

OF GENERAL PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

FINANCE MINISTER REVIEWS PROVINCIAL PRODUCTION

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peace conditions. The result was that the world's copper market during 1919 was demoralized, with no certainty as to the future. Added to this producers of copper, under pressure of the war, had added to their plants in many mstances and made provisions for greater output, and besides, had considerable stocks on hand. The position of our mining companies, whose primary production is copper, thus becomes clear and, as I have intimated before, they and the country are to be congratulated on the maintenance of the industry, with so comparatively slight an indication of the difficulty of their problems, over the period of the past year.

"The copper production value for 1919 is estimated at \$8,631,205, as compared with \$15,143,449 in 1918, a decrease of \$6,512,244. The output is put at 45,984,046 pounds, which is 15,499,708 pounds less than in the previous year.

"There has been a decrease in gold production, both placer and lode, the responsibility for which, undoubtedly, is to be found chiefly in high costs of operation and the economic necessity of the maintenance of the fixed price of the precious metal. The value of our placer mining output was about \$286,500, as compared to \$320,000 in 1918. Lode gold output is valued at \$2,930,365, as against the 1918 figure of \$3,403,812.

"Our production of silver, notwithstanding the falling off in copper, shows an increase, the output being estimated at 3,667,516 ounces, worth \$3,871,063, which in quantity is 169,344 ounces and in value \$655,193 better than in the previous year. The added value is due, to some extent, to the rise in the market value of the metal.

"In zinc also last year's figures, in respect of production, are an improvement. The 1919 output is placed at 43,694,583 pounds, as compared with 41,772,916 pounds in 1918, or an increase of 1,921,667 pounds. Owing to the de-

What is your candid opinion of the reply of a telephone call?

Supposing you were telephoning a store and you got for the answer, "Hello!" would you proceed to give your order or would you inquire, "Is that So-and-So's?" At the same time you would think how much better it would have been had the person replied with the name of the store.

Had he done so you would doubtless have said to yourself, "Now, that man is up-to-date; he knows how to answer the telephone properly."

Yet how many people blurt out "Hello!" never realizing that it sounds brusque and that it also interferes with efficient telephone service.

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