

Coal Shipments.

The foreign coal shipments for October had not been completed when the RECORD went to press, but the following are the shipments for September:

NEW V. C. CO.

DATE.	NAME.	WHITHER BOUND.	TONS.
Sept. 3	SS. Wanderer	Port Townsend	54
" 4	SS. Peter Jebesen	San Francisco	4,647
" 4	Bk. Rufus E. Wood	"	2,321
" 7	SS. Pioneer	Port Townsend	8
" 8	SS. Willappa	Alaska	60
" 19	Bk. G. Fairchild	Dutch Harbor	2,353
" 0	SS. Rapid Transit	Seattle	256
" 11	SS. Sea Lion	Port Townsend	56
" 12	SS. Willapa	"	26
" 15	Holyoke	"	98
" 18	SS. Tyee	"	79
" 18	Pioneer	"	38
" 20	SS. Peter Jebesen	San Francisco	4,620
" 20	SS. Willappa	Alaska	49
" 24	Bk. Wilna	San Francisco	2,404
" 24	SS. Chilcat	Alaska	37
" 26	Willapa	"	21
" 26	SS. Sea Lion	Port Townsend	72
" 29	SS. Tyee	"	31
Total.			17,233

WELLINGTON.

DATE.	NAME.	WHITHER BOUND.	TONS.
Sept. 3	Sp. Yosemite	San Francisco	1,387
" 3	SS. Angeles	Port Townsend	25
" 4	SS. Willamette	P. riand	2,700
" 7	Bk. Forest Queen	Kahului	486
" 8	SS. Discovery	Port Townsend	27
" 9	SS. Gabriola	Tacoma	4
" 13	SS. Alki	Mary Island	1,025
" 14	Bk. Ceylon	Honolulu	906
" 14	SS. Tepic	Port Townsend	18
" 15	SS. Rapid Transit	"	250
" 17	SS. Topeka	"	122
" 18	Progressist	San Francisco	4,800
" 21	Sp. Glory of the Seas	"	3,450
" 26	SS. Willamette	"	2,350
" 27	Twin Brothers	"	2,180
" 27	Wanderer	"	34
Total.			20,264

UNION.

DATE.	NAME.	WHITHER BOUND.	TONS.
Aug. 31	SS. Bawnmore	San Francisco	1,000
" 31	SS. Queen	"	1,000
" 31	SS. Costa Rica	"	2,650
Sept. 7	SS. Mineola	Los Angeles	3,200
" 21	Rapid Transit	Port Townsend	23
" 21	SS. Costa Rica	San Francisco	2,650
" 21	SS. Mineola	Los Angeles	3,200
" 28	SS. San Mateo	San Francisco	3,200
" 28	SS. Rapid Transit	Whatecom	256
Total.			18,179

British Columbia Mining Papers.

Inland Sentinel—Kamloops, B.C.; weekly; 7 col. 8 pages; publishes Friday. Circulates in Cariboo, Lillooet, Yale, Kootenay; also in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster cities. Subscription, \$2 per year.

The Golden Era—Golden, B.C.; published by the Golden Era Publishing Co. Covers the entire East Kootenay District. Subscription price, \$2 per annum.

The Prospector—Rossland, B.C.; published by W. D. Pratt. Subscription price, \$2 per annum.

The Ledger—New Denver, B.C.; published by R. T. Lowery. Covers the Slovan District, and circulates generally in West Kootenay. Subscription price, \$2 per annum.

The Lardeau Mines.

