### The Mineral Production

lumbia in 1901, recently issued: Department of Mines, Victoria, 15th ed.

This estimate is based upon the actual returns of a number of the mines, and for those mines from which returns have not as yet been received the output is

a very despondent view to be taken to the progress of the mining industry during 1901, which does not seem to be warranted by the facts.

There is an appreciable drop in the not as yet been received the output is mines for the previous year.

You will note that these are not given season.

Season.

The tonnage of ore mined from the be out for about two months yet.

I hand you these figures now rather so good a showing will be of benefit to where accompanied with good silver the province, and is generally desired values.

quite sufficiently so as to show the pro- silver 14 per cent. gress which has been made in the mining industry during the past year.

ucts the usual course has been followed, and the average price for the year in dient servant, the New York metal market has been used as a basis. For silver 95 per cent

Following is the bulletin report on and for lead 90 per cent of such mar-the mineral production of British Co-ket prices have been taken. Treatment and other charges have not been deduct-

Roughly speaking, the increase made Hon. D. M. Eberts K. C., Acting Min- in 1901 oven 1900 is 25 per cent on gross ister of Mines, Victoria, B. C. value of output of the province. 1.
Sir—I have the honor to submit to will be a very agreeable surprise to you the following as an approximate es- many, as the circulation of reports givtimate of the mineral production for the ing a contrary impression has caused a very despondent view to be taken of

based upon their approximate known placer gold production, owing to the sudtonnage for the past year, together with den melting of the snow last spring, the assays of the ores from the same causing freshets and leaving a shortage of water during the latter part of the

can only be obtained after all returns lode mines in the past year is about are in, and checked very carefully. 871,832 tons, equal to an increase of 317,—These will be included in the annual 036 over the year 1900, a little more

report of the department, which cannot be out for about two months yet.

There has been an increase in the output of all the metals with the excepthan wait for the final statistics, as I tion of lead, the low price obtainable in believe the prompt publication of even this province for lead ores having disan approximate official estimate making couraged this class of mining, except

The gross value of the copper output I think you will find the estimate increased 206 per cent over 1900, while conservative and very approximate, lode gold has increased 36 per cent and

The attached tabulated forms show the estimated production of the various In calculating the values of the prod- metals and for the various districts.

WM F ROBERTSON.

ESTIMATED MINERAL PRODUCTION BY METALS.

1900.			1901.
(As Ascertained)		(	Estimated.)
Quantity	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold, placer (oz) 63,936	\$ 1,278,724	43,204	\$ 892,500
Gold, lode (oz) 167,153	3,453,381	227,696	4,704,200
Silver, (oz) 3,958,175	2,309,200	4,685,718	2,624,002
Copper (lbs) 9,997,080	1,615,289	30,736,798	4,951,698
Lead, (lbs)63,358,621	2,691,887	50,529,260	1,970,641
Coal, (ton 2240 lbs) 1,439,595	4,318,785	1,529,210	4,587,630
Coke (ton 2240 lbs) 85,149	425,745	134,760	673,800
Other materials	251,740	.,	309,030
Totals	\$16,344,751		\$20,713,501
PRODUCTION OF MINERAL	BY MINING	DIVISION	rs.
Tons of	Ore Mined.		Value.
1900	1901	1900	1901
Name.	Estimated		Estimated

PRODUCTION OF MIN	ERAL	BY MINING	DIVISIONS	
Name.	ons of 1900	Ore Mined. 1901 Estimated	1900	Value. 1901 Estimated
Cariboo district	300		\$ 672,000 12,527 467,479 2,855,851	\$ 450,000 20,000 320,000 2,850,289
Kootenay, West, district Trail Creek Min Div Nelson Min Div Ainsworth-Slocan Min Div Other parts Lillooet district	94,378	103,486 30,267 1,229	2,739,300 787,082 2,413,373 81,028 88,493	3,855,556 1,110,226 2,240,615 155,792 56,900
Yale district		401,008 3,158	1,358,383 64,082 4,805,153	4,695,469 55,989 4,902,669
	554,796	871,832	\$16,344,751	\$20,713,501

