23,431 |

THE METAL MARKET—OCTOBER.

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The market has been devoid of any special feature this month. The bank rates are exceptionally high and the speculative markets have been generally weak, but general business has not been greatly affected.

SILVER.

The silver market has been steady but dull. Prices have, however, declined somewhat since last month. The lowest point reached was 57¾ and the highest 58½.

LEAD.

Lead continues to be in good demand and inquiry on the part of the consumers is reported as very fair. There has been no change in prices, the metal being quoted at 4.55 to 4.60, New York, and 4.47½, St. Louis.

COPPER.

The market has ruled quiet but steady, without any special feature. Prices throughout the month have remained stationary, with lake copper at 18½, electrolytic in cakes, wire-bards and ingots 17 to 17½; cathodes, 16¾ to 16⅞; casting copper, at 17, nominal.

SPELTER.

Disquieting reports from the ore-fields resulted this month in creating much activity in this market and a large business was done at the following prices: 5.30 to 5.35, St. Louis; 5.45 to 5.50, New York.

THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

THE market is at last showing signs of recovering from the depression of the last few months; and generally business during October, on the Toronto, Montreal, Rossland and Spokane Exchanges has been very much more active.

Since our last report Evening Star has declined from 11 to 9 as a result of the closing down of the mine. I.X.L. has advanced from 13½ to 15½; War Eagle has fallen from \$3.30 to \$3, and Virginia from 11 to 8½; St. Elmo from 8 to 6; Monte Cristo from 7 to 5; Iron Colt from 8 to 5½; Homestake from 13 to 10. Iron Mask has been selling at 72 to 73, and Jumbo at 24. I.X.L. has been very active at from 13 to 16 cents, about 90,000 shares having been sold recently to mostly Western buyers.

AINSWORTH, NELSON AND SLOCAN.

Of Nelson stocks Athabasca, Dundee and Exchequer have been the most active. Payne sold during the month as low as 88 cents, owing to the reported non-payment of the usual dividend. The monthly dividend was afterwards declared and the stock recovered somewhat, and is now quoted at \$1.06 to \$1.10. It is announced that Rambler-Cariboo will pay regular monthly dividends and this report has