

# Mining Throughout British Columbia

## Receipts and Shipments at Trail—Zinc Production for 1915—Preliminary Estimate of Provincial Output—Estimate of Coal Production.

The first shipment of ore to come from the Windermere district for some time was received at Trail smelter the week ending January 22, and consisted of 39 tons from the Lead Queen, near Briscoe. It is believed that the reopening of this mine will act as an incentive to mining men to resume operations in other parts of the district. The receipts at Trail during last week were as follows:—

Rossland.		
Centre Star .....	2,748	10,632
Le Roi .....	2,671	6,833
Le Roi No. 2 .....	281	457
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>5,700</b>	<b>17,922</b>
East Kootenay.		
Sullivan .....	906	1,813
Slocan and Ainsworth.		
Standard .....	149	532
Bluebell .....	172	337
Hewitt .....	43	43
Apex .....	26	26
Other mines .....	.....	228
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>390</b>	<b>1,168</b>
Nelson.		
Emerald .....	116	116
Other mines .....	.....	34
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>116</b>	<b>150</b>
Consolidated Receipts.		
Centre Star .....	2,748	10,632
Le Roi .....	2,671	6,833
Le Roi No. 2 .....	281	457
Sullivan .....	906	1,813
Standard .....	149	532
Hewitt .....	43	43
United Copper .....	153	336
Ben Hur .....	460	1,549
Bluebell .....	172	337
Apex .....	26	26
Emerald .....	116	116
Lead Queen .....	39	39
Other mines .....	.....	556
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>7,701</b>	<b>23,469</b>

—Nelson News.

The following is a comparative statement of the shipments of zinc concentrates from Kootenay-Boundary mines for the years of 1914 and 1915. An increase of 2,869 tons for last year is shown over the year previous:—

	1914	1915
Rambler Cariboo .....	1,132	934
Slocan Star .....	696	440
Whitewater .....	160	559
Surprise .....	.....	2,781
Utica .....	73	206
Lucky Jim .....	.....	1,029
Cork Province .....	.....	44
Ruth .....	.....	84
Van Roi .....	863	.....
Standard .....	6,077	4,813
Hewitt .....	1,254	1,503
Galena Farm .....	.....	248
Hudson Bay .....	.....	357
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>10,189</b>	<b>13,058</b>

A preliminary estimate of the value of the mineral production of British Columbia in 1915 makes it appear that it was the third highest yearly total in the history of mining

in the Province, says The Nelson Daily News. The estimated total is \$29,703,000. If the revised figures, after the returns for the year shall have been received from the various producers of mineral, shall prove that this estimate is not too high, then the position will be that the value of last year's output of minerals was larger by about \$3,314,000 than that of 1914, but smaller than that of 1912—the year of high record—by \$2,737,000.

The estimate of the value of mineral production of the Province in 1915 is:—

Placer gold .....	\$ 690,000
Lode gold .....	5,326,000
<b>Total gold</b> .....	<b>\$6,016,000</b>
Silver .....	\$1,734,000
Lead .....	1,727,000
Copper .....	9,909,000
Zinc .....	1,395,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$20,781,000</b>
Coal .....	\$ 5,432,000
Coke .....	1,490,000
Miscellaneous products .....	2,000,000
<b>Total value of production</b> .....	<b>\$29,703,000</b>

While the foregoing comment applies to the value of the minerals, it is not similarly applicable in every case to the quantities, for there seems to have been considerably less lead produced in 1915 than in either 1913 or 1912, and, too, there was a decrease in the net amount of coal produced—that is, of coal, either sold as such or used about the collieries. In fact, the quantity of coal available for sale, after deducting that used for making coke, was the smallest in nine consecutive years.

Mr. E. Jacobs, mining engineer, Victoria, gives an estimate in the Canadian Mining Journal of the provincial coal production, as follows:—

	Tons of 2,240 lb.
Gross output in 1915 .....	2,060,804
Gross output in 1914 .....	2,166,428
Gross output in 1913 .....	2,570,760
Gross output in 1912 .....	3,025,709
Gross output in 1911 .....	2,297,718
Gross output in 1910 .....	3,139,235
Vancouver Island.	
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.—	Tons of 2,240 lb.
Comox Mines, Cumberland .....	360,410
Extension Mines .....	164,365
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>524,775</b>
Western Fuel Co.—	
Nanaimo Mines .....	382,604
Reserve Shaft Mine .....	28,866
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>411,470</b>
Pacific Coast Mines, Ltd.—	
South Wellington .....	105,000
Morden Shaft Mine .....	22,500
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>127,500</b>
Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Mining Co. ....	46,034
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,109,779</b>
Nicola.	
Middlesboro Collieries .....	54,500
Inland Coal and Coke Co. ....	32,820
Pacific Coast Colliery Co. of B. C. ....	1,065
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>88,385</b>
Similkameen.	
Princeton Coal and Land Co. ....	12,675
Southeast Kootenay.	
Crow's Nest Pass Co. ....	707,010
Corbin Coal and Coke Co. ....	52,955
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>849,965</b>
<b>Gross production of coal</b> .....	<b>2,060,804</b>