PRODUCTION BY DI	STRICTS.	
	1900	1901
Cariboo	\$ 684,527 -	\$ 470,00
Cassiar	467,479	320,00
Kootenay, East		2,850,28
Kootenay, West		7,362,18
Lillooet		56,90 4.751.45
Yale		4,751,46
Coast	4,805,153	4,902,00

#### The Islanders

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Here is Rudyard Kipling's latest poem, published in the Times on January 4, discussing compulsory conscription, and savagely attacking the British devotion to sport. Its publication has been fallowed by the indignant denials and denunciations of sportsmen in Britain and all

"Early in January, 2,000 ... .. are to be enlisted and mobilized .... ... The men are to be sent to Aldershot in batches of 500 for eight weeks training.

.. So the Cape Government asked the Colonel to come home and secure suitable men for his regiment." .. Any form of compulsory service being impossible among a free peo-

.... .. 1,728 head of game falling to four guns. Thanks to careful and scien-

tific attention, the moors were never in better condition."-Daily Press. .. .. My fifteen months out here have made me fairly keen on compulfor all England. It is simply awful that after two years you send out men who have to be taught to shoot and ride. It's like expecting a

Board school boy to play in a country eleven."-Private Letter Fenced by your careful fathers, ringed by your leaden seas,

Long did ye wake in quiet, and long lie down at ease. Till ye said of Strife: "What is it?" Of the Sword: "It is far from our

ken;" Till ye made a sport of your shrunken hosts and a toy of your armed

Ye stopped your ears to the warning ye would neither look nor heed. It Ye set your leisure before their toil,

and your lusts above their need. Because of your witless learning and your beasts of warren and chase Ye grudged your sons for their service

and your fields for their camping-Ye forced them glean in the highways the straw for the bricks they

brought; Ye forced them follow in byways the craft that ye never taught. Ye hindered and hampered and crippled

ve thrust out of sight and away Those that would serve you for hono and those that served you for pay.

Then were the Judgments loosened then was your shame revealed, At the hands of a little people, few but apt in the field.

Yet ye were saved by a remnant (and your land's long-suffering Star), When your strong men cheered in their millions while your striplings went to war.

Sons of the sheltered cty—unmade, unhandled, unmeet-

Ye pushed them raw to the battle as ye picked them raw from the And what did ye look they should com-

breath? Knowledge unto occasion at the first far view of Death? So! And ye train your horses and the

pass? War-craft learned in a

dogs ye feed and prize. How are the beasts more worthy than

the souls you sacrifice?
But ye said—"Their valor shall show them;" but ye said-"The end is

close:' And ye sent them comfits and pictures to help them harry your foes.

And ye vaunted your fathomless power and ye flaunted your iron pride Ere-ye fawned on the Younger Nations for the men who could shoot and ride!

Then ye returned to your trinkets; then ye contented your souls With the flannelled fools at the wicker or the muddled oafs at the goals.

Given to strong delusion, wholly lieving a lie, saw that the land lay fenceless and ve let the months go by, Waiting some easy wonder;

some saving sign-Idle-openly idle-in the lee of the forespent Line.

Idle-except for your boasting, and what is your boasting worth

If ye grudge a year of service to the lordliest life on Earth?

Ancient, effortless, ordered, cycle cycle set-Life so long untroubled that ye who inherit forget

was not made with the mountains; it is not one with the deep. Men, not Gods, devised it. Men, not Gods, must keep.

Men, not children, servants, or kinsfolk called from afar. But each man born in the island broke to the matter of war.

Soberly and by custom taken and trained to the same: Each man born in the island enter youth to the game-

were almost cricket. mastered in haste. But ofter trial and labor, by tember ance, living chaste.

