

side than with his eminent forensic skill arrayed against its case.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Macmaster on motion of Mr. G. G. Foster, K.C., seconded by Mr. Peers Davidson and Mr. Sergeant P. Stearns.

Musical selections were given by Messrs. W. A. Berry, George H. Bethune, H. A. Fromings and R. W. Smart, jr., Mr. Charles C. Hale presiding, at the piano. The meeting took the shape of a smoker, and was in all respects an enjoyable success.

MINERAL PRODUCTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. 1901.

It affords us much pleasure to compliment Mr. W. F. Robertson, Provincial Mineralogist, British Columbia, upon the promptitude he has shown in compiling and dispatching returns for 1901 of the "Estimated amount and value of the mineral products of that Province for last year." This example is worthy of emulation by the chief officers of other departments in the public service, a number of the annual reports of which are so long delayed as to lose much of their value and interest. There are highly important returns of government departments for the year ended December 31, 1900, still unpublished. In this respect Canadian officials are behind those of the United States, of Cape Colony, and, in some respects, of the mother country, though some English statistics are very stale indeed when issued.

Mr. Robertson considers the returns found below are "conservative." He remarks:—

"In calculating the values of the products, the usual course has been followed, and the average price for the year in the New York metal market has been used as a basis. For silver, 95 per cent., and for lead, 90 per cent., of such market price has been taken. Treatment and other charges have not been deducted. Roughly speaking, the increase made in 1901 over 1900 is 25 per cent. on gross value of output of the Province. This will be a very agreeable surprise to many, as the circulation of reports giving a contrary impression has caused a very despondent view to be taken of the progress of the mining industry during 1901, which does not seem to be warranted by the facts. There is an appreciable drop in the placer gold production, owing to the sudden melting of the snow last spring causing freshets and leaving a shortage of water during the latter part of the season. The tonnage of ore mined from the lode mines in the past year is about 871,832 tons, equal to an increase of 317,036 over the year 1900, a little more than 57 per cent. There has been an increase in the output of all the metals with the exception of lead, the low price obtainable in this Province for lead ores having discouraged this class of mining, except where accompanied with good silver values. The gross value of the copper output has increased 206 per cent. over 1900, while lode gold has increased 36 per cent. and silver 14 per cent."

ESTIMATED MINERAL PRODUCTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BY METALS.

	1900.		1901. (Estimated).	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold, placer...	oz 63,936	\$ 1,278,724	43,204	\$ 892,500
" lode....	oz 167,153	3,453,381	227,696	4,704,200
Silver.....	oz 3,958,175	2,309,200	4,685,718	2,624,002
Copper.....	lb 9,997,080	1,615,289	30,736,798	4,951,698
Lead.....	lb 63,358,621	2,691,887	50,529,260	1,970,641
Coal.....	t 1,439,595	4,318,785	1,529,210	4,587,630
Coke.....	tons 83,149	425,745	134,760	673,800
Other materials.....		251,740		309,030
Totals.....		\$16,314,751		\$20,713,501

N.B.—1900 given as ascertained.

PRODUCTION OF MINERAL BY DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS.

NAME.	Tons of Ore Mined.		Districts.	
	1900.	1901. Estimated.	1900.	1901. (Estimated).
Cariboo District.....			\$ 684,527	\$ 470,000
Cariboo & Quesnel Min. Div.....				
Omineca Mining Division.....				
Cassiar District.....	300		467,479	320,000
Kootenay, East, District.....	86,962	26,536	2,855,851	2,850,289
Kootenay, West, District.....			6,020,783	7,362,189
Trail Creek Min. Division.....	217,636	279,084		
Nelson Mining Division.....	94,378	103,486		
Ainsworth and Slooan M. Div.....	30,833	30,267		
Other parts....	622	1,229		
Lillooet District.....	5,713	3,670	88,493	56,900
Gale District.....			1,422,465	4,751,458
Grand Forks & Kettle River Mining Div.....	103,426	401,008		
Other Divisions.....	580	3,158		
Coastal Districts.....	14,346	23,394	4,805,153	4,902,665
	551,796	871,832	\$16,344,751	\$20,713,501

CITY OF QUEBEC, TREASURER'S REPORT, 1900-1901.

The report of the Treasurer of the City of Quebec for year 1900-1901, gives the following statistical information. The ordinary revenue in the year was \$672,743, from which expenditures were made to extent of \$636,101, leaving a surplus revenue of \$36,641 for that year. The Treasurer compares the above with the revenue of 1878-9, which was \$336,000, or exactly one half what it has since risen to. The debt of the city stands at \$8,000,000, which is about double the amount in 1878-9. The increase of the debt is largely attributed by the Treasurer to the "generous subscriptions of the city in favour of vast enterprises," which he considers to be "contributing to the city's prosperity." The decline in rates of interest has enabled the debt to be doubled without