

lead and placer gold. Although more copper was produced in 1908 than in 1907, yet the drop in price that that metal suffered caused the principal loss to the mining industry of British Columbia. Had the price of copper held steady, this year's total value of mineral production would have exceeded \$26,000,000.

TABLE SHOWING AMOUNT AND VALUE OF MINERAL PRODUCTS FOR THE YEARS 1907 AND 1908.

Mineral.	1907.		1908.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold, placer, oz..	41,450	\$828,000	34,100	\$682,000
Gold, lode, oz. . .	196,179	4,055,020	256,000	5,291,520
Total gold, oz.	237,629	\$4,883,020	290,100	\$5,973,520
Silver, oz. . . . .	2,745,448	1,703,825	3,037,000	1,518,500
Lead, lb. . . . .	47,738,705	2,291,458	43,775,000	1,654,695
Copper, lb. . . . .	40,832,720	8,166,544	43,885,000	5,792,820
Zinc & iron, tons	2,856	50,600	10,000	280,000
T'l. metalliferous.		\$17,095,447		\$15,219,535
Coal, tons (2240 tons . . . . .)	1,800,067	6,300,235	1,700,000	5,950,000
Coke, tons (2240 tons . . . . .)	222,913	1,337,478	248,000	1,488,000
Building material, etc. . . . .		1,149,400		1,200,000
Total mineral production. . .		\$25,882,560		23,857,535

#### COBALT ORE PRODUCTION.

Estimated Value for Three-Quarters of 1908, and for the Year 1908.

High Grade Ore—					
Smelter.	Tons per		Ozs. per ton	of Ore.	Total Ozs.
	Cars.	Car.			
Deloro . . . . .	36	30	1,080	2,500	2,700,000
Thorold . . . . .	6	30	180	2,000	360,000
Copper Cliff . . . .	130	30	3,900	2,000	7,800,000
Perth Amboy . . . .	27	30	810	2,000	1,620,000
Balbach . . . . .	30	30	900	2,000	1,800,000
Toronto . . . . .	2	30	60	2,000	120,000
	231		6,930		14,400,000
Low Grade Ore—					
Carnegie . . . . .	59	30	1,770	150	265,000
Chrome . . . . .	63	30	1,890	200	378,000
Trail . . . . .	3	30	90	200	18,000
Denver . . . . .	212	30	6,360	150	954,000
*Swansea . . . . .	8	20	160	†	32,000
*Germany . . . . .	7	20	140	†	28,000
Low Grade . . . . .	352		10,410		1,675,000
High Grade . . . . .	231		6,930		14,400,000
Total . . . . .	583		17,340		16,075,000
			Three-quarters of Year . . . . .		\$ 8,037,500
			Year, pro rata . . . . .		10,716,666

\*Silver at 50c. per oz. Ores of cobalt.

†\$2,000 for one car

#### COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS BY MINES FOR YEAR 1908.

Buffalo . . . . .	536.90	Tons.
City of Cobalt . . . . .	711.04	"
Chambers-Ferland . . . . .	233.89	"
Coniagas . . . . .	610.25	"
Cobalt Central . . . . .	276.79	"
Crown Reserve . . . . .	652.75	"
Silver Queen . . . . .	885.69	"
Casey Cobalt . . . . .	10.00	"
Cobalt Lake . . . . .	225.97	"
Drummond . . . . .	1164.72	"
Foster . . . . .	191.20	"
Kerr Lake . . . . .	659.96	"
King Edward . . . . .	322.19	"
La Rose . . . . .	4797.73	"
McKinley-Darragh . . . . .	1809.39	"
Nipissing . . . . .	3474.50	"
Nova Scotia . . . . .	237.95	"
Nancy Helen . . . . .	301.32	"
O'Brien . . . . .	3439.09	"
Peterson Lake . . . . .	40.67	"
Provincial . . . . .	75.84	"
Right-of-Way . . . . .	750.04	"
Silver Bar . . . . .	58.00	"
Silver Cliff . . . . .	160.43	"
Silver Leaf . . . . .	197.03	"
Temiskaming . . . . .	794.61	"
Temiskaming & Hudson Bay . . . . .	1094.23	"
Townsite . . . . .	177.71	"
Trethewey . . . . .	1309.91	"

Total, 24,079.80 tons for 1908.

#### SILVER PRICES.

1908.		
	New York.	London.
	cents.	ponce.
December 26 . . . . .	49¼	—
" 28 . . . . .	49¾	22 15-16
" 29 . . . . .	49¾	22 15-16
" 30 . . . . .	50½	23½
" 31 . . . . .	50¼	23 3-16
1909.		
January 2 . . . . .	50¼	23 3-16
" 4 . . . . .	50¼	23 3-16
" 5 . . . . .	50½	23 5-16
" 6 . . . . .	50¾	23¾

The average price of silver for the year 1908 was 52.871 cents per ounce.

The monthly averages, New York, were as follows:—

1908.	Average-Price of Silver per ounce.
January . . . . .	55.678 cents
February . . . . .	56.011 "
March . . . . .	55.365 "
April . . . . .	54.500 "
May . . . . .	52.795 "
June . . . . .	53.663 "
July . . . . .	53.115 "
August . . . . .	51.688 "
September . . . . .	51.720 "
October . . . . .	51.431 "
November . . . . .	49.720 "
December . . . . .	48.769 "