\*\*\*\*\*\* As it were almost cricket—as it were even your play—
Weighed and pondered and worshipped and practiced day on day. So ye shall bide sure-guarded when the restless lightnings wake

In the womb of the blotting warcloud and the pallid nations quake, So, at the haggard trumpets, instant your sould shall leap Forthright, full-harnessed, accepting-

alert from the wells of sleep. So at the threat ye shall summ at the need ye shall send Men, not children or servants, tempered

and taught to the end. Cleansed of servile panic, slow to dread or despise, Humble, because of knowledge; mighty by sacrifice.

But ye say-"It will mar our comfort. Ye say-"It will minish our trade." ye wait for the spattered shrapnel ere ye learn how a gun is laid? For the low red glare to the southward where the raided coast-towns

burn? (Light ye shall have on that lesson, but little time to learn.) Will ye pitch some white pavilion; and

lustily even the odds With net and hoops and mallets, with racquets and bats and rods? Will the rabbit war with your foemen the red deer horn them for hire! kept cock-pheasant keep you? He

is master of many a shire Arid, aloof, incurious, unthinking, unthanking, gelt-Will ve loose your schools to flout them till the browbeat columns melt?

Will ye pray them or preach them or print them or ballot them back from your shore?

Will your workmen issue a mandate to bid them strike no more? Will ye rise and dethrone your rulers?

(Because ye were idle both, Pride by insolence chastened? Indolence purged by sloth?) No doubt but ye are the people; shall make you afraid?

Also your gods are many; no but your gods shall aid. Idols of greasy altars built for the spirit's ease;

Proud little brazen Baals and talking fetishes; Teraphs of sept and party and wise wood-pavement Gods-

These shall come down to 'he battle and snatch you from inder the From the gusty, flickering gun-roll with viewless salvoes rent. And the pitted hail of the bullets that

tell not whence they were sent. When ye are ringed as with iron, when ye are scourged as with whips, When the meat s yet in your belly and the boast is yet on your lips; When ye go forth at morning and the

under the yoke. No doubt but ye are the people-absolute, strong and wise; Whatever your heart has desired ye have not withheld from your eyes.

noon beholds you broke Ere ye lie down at even, your remnant,

On your own heads, in your wn hands the sin and the saving lies!

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

An occasional contributor to the Miner sends us the following lines. He says they were suggested by the recital to him of an experience of one of Rossland's most prominent citizens, in the early morning following the municipal buffet library cars and free chair cars election. The correspondent has given is absolutely the finest train in the early morning following the municipal to the verses the title:

A POST-PRANDIAL ENCOUNTER. Once upon a winter morning, As I wakened, widely yawning, Half asleep as yet, and dreaming of the happy days of yore, Suddenly there came a patter

And with that a fearful clatter Like the prance of mighty horses rushing to my very door-"Bell-boy," said I-nothing more.

There I lay, by terror shaken, Wondering if I e'er should waken rom this nightmare, jag-begotten on the glorious night before. And I fancied, in my madness: 'Tis some harbinger of gladness

Bringing tidings of great findings-findings of a mine of ore: Surely this-if nothing more!" Quickly from my bed I bounded, Whilst a thundrous rapping sounded

(Flinging from my brow the icy banwhich my temples wore,) Eagerly the knob I groped for, Eager for the news I hoped for, Hoped for, longed for, ached for, yearn

ed for, as man never yearned be-Yearning thus, I sought the door,

As towards the door I fluttered. Curses loud I nearly uttered, As I stepped upon an unseen tack which stood upon the floor;

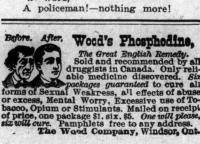
But glad thoughts of wealth and Checked the hasty exclamation On my lips, although I shuddered as felt the trickling gore-

So I smiled-and never swore. But the sweet anticipation Of my rise in rank and station Could not drown the haunting mem'ry of mad freaks the night before—

How we smashed the landlord's glasses, And made way with all the "Bass Which we swiped from many boxes stacked upon the cellar floor:

Then we wept-there was no mored Hesitating then no longer-Wondering why I was not stronger-unbolted and flung open on its creaking hinge the door,

Out into the hallway peering, Wondering, but never fearing, beheld, in all the glory of the unifor wore,



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