

Kerr Lake declared a dividend of 4 per cent, or 20 cents a share, payable March 15th. Books close March 1, and re-open March 15th. In November a dividend of 3 per cent. was declared.

Gross earnings of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company for the twelve months of 1908 are shown in the following table:—

1905 .....	\$460,845 54
1906 .....	1,406,305 78
1907 .....	2,247,536 45
1908 .....	2,613,815 66

Operations of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company during 1908 follow:—

Production—Ore mined, 556,000 tons; stone quarried, 304,000 tons; coal consumed, 840,000 tons; pig iron made, 263,000 tons; steel made, 279,000 tons; rails made, 153,500 tons; wire rods made, 41,500 tons; other steel products, 35,000 tons; sulphate ammonia, 3,000 tons; tar, gallons, 4,000,000.

Shipments—Pig iron, 18,000 tons; steel blooms, 32,500 tons; wire rods, 44,500 tons; steel rails, 50,000 tons; sulphate ammonia, 2,600 tons; granulated slag, 18,000 tons. Total, 265,600 tons. Tar, gallons, 4,500,000.

## STATISTICS AND RETURNS.

### DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LIMITED—OUTPUT 1908.

No. 1, 531,490 tons; No. 2, 697,860; No. 3, 341,059; No. 4, 418,839; No. 5, 641,794; No. 6, 220,120; No. 7, 126,580; No. 8, 196,082; No. 9, 345,665. Total, 3,519,489 tons.

Shipments from the collieries of the Cumberland Railway & Coal Company, Springhill, N.S., for the month of December, 1908, were 29,808 tons.

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	Coal. tons.	Coke. tons.
January .....	93,364.14	23,787.14
February .....	89,609.07	19,897.07
March .....	81,708.05	21,713.16
April .....	70,444.00	19,022.15
May .....	64,701.16	16,110.15
June .....	96,212.16	26,407.00
July .....	99,138.07	31,742.00
August .....	70,366.18	17,646.18
September .....	76,610.01	22,778.11
October .....	84,774.08	24,255.00
November .....	78,976.05	21,582.09
December .....	78,323.00 (Est.)	25,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>986,229.12</b>	<b>269,944.05</b>
<b>Total, 1907 .....</b>	<b>981,939.00</b>	<b>231,368.00</b>

Gold output at the Transvaal mines last month, as estimated by Kaffir houses in London, was 635,000 ounces, another high record. If this estimate is correct, December outturn of gold was 13,000 ounces greater than that of October, the previous record. Comparison of value of the month's output is:—

December, 1908.....	\$13,495,000	December, 1907.....	\$12,393,000
November, 1908.....	13,048,000	December, 1906.....	11,685,000
October, 1908.....	13,120,000	December, 1905.....	9,166,000
September, 1908.....	12,481,000	December, 1904.....	7,694,000
August, 1908.....	12,484,000	December, 1903.....	6,075,000

The record of silver prices in New York is as follows:—

Year.	High.	Low.
1908.....	58%	47%
1907.....	70%	53%
1906.....	71%	62%
1905.....	65%	55
1904.....	62	63%
1903.....	61%	47
1902.....	56½	47
1901.....	64	64½
1900.....	65½	58%

The silver production of Mexico for the fiscal year, 1907-08, was 2,153,014 kilograms, valued at 85,466,904 pesos. Of gold Mexico produced 28,572 kilograms, valued at 38,096,661 pesos.

The total value of the year's production of silver and gold was 124,543,565 pesos.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA'S ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total ore shipments from south-eastern British Columbia, for 1908, in small part estimated, are 2,066,892 tons. For 1907, the figures were 1,671,206 tons—455,586 tons increase, or 28.27 per cent.

The 1908 shipments were made up thus:—

Ore Shipments.	
Boundary.....	1,476,147 tons.
Slocan-Kootenay.....	294,824 tons.
Rossland.....	295,921 tons.

2,066,892 tons

### Smelter Receipts.

Granby.....	1,049,671 tons
B C. Copper Co.....	364,945 tons
Dominion Copper Co.....	21,872 tons
Marysville.....	5,730 tons
Trail.....	332,562 tons
Le Roi.....	85,314 tons

1,860,094 tons

\*Includes shipments from City of Cobalt (Cobalt), 62 tons, and Nancy Helen (Cobalt), 72 tons.

The principal Boundary shippers were:—

Granby.....	1,049,671 tons
Mother Lode.....	302,069 tons
Oro Denoro.....	57,286 tons
Snowshoe.....	44,502 tons
Rawhide.....	10,740 tons
Brooklyn.....	6,800 tons
Sunset.....	3,802 tons

Chief among the Rossland shippers were:—

Centre Star.....	177,389 tons
Le Roi.....	76,967 tons
Le Roi No. 2.....	28,871
Le Roi No. 2, milled.....	11,270

The leading Slocan-Kootenay shippers were:—

Whitewater.....	1,047 tons
Whitewater Deep.....	1,027 tons
Whitewater Zinc (Okla.).....	6,800 tons
Whitewater Zinc (Europe).....	350 tons
Whitewater Deep, milled.....	30,600 tons
St. Eugene.....	25,000 tons
St. Eugene, milled.....	145,000 tons
Queen.....	1,063 tons
Queen, milled.....	11,850 tons
Blue Bell.....	2,152 tons
Blue Bell, milled.....	21,500 tons
Granite-Poorman, milled.....	10,800 tons

In considering the appended table it is to be noted that progress is evident in the production of everything except