J. C. Smith, mining expert, who has been superintending development for the Kootenay Gold, Silver & Copper Mining Co., Ltd., on Sable Creek, a tributary of Fish Creek, Lardeau District, West Kootenay, has just returned after an active season, in which considerable good work has been done. It has been a very short one, there not having been more than two months in which to do actual mining, as a trail had to be built, and charcoal secured for the forge, etc. The total development work for the season consists of a cross-cut tunnel, 7x8 feet, driven through a spur of the main mountain, a distance of forty feet, twenty-five of which is in good concentrating ore. The seam consists of a very hard green granite quartzite, through which is thickly disseminated streaks of very fine grey copper galena, chalcoppyrites, iron pyrites, baryta, or heavy spae calc and black-jack, or blend. These accompaniments are all infallible indications and proofs of the lead being rich in gold, silver and copper. The ground, as yet, is considerably broken by fissures and seams, all filled with very heavy clay, which is also rich in mineral. The claim, as it

stands, is in first-class condition for an active season next year, with high-grade ore enough in sight to keep a fifty-ton concentrator going to full capacity. This mine is one of the group formerly controlled by G. D. Scott, of this city, and known as the Scott group.

The Duty of the Press.

We heartily join the *Nelson Miner* in the following clipped from its columns:

With the prospect of large quantities of money from distant points coming into this country for investment in mines the responsibility of the local press is increased. It becomes their duty to warn the world when any of those nefarious schemes so inseparable from mining countries, are set afloat. But at the same time no journalist is justified in lifting his pen until he has documents in hand to prove what he writes. He must also distinguish between mad speculation and rank swindling. For instance, if a property that is well known to be worthless is being foisted off on a company it is the duty of the press to take care that the previous history of that property is published.

Outlook in British Columbia.

The Board of Trade Journal, of London, England, lately published the following from its own correspondent in Victoria:

"Last year British Columbia, in common with the rest of the world, suffered depression in a marked degree. This has been the result, in its case, of the depreciation in real estate, securities, the withholding of outside capital, and the restriction of credits, being the natural reflex effect of the general financial crisis—a sort of tidal backwash. That this is true is shown by the fact that the volume of trade and industry has not diminished; in fact, compared with 1893, there has been an increase, especially gratifying on account of the depression having reached its lowest ebb during 1894. The outlook is promising, and this is of particular interest to the British public, inasmuch as the extraordinary development now taking place in the mining districts will open up a wide field of investment, and indirectly affect trade in a marked degree. A close study of the career of the British investor has remarked the cycle which it presents, one country after another attracting his attention, inflations and depressions following alternately, until he may be said to have almost boxed the compass. It may be predicted that, in view of the mineral wealth in British Columbia, that country will next occupy his attention. The Kootenay district has experienced the first real development that has occurred in that province since the days of the gold excitement in the early sixties, after which mining was spasmodic and uncertain. In 1894 the value of ore shipments, the first in the history of Kootenay, was \$770,000. This was the output of about half a dozen mines, but principally of one or two, and represents simply initial work, rendered possible by the completion, very recently, of several lines of communication, and by which ore is now being shipped regularly. In view of the number of mines being opened up, the rich character of the ores, and the extraordinary extent of the mineral formations, Kootenay district alone expects to vie with South Africa in mineral products within the next five years. A safe estimate for the output in 1895 is \$5,000,000. Two of the largest hydraulic works on the continent were last year inaugurated in Cariboo, which has yielded \$40,000,000 in gold dust since 1860. The Yale district, near the American boundary is showing some rich gold leads in the course of development. These are the beginning of a mining era, and they are referred to here as to their probable effect in relation to trade. So far the mining properties are in the hands of Americans, who have taken the initiative in development, and who, so far as possible, direct the trade arising out of them into American channels.

Notice.

Space will hereafter be reserved in the B.C. MINING RECORD for the purpose of advertising mining claims for sale. Parties having properties of this description for sale, will thus be able to place them before investors in Eastern Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

A concise description of the claim, with full address of owner, to occupy not more than two inches, single column space, should be sent in, accompanied by \$5, which will ensure its insertion in THE RECORD for three consecutive issues.

Prospectors and miners can have no cheaper or better means of attracting the attention of investors in all parts of the world to their claims, and as the December special number of THE RECORD will have a large and widespread circulation, notices of claims for sale should be sent in without delay, addressed to the

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