

	Week	Year
St. Eugene, E. Kootenay		344
Sullivan, E. Kootenay	2,250	29,854
Tip Top, Kashabawa, Ont.	103	857
Tom Thumb, Republic	157	580
United Copper, Chewelah	302	2,004
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Utica, Slocan		274
Wakefield, Copeland, Id.		41
Wind Pass, Chu Chua		31
Totals, week and year	9,885	106,879

—Trail News.

It is reported that the Lucky Jack and Swede group in the Poplar Creek district have been bonded to a Spokane syndicate for \$75,000 and it is believed that development work will be begun as soon as conditions permit.

W. B. Pool and J. H. Young, it is said, are acting on behalf of the owners, known as the Great Northern company, while H. T. Irving & Co., of Spokane, is organizing a company for the purpose of giving these claims a thorough test. Great importance is attached to the reopening of work on the Lucky Jack and Swede group in the light of the splendid showings made in 1903, when much excitement was caused by the splendid specimens of gold ore which were then taken from the properties.

It is reported that the Sheep Creek Bonanza Mining Co., situated near the Emerald mine, which is shipping 200 tons of ore per week to Trail, has been optioned to American interests for \$150,000. This is anticipated by mining men to indicate renewed activity in the Sheep Creek district, as the Nugget and Queen gold mines are about to resume operations. According to the terms of the option taken by

the United States capitalists on the Bonanza, two shifts are to be continuously employed during the period of the bond.

Recently a deal was completed in Nelson by which the Mountain Chief silver-copper mine at Renata, was purchased by a Calgary syndicate for the sum of \$100,000.

The syndicate was organized by George S. McCarter, of Calgary, and formerly of Revelstoke, and is composed of Mr. McCarter, W. H. Wain and J. H. Weaver, the two latter also being Calgary men. A little more than a month ago Mr. McCarter took a bond on the property and about a week ago Mr. Wain and Mr. Weaver joined Mr. McCarter in the city and made a trip to the mine, which resulted in the closing of the deal and the payment into the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada the purchase price of \$100,000.

The Hedley Gold Mining Company, owner of the Nickel Plate and other large gold mining properties of British Columbia, has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. and an extra dividend of 6 per cent. which was paid on March 31, to stockholders of record on March 24.

The disbursement will be of \$60,000, the same as for the last quarter, and will raise the total to \$2,123,520. The rate of payment is also the same as that during all quarters of 1916 when the dividends aggregated \$240,000, as compared with \$300,000 in 1915. The difference in distributions is attributed to the higher cost of mining in 1916 and 1917 as compared with that of earlier years. Supplies and wages are higher, while there has been no increase in the payment received for the product. The Hedley company operates on a large scale in both its mining and milling departments.

STATEMENT OF COAL AND COKE TONNAGE—RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1917.

Name of Company	Mine	Coal Tonnage	Coke Tonnage
Canadian Collieries, Ltd.	Comox	28,233	4,063
Canadian Collieries, Ltd.	Wellington	17,020	nil
Western Fuel Company	Nanaimo	42,904	"
Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Ltd.	Sth. Wellington	7,043	"
Vancr.-Nanaimo Coal Min'g Co.	East Wellington	5,651	"
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.	Michel	1,391	3,271
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.	Coal Creek	14,060	4,590
Corbin Coal & Coke Co.	Corbin	2,118	nil
Middlesboro Collieries, Ltd.	Middlesboro	5,927	"
Inland Coal & Coke Co.	Merritt	3,242	"
Princeton Coal & Land Co.	Princeton	4,971	"
		132,560	11,924

CANADIAN SURETY COMPANY BRANCHES OUT

The Canadian Surety Company, which formerly transacted the business of Guarantee Insurance exclusively, having decided to take up other classes of insurance, has been granted a license by the Dominion Department of Insurance to transact in Canada the business of Burglary and Plate Glass Insurance, in addition to Guarantee Insurance.

The company will secure at once the necessary qualification to write these lines in the several provinces of the Dominion.

DOUGLAS MACKAY & CO. OPEN VANCOUVER OFFICE

The firm of Douglas, Mackay & Co., who have been established in Victoria for some years as general insurance agents and financial brokers, have opened an office in Vancouver.

Mr. R. W. Douglas, who is a well known insurance man in Canada, and was formerly associated with the Atlas Assurance Co., of London, England, as manager of the western department, will be in charge of the Vancouver office of his firm.

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