

tificates for all the claims for sufficient work done on one.

"A free miner may, in lieu of work pay \$100 to the mining recorder. Disputes as to title are determined by priority."

Any miner, prospector or other person having any suggestions to make with regard to the above provisions will please state his objections or suggestions to the BULLETIN, but be kind enough to be brief and come to the point at once.

PRODUCTION IN 1900.

Ore 347,000 Tons Valued at \$7,500,000.

The above figures represent the production of gold-copper and argentiferous lead ores for the first ten months of the present year in the districts of East and West Kootenay and Yale. This is a very conservative estimate, and there are good reasons for now believing that the output for the whole of the present year in the same districts will amount to one half a million tons, valued at ten million of dollars. This too is a conservative estimate, and it shows that while our gold-copper ores have declined production has increased very much. That for the year 1900 will amount to 40 per cent of what it was during the four years from 1896 to 1899, while the total valuation for 1900 is about 5-12 of what the total valuation amounted to in the four years already named.

Personal.

Sir Charles Tupper arrived here last night. He will, we are credibly informed, make a personal visit to the Velvet mines on Sophie Mountain where he is largely interested.

Mr. J. B. Hastings has resigned his position as consulting mining engineer of the War Eagle Gold Mining Company. Mr. Ferrier, who has been a member of the War Eagle staff for some time, takes the vacated position. It has not yet been announced what new engagements will be entered into by Mr. Hastings. Mr. Ferrier is a gentleman of the new school of economic mining and a geologist of some experience in this and other portions of the continent.

Royal Canadian Mint.

We have not yet received a copy of Hon. W. S. Fielding's bill which provides for the establishment of a branch of the Royal Mint in the Dominion.

This step accentuates the progress made by the mineral industry of Canada—an industry which already ranks fifth in the list of the world's producers.

Rossland Mines.

Ore shipments—The output of ore from Rossland mines for the 10 months and 24 days ending November 24, amounted to 195,425 tons valued at \$3,126,800 gross. The shipments of ore from Rossland for the whole of 1899 amounted to 172,665 tons valued at \$3,229,086.