

Output Of Mines 1904

Total Value of Minerals Produced in Excess of That of Year Before.

Total Mineral Output in Neighborhood of Twenty Million Dollars.

Coal and Coke Represent Over Four and Quarter Million Dollars.

FROM the provincial department of mines it has been ascertained that the approximate output of minerals in the province of British Columbia for the year which has just closed is in excess of that of the year before by \$74,046. The total value of the mineral produced within the confines of the province during the year which ended on December 31, 1904, was \$19,770,000. The total amount of mineral produced other than coal in the year amounted to \$15,300,000. The amount of gold produced, both from quartz and placer, during the year that has gone into the care of the historian, was in excess of that of the year before, in 1904 the amount of gold taken from the earth amounted to \$6,400,000; that secured in 1903 was \$5,875,026, slightly over half a million dollars less than that of the year just past. The silver product of the province in 1904 was also in excess of that of the year previous. The silver output of 1904 was \$2,200,000, which was \$678,528 in excess of the year 1903, when the amount of silver taken from the earth was \$1,521,472. The copper produced last year was slightly in excess of that mined in 1903. The 1904 total output was \$4,900,000. The lead mined in 1904 was valued at \$688,744, a total much less than that of 1903. The total output of lead in the province was valued at \$4,332,267, the amount being the same as that mined in the year just past.

The approximate statement of the mineral output for the year 1904 is as follows:

Gold	6,400,000
Silver	2,200,000
Copper	4,900,000
Lead	1,500,000
Miscellaneous	600,000
Total mineral production other than coal	\$15,300,000
Coal	7,000,000
Coke	3,000,000
Coal, Vancouver Island	720,000
Total coal tonnage	1,000,000
Total value	\$3,270,000
Coke, C. N. P.	220,000
Coke, V. I.	20,000
Total coke tonnage	240,000
Total value	\$1,200,000
Total 1904 mineral output	\$19,770,000
The mineral output for 1903 was as follows:	
Gold	\$5,875,026
Silver	\$1,521,472
Copper	\$4,332,267
Lead	\$4,332,267
Miscellaneous	\$571,750
Total mineral output other than coal	\$15,103,657
Coal	\$3,504,582
Coke	\$1,200,000
Total coal tonnage	\$4,704,582

MUNROE & MUNROE FAILURE.

New York, Jan. 16.—The motion of counsel for Munroe & Munroe, the failed firm of bankers and promoters, has been given possession of their offices, now held by the receiver, Frank Woy. The motion was made by Judge Holt in the United States district court, who said it was an unprecedented one. It practically amounted to a reversal of the receiver to turn over the assets of the firm to the bankrupts. The attorney for the alleged bankrupts, who are Munroe & Munroe, cannot get their original offices, which they will occupy tomorrow and commence business anew.

VICTORIAN RECEIVES MEDAL.

Nelson McDonald Obtains Valued Souvenir of Late War in South Africa.

The following item from the Dawson exchange gives a fragmentary account of the experiences of Nelson McDonald, a well-known Victoria boy, in the late Boer war, and his receipt of a medal to be treasured by himself and his descendants as a souvenir of that campaign. "Nelson McDonald was made happy yesterday by the receipt through the mail of a South African war medal conferred by him for his participation in the Boer war. The medal is of silver and hangs pendant from three clasps, signifying that the wearer took part in at least three engagements. On the obverse side is the head of her late Majesty the Queen, and on the reverse is depicted a battle scene. The name of the owner and his regiment are engraved on the edge.

CASH REGISTER AND COIN.

Nanaimo, Jan. 16.—Some time between Saturday midnight and 5 o'clock on Sunday morning burglars broke into the Pretoria hotel, Ladysmith, and secured over \$200 in cash. Entrance was effected through a window in the barroom, and the cash register weighing nearly 100 pounds and containing over \$200, was carried off. The burglary was the most daring in the history of Ladysmith, and was evidently the work of professionals.

Late this afternoon the police discovered the stolen cash register at the residence of the Ladysmith foundry, the contents (some \$200) having been abstracted. The register had evidently been taken from the bar and carried in a small box, and a number of silver dollars were found in that direction from where the register was found. The police have not the slightest clue thus far. The general belief is that the robbers have made for the American side.

COLONIAL RECIPROCITY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Again in Evidence on the Fiscal Question.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Jan. 16.—A Baldwin, M. P., speaking at Claines, disputed Lord Rosebery's assertion that the colonies had no right to demand reciprocity, and quoted the recent remarks of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in support of his argument. He said if Great Britain did not make an arrangement with her colonies, other countries would.

The Australian Mail

London, Jan. 16.—It is reported that the Australian Steamship Co. persists in its refusal to reduce the amount of its offer for the mail contract to £100,000 per annum, the postmaster general will open negotiations with the company, and the government for a fast subsidized mail service via Victoria. The Oriental contract lapses this month, and the existing route will be maintained till April.

A NOVEL PEACEMAKER.

Barcelona, Spain, Jan. 16.—A curious method for terminating the Russo-Japanese war was initiated at a meeting here today. Delegates representing 106 labor and other societies telegraphed to the international anti-military committee of Holland demanding that a general strike be proclaimed in all countries with the object of ending hostilities in the Far East.

