

gress at one or two other mines besides. In addition to the development of copper-gold properties the iron mines on Texada have been extensively worked, while the deposits on Barclay Sound have also been further developed. Production from the Coast this year is probably less than during 1901, and is therefore not indicative of the real progress that has taken place, shipments from the Mount Sicker mines having been held back pending the completion of the local smelting works. The Britannia mines at Howe Sound have not been operated during the year.

A small tonnage of high-grade copper ore has been shipped from the Copper King and Iron Mask mines at Kamloops, but operations in this district have been mainly of an exploratory character. It is meanwhile

in a very large number of the mines of the Slocan District, the ore bodies carry considerable percentages of this metal, which heretofore was not only unmarketable but an actual disadvantage in complicating the operation of silver-lead recovery, some return of industrial prosperity is looked for. There are also grounds for belief that the Federal Government may be induced to take such action, either by the institution of tariff reform or by offering a bounty on production, as may stimulate and encourage activity in the lead mining districts of the Province. The Slocan District has been this year the most important productive area, and some fifty mines have shipped ore in larger or smaller quantities. This list is headed by the Rambler-Cariboo at McGuigan, which has paid regu-



Railway to the Comox Collieries.

expected that local smelting works will ere long be erected. Iron ore from the Glen Iron Mines has been sent to the Kootenay smelters for fluxing purposes, the year's output having been over three thousand tons.

The season of 1902 has not been favourable to silver-lead mining effort, and a falling off in production is reported. The causes of this depression have been already, on more than one occasion, explained in these columns, and a reiteration is therefore not necessary. It may, however, be stated that the outlook notwithstanding the continued decline in the price of silver, has of late become decidedly brighter in consequence of a demand which has arisen in the United States for zinc ores and concentrates, and as

lar quarterly dividends of two and a half cents per share to its shareholders. The Sunset has also distributed profits. In the 'dry ore' belt of the Slocan City Division, the production is rather below last year's returns. The Arlington mine, however, has produced heavily, and experiments are being conducted at the property to determine the best means of profitably concentrating the lower grade products. Little has been accomplished in the Ainsworth Division, but in consequence of the completion of the branch line of railway from the Arrow Lakes into the Trout Lake District, and also on account of the high-grade character of the ore in this section, production has been on the increase. The showing made by East Kootenay is far from satisfactory. In the spring op-