

At Harper's Camp the International Dredging & Developing Company, of Victoria, are working a drag-line scraper on a buried level of the Horsefly River, and expect to reach good values.

On Black Creek the Western Mines Exploration Syndicate, of Vancouver, has been carrying on drilling operations under the superintendency of P. Fraser, to determine the old channel and the values, with a view to beginning actual hydraulic mining in the near future.

District Mining Engineer A. G. Langley, resident engineer for mining district No. 5, has been appointed by the Minister of Mines as the department's representative, to attend the forthcoming sessions of the Commission which will shortly commence its investigations into the charges levied in February last by the Trail Smelter for the treatment of ores.

The complaints made by mine operators in that district against the charges resulted in a commission being named, the first session of which was scheduled to be held at Nelson on the 31st inst., but, owing to the prevalence of the Spanish influenza, an adjournment has been found necessary.

Mr. Langley's appointment is in line with action taken by the Provincial Legislature at its last session, when the question of the appointment of a Royal Commission to go into the matter of smelter charges was brought forward

by Mr. Charles Nelson, member for Slocan. In view of the action taken by the Federal Government in meeting the request of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Interior, and consenting to provide the expenses of an inquiry, the Provincial Legislature contented itself with leaving to the Minister of Mines the appointment of an expert to attend the Commission's sessions with a sort of watching brief, and if from his report of the results of the inquiry it was deemed advisable to appoint a Royal Commission to go more fully into the whole matter of smelter charges, such a body would be named.

The mining men of Vancouver were strongly represented at the funeral of the late A. B. Clabon, president of the Vancouver Chamber of Mines, who was killed by a fall over a cliff at Silver Creek shortly after being successful in bringing about the sale of the promising mining property there to one of the largest mining corporations in Canada. The prominence which he had reached in the mining world was indicated in the fact that messages of condolence were received by the widow from the Hon. Martin Burrell, Federal Minister of Mines; and the Hon. W. J. Sloan, Provincial Minister of Mines. The funeral took place from Center & Hanna's, and was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Campbell.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. R. H. Stewart, C. O. Wickenden, Nicol Thomson, James Ashworth, G. S. Pettapiece and A. M. Whiteside.

STATEMENT OF COAL AND COKE TONNAGE—RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1918

Name of Company	Mine	Coal Tonnage	Coke Ton.
Canadian Collieries, Ltd.	Comox	38,850	2,900
Canadian Collieries, Ltd.	Wellington	23,656	Nil
Western Fuel Company	Nanaimo	50,858	Nil
Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Ltd.	South Wellington	5,581	Nil
British Columbia Coal Mining Co., (Leased)	East Wellington	3,273	Nil
Nanoose Collieries, Ltd.	Nanoose Bay	2,500	Nil
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.	Michel	2,414	1,071
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.	Coal Creek	7,757	714
Corbin Coal & Coke Co.	Corbin	13,161	Nil
Middlesboro Collieries	Middlesboro	8,327	Nil
Princeton Coal & Land Co.	Princeton	3,013	Nil
Fleming Coal Co.	Merritt	2,743	Nil
Granby Co.	Cassidy's Landing	2,327	Nil
	Total Tonnage	164,460	4,685

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Mineral Province of Western Canada

TO END OF DECEMBER, 1917

Has produced Minerals valued as follows: Placer Gold, \$75,116,103; Lode Gold, \$93,717,974; Silver, \$43,623,761; Lead, \$39,366,144; Copper, \$130,597,620; Other Metals (Zinc, Iron, etc.), \$10,933,466; Coal and Coke, \$174,313,658; Building Stone, Brick, Cement, etc., \$27,902,381; making its Mineral Production to the end of 1917 show an

Aggregate Value of \$595,571,107

Production for Year Ending December, 1917, \$37,010,392

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