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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In the Clinton mining division of Lillooet district mining in all its branches, so an official report states, in 1905 reached its lowest point since it has been an industry in that division

The courtesy of the Bureau of Mines in permitting the MINING RECORD to make use of the engraving blocks with which the parts of the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for 1905 reprinted in this issue are illustrated, is acknowledged with thanks.

The mining recorder for the Lardeau mining division states that the Camborne section is suffering from lack of transportation facilities. The Provincial Government is improving the roads, but the official mentioned thinks wagon roads at best afford only a poor means for transporting heavy minerals.

The following official statement, made by the provincial mineralogist, should be kept prominently in mind by all interested in the progress of mining in British Columbia: In 1905 the tonnage of ore mined in the whole province, exclusive of coal, was 1,706,379 tons, some 245,070 tons, or 16 per cent, greater than in 1904, and 85 per cent greater than was mined in 1901.

The mining recorder for the Trout Lake mining division reports that on the Poplar mineral claim, situated near Gerrard, which is at the lower end of Trout Lake, a large amount of surface work has been done, exposing several seams of asbestos, but so far as he has learned, none of a marketable quality has yet been opened up.

The greatest improvement in the mining industry of Ainsworth mining division in 1905 occurred in the mines on Kootenay Lake. Several of the older mines, which had been unworked for a number of years were operated, the resumption of work having been brought about by the demand and the high price for the zinc ores which predominate in nearly all of these properties, and in the facilities which are being provided by the Canadian Metal Co., for the treatment of such ores.

At the Providence mine, the first and most developed of the high-grade silver-gold mine, of this dis-