A FIENDISH CRIME.

Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 16.—The trial of Chauncey B. Hotelling, charged with the murder of his three-year-old son, began in the Supreme court here today. Hotelling, it is said, did not like the child because it was blind and the existing route will be maintained till April.

Stoessel Is No Longer A Hero

Letters From St. Petersburg Show Tendency to Indict Late Commander.

Official Reports During Siege Not Borne Out by the Facts.

London, Jan. 16.—Letters from St. Petersburg show there is already more than a strong tendency to deny that Stoessel is the hero he was acclaimed before the surrender of Port Arthur. Especially is this so in Russian military circles, but representatives of all classes in the city are inclined to believe that Stoessel was not a hero, but a man who was not borne out by the facts.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Sam Cannon, former partner of pugilist Sullivan on the city, was taken to the general hospital in a low condition. He cut his throat with a razor in a fit of nervousness. The Roman Catholic boarding school at St. Paul, Des Moines, Saskatchewan, lost \$25,000, no insurance. Nine sisters and 35 children had narrow escapes. The interior of the main commercial club building in Meir street was damaged by fire tonight. Five thousand dollars will cover the loss, fully covered by insurance.

THE BOY AND THE HAT.

A Tale of the Recent Snow, a Minstrel Man and a Silk Hat. How gaily the minstrel man walks in parade behind the band which plays the music of the city. The name of the minstrel man was not mentioned in the parade, but he was seen in the crowd, and he was seen in the crowd, and he was seen in the crowd.

PRINCE FUSHIMI HOME.

Tokyo, Jan. 16.—Prince Sadura Fushimi arrived here tonight from Yokohama, his steamer, the Mongolia, from San Francisco, having been delayed by head winds. The prince and his entourage were welcomed by the Japanese government.

MONTREAL'S IMPORTANCE.

Rome, Jan. 16.—The Pope, acknowledging the growing importance of the archdiocese of Montreal, has requested Archbishop Bruchesi to have an auxiliary bishop, and has nominated Monsignor Zottig Raccione, vicar general of Montreal, to the office. Subsequently, he has requested that candidates as the case of bishops.

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Horrible Crime Committed by Natives of the South Sea Islands. San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Rev. M. L. Simons, a South Sea missionary, who arrived yesterday on the steamer Dorice, reported that the natives of the South Sea Islands had committed a horrible crime, eating the bodies of priests and nuns.

FRUITGROWERS.

Encouraging Reports for Annual Meeting of Victoria Fruit Growers' Association. The annual meeting of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association will be held at the Victoria Hotel on Friday of the present week. The association will be represented by the local fruit growing industry.

IRON WORKERS STRIKE.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—Twelve thousand men at the Putiloff iron works struck today.

AMERICAN PILGRIMS.

Messing, Sicily, Jan. 16.—The American pilgrims, led by the Right Rev. Chas. E. McDonnell, Bishop of Brooklyn, arrived here today on the steamer Dorice. The pilgrims are on their way to the Holy Land.

GENERAL KUROPATSKY REPORTS PROGRESS

Commander in Manchuria Relates Repulse of Jap Detachment. St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—General Kuropatky has sent this report to the Emperor: "During the evening of January 10, a detachment of Japanese troops, numbering about 1,000 men, was repulsed by our forces near the village of Yalu."

ROBERT WATCHORN PROMOTED.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Robert Watchorn, commissioner of immigration at Montreal, has been appointed commissioner of immigration at New York.

SWEDISH CHAMBERS OPENED.

Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 16.—The Riksdag was opened today, occupying the new parliament buildings for the first time. King Oscar reappeared the first time, and vice-presidents of both chambers.

Efficiency Soap—claimed to be strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

News Notes Of The Dominion

Official Hangman Lost en Route East and Sheriff Grows Nervous.

Trades and Labor Congress and Manufacturers in Session.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Right up to this morning there was a chance that the death sentence upon the Italian, Giacomo, might be commuted to life imprisonment. The chance was the appeal of the twelve jurymen, who convicted the man, to the Dominion cabinet. Word reached the jurymen, who were taking the initiative today, that no matter what arguments they might now bring before the cabinet, the decision to hang Giacomo would not be altered.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—A conference between the Dominion trades and labor congress representatives and the committee of five from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association upon important issues in dispute is being held here today. The conference was agreed upon September when the two bodies were in convention in Montreal. While the relations between Canadian capital and labor is said to be more satisfactory now than formerly, P. W. Ellis, one of the manufacturers' delegates, pointed out that the year, owing to strikes, nearly 700 working days were lost, and these troubles were not chiefly upon questions of wages and hours, but upon other differences which should be adjustable. Three big questions before the conference relate to Dominion legislation, namely, the compulsory use of the label, more stringent alien labor laws, and restriction of immigration of skilled artisans.

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Canada And Her Defence

London Post Points Out Off Repeated Fallacy on the Subject.

Protection of Dominion's Commerce Impossible Without Aid of Navy.

Lord Dundonald's Fools Parade Forcibly Recalled to Canadians.

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

Sir Edward Grey Gives Some Advice to British Liberals.

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