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possibly to the extent of \$80,000-the exact figures are impossible to ascertain. To make this statement clear, I should explain that by reason of the fact that the actual market value of our ores cannot be learned until they reach the hands of the refiners in the shape of matte it is impossible to estimate our profits over a given period with any degree of accuracy. For the purpose of the monthly reports which are transmitted to the London office, and for the settlements made between the mine and smelter, the practice has been followed of placing a value on the monthly outputs on the metallic basis prevailing during the month in which the ore is mined. This procedure, apparently the only one which could be pursued under the circumstances, operates satisfactorily when copper and silver prices remain comparatively steady; but when fluctuations, such as have taken place several times during the past year, occur, profits are metamorphosed into actual losses. According to the showing made by our ore books, the profit of \$233,290 previously referred to has been made on the first-class ore mined and the second-class ore treated, basing our estimates in the manner indicated when, as a matter of fact, the matte settlements, made about three months after the receipt of the ore at the smelter, at the market prices then prevailing were approximately \$50,000 less. An additional sum of \$30,000 may be said to have been lost on the sales of "Custom" ores owing to the fall in prices.

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etc., and in connection with the electrical machinery for the transway. The money expended at the mine on machinery and plant and surface improvements was comparatively small, amounting to less than \$13,000. Half of the amount was spent in the construction of a flume and in making additional improvements in connection with our water and fire protection system, whilst the remainder of the sum was expended in the erection of or addition to buildings and in the purchase of additional machinery.

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