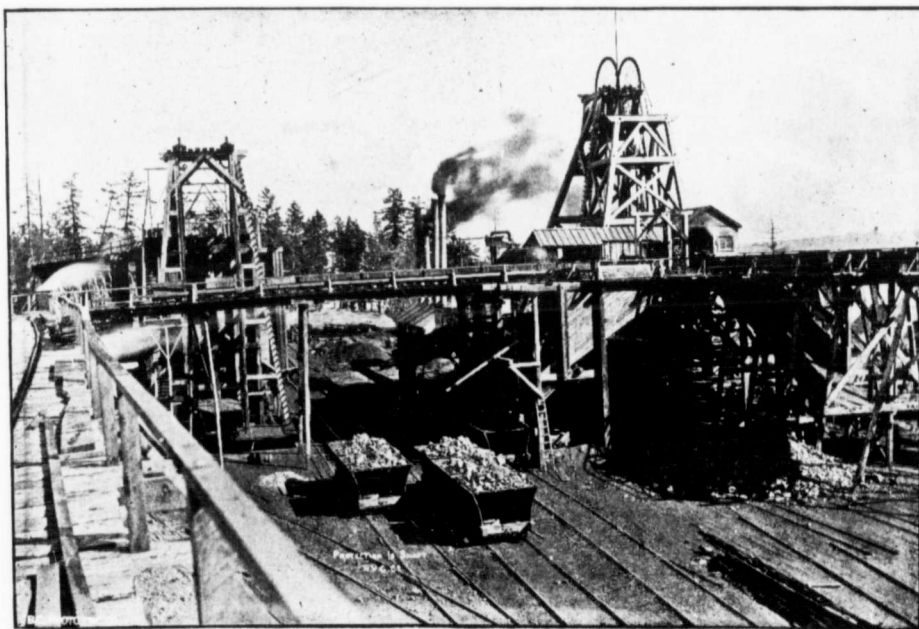


years a considerable amount of development work has been done in this mining division on mineral claims on Elk river, which empties into Kennedy lake ; Deer and Tranquil creeks, which empty into Tofino inlet, on Meares Island, at the entrance to Bedwell sound ; on Trout and Bear rivers, which empty into Bedwell sound ; Bedwell sound in the vicinity of Hesquoit harbor ; Sidney inlet ; Tahsis canal ; Koksitle inlet ; Kyuquoit sound and Quatsino sound.

Many of these prospects have very promising possibilities, but none can yet be considered mines in the general acceptance of the term. Depth is necessary in order to determine fully the result of the association of the magnetite and chalcopyrite, as well as to determine the extent of the ore bodies.

The highest grade ores found in this division are

the drainage area between those rivers flowing into the Pacific ocean from those flowing easterly ; thence southerly along the height of land forming the drainage area between all those rivers flowing into the Pacific ocean south of Seymour inlet and north of Hotham sound on the west, from the drainage area of the Chilcotin, Chilco river and lake, Jervis inlet and tributaries on the east ; thence following Hotham sound, Thunder bay, Malaspina straits, Straits of Georgia, passing to south of Valdes and Kuper Islands to the north boundary of Chemainus district, thence west along this same boundary to height of land forming the watershed between Nanaimo and Cowichan rivers ; thence following the height of land on Vancouver Island forming the divide between the eastern and western watersheds of such island to Cape Scott, then to point of commencement."



NO. 5 SHAFT, NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO'S COLLIERY.

bornite from the mountains near the shores of Sidney inlet, and pyritous gold ores from Meares Island.

Toward the end of the year more activity was shown in the mountains bordering on Quatsino sound, where it is claimed some very extensive bodies of chalcopyrite occur, and which it is proposed to develop fully and systematically.

Coal was discovered in the same neighbourhood a few years ago, and a San Francisco syndicate has been working steadily since then to develop mines and open collieries.

NANAIMO MINING DIVISION.

"Commencing at the north end of Lanz Island, thence easterly through Slingsby channel and Seymour inlet to the North Arm of Seymour inlet ; thence north and east following the height of land forming the watershed of all rivers flowing into the Pacific ocean south of Seymour inlet from those flowing into the Pacific ocean north of Seymour inlet, to the height of land forming

This district covers a larger area than any other on Vancouver Island, because within its boundaries are included so many of the islands in the Straits of Georgia, as well as an extensive territory on the Mainland.

The Vancouver Island collieries being located within this district places it as the most important from points of development and production of any of the island districts, though the actual operations are carried on over a comparatively small area, being confined to the neighborhood of the following towns on the east coast of the island ; Ladysmith, at Oyster bay ; Nanaimo, at Nanaimo harbor ; Wellington, six miles northwesterly from Nanaimo ; Comox, Union and Cumberland, near Union harbor.

The collieries are operated by the following companies : New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, operating the Nanaimo colliery, consisting of the No. 1 shaft, Esplanade, in the City of Nanaimo ; Protection Island shaft, Southfield, near Nanaimo river.