

Mineral Output of British Columbia for 1913

A Decline in Production of Over Two Million Is Chiefly Accounted for by Reduced Coal Output and Lower Price of Copper Metal. Trail Smelter Receipts and Shipments from the Kootenay District.

The report of the Minister of Mines for 1913 has recently come from the press. It contains very comprehensive information on the mineral development of the Province. Provincial Mineralogist W. Fleet Robertson gives the output for the year as given in the table below, and compares result with 1911 and 1912.

For the week ending July 25, the Trail smelter received 6,120 tons, as against 9,032 the previous week. Silver Cup, in the Lardeau district, was added to the shippers, while the previous week Iron Mask, at Kamloops, the Union, near Grand Forks, and the American Boy again joined the shippers.

Rossland.		
	Week	Year
Le Roi No. 2, milled	325	9,205
Centre Star	1,942	88,229
Le Roi	1,346	37,845
Le Roi No. 2	98	10,985
Other mines		38
Total	3,711	146,302
Nelson.		
Queen, milled	350	9,800
Motherlode, milled	500	7,500
Silver King	633	12,066
H. B.	116	1,525
Emerald	33	971
Queen	32	309
California	13	13
Other mines		1,169
Total	1,677	33,353
Lardeau.		
Silver Cup	33	33
Other mines		30
Total	33	63
East Kootenay.		
Sullivan	1,012	11,974
Other mines		703
Total	1,012	12,677
Slocan and Ainsworth.		
Highland, milled	350	9,610
Bluebell, milled	1,400	39,200
Standard, milled	1,000	28,000
Van Roi, milled	750	21,050
Bluebell	221	3,846
No. 1	209	3,771

Standard	274	7,945
Rambler Cariboo	65	821
Highland	35	2,787
Other mines		5,011
Total	4,304	122,041

Consolidated Co.'s Receipts, Trail, B. C.

	Week	Year
Union	42	243
United Mines	16	16
Centre Star	1,942	88,229
Le Roi	1,346	37,845
Le Roi No. 2	98	10,985
Silver King	633	12,066
H. B.	116	1,525
Emerald	33	971
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Silver Cup	33	33
Sullivan	1,012	11,974
Bluebell	221	3,846
No. 1	209	3,771
Standard	274	7,945
Rambler Cariboo	65	821
Highland	35	2,787
Other mines		14,419
Total	6,120	197,798

—Nelson News.

The B. C. Copper Company is pushing work on its smelter at Ashnola, near Princeton. It is expected that the smelter will be in operation this autumn. The Kettle Valley Railway is building a spur to the plant.

No. 6 shaft of the Cumberland mine, Vancouver Island, produced 500 tons of coal in an eight-hour shift, which is a new record for this mine. The Cumberland mines are now producing about 3,500 tons per day on an average.

H. Neville Wright, formerly manager of the Hazelton branch of the Bank of Vancouver, has recently bonded the Amargasa group, in the Skeena District, of which he is sole owner.

The Fiddler Mountain group of claims in the Hazelton District, owned by Lewis Knauss, has been taken over by Capt. John Irving, H. Howson and Martin Welch.

William Gosnell has purchased from T. P. Moran a half interest in the Mayflower, Last Chance and United claims on Summit Creek, in the Kootenay District.

E. W. Rawson, of Vancouver, has purchased a one-quarter interest in the claims of H. M. Billings, in the Salmo District.

Quantities and Value of Mineral Products for 1911, 1912, and 1913.

	Customary Measure.	1911.		1912.		1913.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold, placer	Ounces		\$ 426,000		\$ 555,500		\$ 510,000
“ lode	“	228,617	4,725,513	257,496	5,322,442	272,254	5,627,490
Silver	“	1,892,364	958,293	3,132,108	1,810,045	3,465,856	1,968,606
Lead	Pounds	26,872,397	1,069,521	44,871,454	1,805,627	55,364,677	2,175,832
Copper	“	36,927,656	4,571,644	51,456,537	8,408,513	46,460,305	7,094,489
Zinc	“	2,634,544	129,092	5,358,280	316,139	6,758,768	324,421
Coal	Tons, 2,240 lb.	2,193,062	7,675,717	2,628,804	9,200,814	2,137,483	7,481,190
Coke	“	66,005	396,030	264,333	1,585,998	286,045	1,716,270
Miscellaneous products			3,547,262		3,435,722		3,398,100
			\$23,499,072		\$32,440,800		\$30,296,398