

amounts to the same thing as itself owning it. To follow Mr. Curle through his animadversions on British Columbia gold mining in further detail would be to devote too much time to the criticism of "an astonishing mass of crude, irresponsible gossip, and a great quantity of lies appearing under the guise of accurate mining intelligence." His book may have a certain vogue in the English mining and financial press for a time but very soon its ludicrous misinformation will be recognized and it will be cast out into the limbo of forgotten things.

DAVID B. BOGLE.

PUBLICATIONS.

REPORT on the Geology of the area covered by the Seine River and Lake Shebandow on mapsheets, comprising portions of Rainy River and Thunder Bay District, Ontario; by William McInnes, B.A., Ottawa, 1899. Price 20 cents.

This report, which will be embodied in Vol. X. of the Geological Survey Annual, is accompanied by two maps, and is handsomely illustrated by the author.

PRODUCING MINES.

ROSSLAND.

Our Rossland correspondent telegraphs the following returns:

The ore shipments from Rossland mines for the eleven months ended November 30th, amount to approximately one hundred and sixty-four thousand tons; valued at two millions, seven hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars gross. So far winter has failed to put in an appearance and is now three weeks later than last year. Prevalence of south and southwest winds with copious rainfall is regarded as indications pointing to open or "continental" winter, similar to that of '77 on this continent. But little snow visible and only on highest peaks.

The total matte shipments for the month of October, 230,815 pounds, valued at \$71,767.90. The total exports of miscellaneous articles were \$1,829. The great output of the camp, however, was ore for the Northport smelter, which was valued at \$234,616. Coupled with the output of matte, the total metal product, \$306,383.99, equals an annual production of \$3,650,000.

NELSON.

The results of the crushing at Atahasca mill during October are as follows:

Number of tons crushed in mill..... 357 1/2  
Number tons crude ore shipped..... 2 1/2

Total tons treated ..... 360 1/2  
Value of bullion recovered..... \$7,460 92  
Value of concentrates ..... 1,905 77  
Value of crude ore..... 298 61

Total..... \$0.665 30

The gross value of the exports from the port of Nelson during October was \$83,465, of which, the copper matte and bullion from Hall Mines smelter was valued at \$51,095. The gold bullion exports were valued at \$27,560; the balance being made up of 710 tons of coke, valued at \$2,857, and 21 tons of coal, valued at \$43.

The General Manager of the Hall Mines, Limited, sends the following returns of this company's smelting operations for the four weeks ending October 27:

Copper Smelting—13 days, 19 hours.—2,919 tons of Silver King ore smelted, containing (approximately) 64 tons of copper and 33,930 ounces of silver.

Lead Smelting—20 days, 22 hours.—192 tons of Silver King ore and 457 tons of purchased ores were smelted; 149 tons of lead bullion produced, containing (approximately) 145 tons of lead, 15,770 ounces of silver, and 682 ounces of gold. Silver King ore smelted contained 2,640 ounces of silver.

SLOCAN.

The following Customs returns have been received from the port of Kaslo for the month of October:

Exports of silver-lead ore—901,000 gross lbs; value, \$42,058; 490,450 lbs. lead; 47,978 ozs. silver.

Exports of zinc ore to Antwerp, Belgium—1,389,410 gross lbs.; value, \$26,122; zinc, 653,041 lbs.

Total exports—2,290,410 gross lbs.; value, 68,180; lead, 490,450 lbs; silver, 47,978 ozs.; zinc, 653,041 lbs.

BRIDGE RIVER.

Statement of cost of mining and milling for term ending November 1, 1899:

To cost of mining from August 23rd to Oct. 31st, inclusive .....\$ 2,843 50  
To cost of milling 1,082 tons ore and expenses in mill from 23rd Aug. to 31st Oct., inclusive ..... 1 326 00  
Powder, fuse, caps, etc..... 170 00  
Estimate of charcoal used in time, at two bushels per diem ..... 34 00  
Balance profits for term ending Oct. 31st.. 16,868 28

\$21,241 78

Sept. 6th, by proceeds clean up.....\$ 6,358 00  
Oct. 5th, by proceeds clean up..... 7,692 40  
Oct. 30th, by proceeds clean up..... 7,191 38

\$21,241 78

COAL EXPORTATIONS.

The Vancouver Island collieries exported during the month of October 62,705 tons of coal, divided as follows:

New Vancouver Coal Company.....37,575  
Wellington Colliery .....19,960  
Union Colliery ..... 5,170

The New Vancouver Coal Company's shipments for November to the 20th inst. are appended:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Tons.
2—	SS. San Mateo.....	Port Los Angeles..	4,428
3—	SS. Tyee.....	Port Townsend .....	19
7—	SS. R. Adamson.....	San Diego .....	4,499
9—	SS. Mineola.....	Port Los Angeles..	3,235
10—	Ship Sintram.....	Honolulu .....	2,391
11—	SS. New England .....	Alaska .....	53
16—	SS. Titania.....	San Francisco .....	4,994
17—	SS. Tyee.....	Port Townsend .....	57
18—	SS. San Mateo.....	San Francisco .....	4,449

Total.....24,175

THE METAL MARKET.

[Compiled from the special telegraphic quotations to the B.C. MINING RECORD from the *Engineering & Mining Journal*, New York.]

Business, as a whole, has been fairly brisk during the month, though speculation has been decidedly slack,