

Production for each year from 1890 to 1897 (inclusive):

YEAR.	Amount.	Yearly Increase.
1890	8,240,801	
1891	3,521,102	35 per cent.
1892	2,078,530	
1893	3,588,113	21 per cent.
1894	1,225,717	18 per cent.
1895	5,031,012	33 per cent.
1896	7,507,056	31 per cent.
1897	10,155,298	35 per cent.

Present estimates for 1898 tend to show that the percentage of yearly increase will be almost, if not equal, to that of 1897.

PRODUCTION OF METALS PER DISTRICT AND DIVISION.

NAME.	Divisions.		Districts.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
CARIBOO				
Barkerville Division	\$ 82,900	63,000		
Lightning Creek	53,000	25,000		
Quesnelmouth	51,100	15,000		
Kestley Creek	19,800	20,000		
CASIMIR				
Kootenay East	21,000	37,000		
Kootenay West	14,125	161,296		
Albion Division	315,626	410,345		
Nelson	345,329	720,215		
Slocan	1,854,011	3,280,000		
Trail Creek	1,231,900	2,007,500		
Other parts	11,300	157,957		
LILLOOET				
YALE				
Oxygon	101,220	112,992	206,078	226,762
Similkameen	9,000	25,100		
Yale	65,108	56,000		
OTHER DISTRICTS			15,000	9,500
			\$1,810,935	\$7,567,534

Crown grants issued for mineral claims during 1897:

District.	No.
Albion	11
East Kootenay	0
West Kootenay	320
Lillooet	7
New Westminster	5
Sayward and Coast	12
Yale	39
Total	404



Spence's Bridge—Up the Thompson River.

Some idea of the general volume of the official mining business transacted during the year 1898 can be gathered from the following table:

GOLD.—Gold-bearing lodes are now being prospect in many parts of the Province, and at Rossland magnificent ore-chutes of very profitable gold-copper ore are being mined and smelted, the Le Roi having paid to date \$725,000 in dividends, with a large and increasing amount of ore in sight as the workings attain greater depth, while systematic development on other properties is meeting with excellent results, mining having just fairly begun in this camp. Little doubt can

be entertained that Rossland will become a heavy producer of gold, and that excellent properties now only await sufficient and abundant capital to become paying mines, to further aid in which the facilities for cheaper transportation and smelting are being now supplied. At Nelson and at Fairview, Camp McKinney, Greenwood, Central, and other camps in the southern part of Yale, important work is being done on the quartz ledges



Trout Fishing, Seymour Creek—Four Miles from Vancouver.



A Favourite Camping Spot.
Baccaneer Bay, 30 Miles Up the Coast from Vancouver.

Divisions.	Free Miners' Certificates.	Mineral Claims Recorded.	Certificate of Work.	Transfers and Agreements.	Abandonments.	Certificates of Improvement.	Mill Site Leases.	Water Grants.	Permits.	General Records.
Similkameen	108	137	46	31	22	2	1	1	1	3
Grand Forks	149	130	266	237	22	2	1	1	1	3
Kettle River	1040	1056	710	119	50	16	1	1	1	3
Vernon	382	391	103	106	...	1	...	...	...	...
Oxygon	240	492	280	228	...	21	...	...	...	...
New Westminster	2760	1883	199	230	...	...	...	...	...	...
Victoria	1200	787	67	130	...	6	1	11	6	34
Nanaimo	710	1137	287	272	...	14	3	...	...	...
Lillooet	554	1135	139	348	1	...	...	...	...	...
Albion	1798	1982	968	1312	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arrow Lake	300	252	160	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coal River	143	372	105	128	...	2	...	...	...	...
Nelson	2588	2607	1302	1156	20	26	...	...	...	...
Slocan City	136	312	301	234	...	...	...	...	...	...
Slocan	2546	1480	1078	1537	12	101	...	...	...	...
Trail Creek	609	1861	1057	1467	99	160	...	...	...	...
Total	19411	16640	7830	8711	218	351	5	25	19	37

Regarding the distribution of minerals throughout the Province, the following notes compiled from the report of the Minister of Mines will be of interest, as giving the results of exploration and development up to date:

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