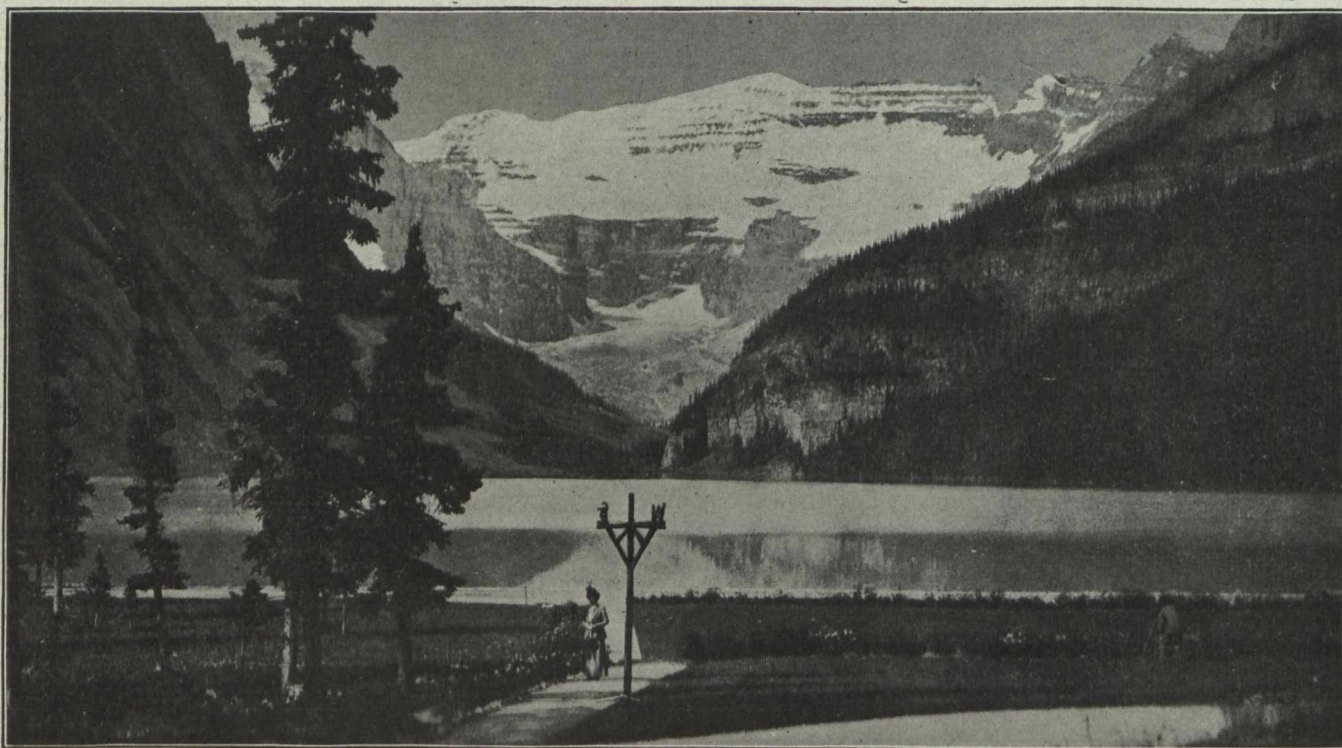


mines on which operations have been resumed now that weather conditions are not unfavorable; of these the Cork-Province, Utica and Panama have sent out ore since the melting of the snow admitted of its being hauled or packed to the K. and S. Railway. Development work on the Whitewater group, owned by J. L. Retallack & Co., is affording employment to a number of men.

Slocan.—The Rambler-Cariboo, Slocan Star, Ruth-Hope group and Surprise, are all now on the producing list. Other mines around Sandon are being worked, but are not at present shipping ore. Of mines near Slocan lake, the Standard and the Hewitt-Lorna Doone group of the Silverton Mines, Ltd., are the chief ore producers at present, the Standard having in July resumed shipments of silver-lead ore to Trail after a suspension of production lasting about 11 months. The Lucky Thought, on Four-mile creek, and the Wake-

	Six months, 1915, tons	Six months, 1914, tons
From Mines of East Kootenay	21,675	10,766
West Kootenay—		
Ainsworth Division ..	2,924	10,167
Slocan Division	2,385	10,875
Nelson Division	1,831	14,076
Trail Creek (Rossland)	172,856	127,925
Lardeau	56	30
Boundary.	428	160
Kamloops.	236	...
Coast district	101	806
Total British Columbia.	202,492	174,805
Alberta.	10	...
State Washington, U.S.A.	15,125	8,667
Total of ore receipts..	217,627	183,472



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field, high up the mountain opposite the Hewitt and Van-Roi mines, is again receiving attention after having been idle several years. In Slocan City division, the Enterprise sends out an occasional car of ore, and the Ottawa once more has men at work on it.

Nelson.—The Fern gold mine, situated a few miles south of the town of Nelson, has again been bonded, as, too, has the Eureka copper mine, near Forty-mile creek. A few men are doing unimportant work on the Silver King, but no ore is being shipped now. The Venus and one or two other gold properties near the town are on the active list, but their operations are not large. In the southern part of the division, properties about Salmo, Sheep creek and Erie are adding to the sum total of production, several of these producing gold, while others ship lead ore.

Ore receipts at Trail.—The following table shows totals of ore receipts at the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.'s smelter at Trail for the first half of 1915, also the figures for the corresponding period of 1914:

There were decreases in receipts of ore from Ainsworth (7,243 tons), Slocan (8,490 tons), Nelson (12,245 tons), and Coast mines (705 tons), total 28,685 tons. Against these were the following increases: East Kootenay (10,909 tons), Rossland (44,031 tons), Lardeau (26 tons), Boundary (268 tons), Kamloops (236 tons), Alberta (10 tons), and State of Washington (6,458 tons), total 62,838 tons. The net increase for the six months' period was therefore 34,155 tons. The proportion of ore from the Consolidated Company's own mines was 188,116 tons in the 1915 period, as compared with 145,362 tons in that of 1914. Custom ores totaled 29,511 tons this year against 38,110 tons last year. It is probable that the figures for the second half of the current year will show a satisfactory increase in custom ore receipts as well as of the company's own ore, for several of the mines that were custom shippers last year up to the time of the outbreak of the war, but which shipped little, if any, ore during the first half of this year, are now either preparing to resume shipment of ore or have already