

profit to the mine-owners. Preparations are being made to ship ore from the Society Girl, on which ore has been cut by a long crosscut tunnel.

Coal.—The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company looks for conditions being favourable for larger production at its mines henceforth. An adequate supply of railway cars for hauling the coal away has been promised, and arrangements have been made with the Great Northern to take about all the coal the company shall find it practicable to supply that railway with. The C. P. R. Mine at Hosmer, and the mine at Corbin, owned by a Spokane company, are both being regularly worked; the prospects for these comparatively new mines are that their output will be larger this year than last.

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Ainsworth.—In Ainsworth camp proper there is not much being done at present, but those directly interested are endeavouring to arrange for an early resumption of work at both the Highland-United and Krao properties. The Blue Bell, across Kootenay Lake from Ainsworth, is not now being worked; the manager, Mr. S. S. Fowler, has gone to Europe with the stated purpose of meeting the larger shareholders of the French company owning the mine and informing them what plant and machinery are required to allow of the big mine being worked to advantage. There is much lead-zinc ore accessible, but hoisting and pumping machinery is required to make this available for milling. On the south fork of the Kaslo Creek the Cork Mine is to be worked again this season, besides several smaller mines also on that creek. The Whitewater group has resumed shipment of concentrates, some 10,000 tons of ore having been milled during the four expired months of the year; both lead-silver and zinc-silver concentrates are produced. The Utica and Wellington Mines will be producers again this year.

Slocan.—The rebuilding of several bridges, so damaged some time ago that no trains have since been run over the Kaslo and Slocan Railway beyond McGuigan, has been ordered, so transportation facilities for mines near Sandon will ere long be improved. Recent developments at the Rambler-Cariboo Mine are the most important in recent years at that property. The finding of valuable shoots of silver-lead ore on the 900 and 1,000-foot levels had added considerably to the producing capabilities of the mine. The annual meeting of the Rambler-Cariboo Mines, Limited, will be held at Kaslo in June, and it is expected the report then to be presented will be the most favourable since the mine's dividend-paying periods of years ago. Shipments from the Richmond-Eureka mines, owned by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, were in excess of 1,600 tons for four months to April 30th. With the melting of the snow working conditions should be favourable to an increased output. The Slocan-Star and Ruth-Hope groups, both in the vicinity of Sandon, will contribute substantially to this year's total output. The concentrating mill at the former will probably be operated again after having been idle for several years. Above Cody Creek, the Noble Five, Surprise, Reco and Sunset, are all being worked. About Slocan Lake there is also encouraging activity. The Mollie Hughes, near New Denver; Standard, Van Roi, and Hewitt-Lorna Doone group, in Four-Mile Creek camp; Eastmont (Ellis Silver Mining Company) at Ten-Mile Creek, and Ottawa, on Springer Creek, all tributary to Slocan Lake, are also being worked, with good prospects for an appreciably large total production of ore this year.

Nelson.—Near the city of Nelson the Granite-Poorman group is keeping its gold stamp mill running continuously, and at the Silver King is shipping silver-copper ore to Trail. The latter has this year sent out about 1,300 tons by the end of April. The acquirement recently of the old Molly Gibson Mine by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, leads to the expectation of an early resumption of production there, though it is not yet known whether the mill put in by the La Plata Mines, Limited, which worked the mine during two years, will again be used for

concentrating purposes, or all the silver-lead bearing ore mined be shipped crude to Trail. In the southern part of Nelson mining division, mining gives promise of improvement, there being work in progress in Ymir, Salmo, Sheep Creek and Erie camps. This year's shipments from the Yankee Girl, at Ymir, had, by the end of April reached a total of rather more than 2,200 tons. The Emerald, near Salmo, has shipped about 1,100 tons of lead ore in 1910. The Queen and Nugget, at Sheep Creek, are both producing steadily, the former having this year milled about 7,000 tons at its 20-stamp mill, and the latter 2,000 tons at its 4-stamp mill. Development work in the Mother Lode, another Sheep Creek mine, is stated to be resulting satisfactorily and arrangements have been made for operating power drills in this mine in place of hand drills. Gold is the chief valuable metal in Sheep Creek ores.

Rossland.—The War Eagle Mine, of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company's Centre Star group, is reported to be in a position to supply during several months a fairly large tonnage of ore containing a higher average of gold than usual. There has not been any development of importance in connection with the exploration of the Le Roi by diamond drills, no large body of ore of good grade having yet been found. Fire has destroyed the head works at the No. 1 mine of Le Roi No. 2, Limited, but as all the ore has for some time been hoisted through the company's Josie shaft, production will not be interfered with. The loss, which is partly covered by insurance, is reported to have been about \$10,000, this including head-frame and electrically-operated hoist. The year's total receipts of ores and concentrates at the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company's works at Trail to May 7th, are stated to have been nearly 180,000 tons, as compared with 125,000 tons for the corresponding period of 1909.

Boundary.—The tonnage of ore shipped in 1910 to May 5th has reached a total of 660,500 tons; of this, 450,000 tons was from the Granby Company's mines, 145,500 tons from those of the B. C. Copper Company, and practically all the remainder from the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company's Snowshoe Mine. The Granby Company's total gives an average output of a little more than 3,600 tons for each of the 125 days of that period. It is reported that the B. C. Copper Company expects to soon have enough men to admit of its mines and smelter being worked to ordinary capacity. Numbers of the men who lately refused to continue working with non-union men have left the district. Two of the three blast furnaces at this company's smelter at Greenwood, are being enlarged. New York news is to the effect that 25,000 tons of ore from the New Dominion Copper Company's mines will be smelted at Greenwood, results to be taken as a guide in making permanent arrangements between the two companies for the reduction of Dominion Company's ores.

Similkameen.—Further development of the Hedley Gold Mining Company's Nickel Plate Mine is in progress, and additions are being made to plant and machinery at the company's 40-stamp mill. The V. V. & E. Railway, constructed by the Great Northern, is being operated to Princeton, and the further extension into the Tulameen country is in hand. Coal from the Vermilion Forks Mining & Smelting Company's Princeton colliery has been shipped over the new railway.

Nicola.—Coal mining operations are gradually assuming larger dimensions in Nicola Valley district. The Nicola Valley Coal & Coke Company is steadily enlarging its output. Last year this company mined about 70,000 tons; production for the four expired months of this year must be well on to a similar total. Several other companies are preparing for a regular output.

Coast.—The reported sale of the Dunsmuir coal mines to Mackenzie & Mann interests, and some local excitement relative to Portland Canal mineral claims, are the chief features connected with mining in the Coast district. The Portland Canal Mining & Development Company is the only organization that has yet done much actual mining on its property in the new camp, though two or three others have also driven some tunnels.