

follows, and a reference to the Index will enable the reader to obtain more definite information on any particular point.

In Part I. we have the reports of Messrs. Lindeman, Bolton, Brewer, Galloway and McKenzie. We find that 65,000 tons of iron ore have been produced in B. C. but nothing since 1907, when 2,500 tons was shipped. Practically all this ore was magnetite, and it nearly all went to Irondale, Washington. The opinion arrived at is that it was a lack of market rather than a lack of ore that accounted for this small production. While the different varieties of iron ore are found in B. C. the most important is magnetite, but sufficient work has not been done to determine the extent of the deposits or their mineralogical composition at depth. But making allowance for the lack of development it is conceded that there is a sufficiently large tonnage available to support a small local iron industry, and little doubt that exploration would disclose many bodies of iron ore at present unknown. Mr. Brewer gives the tonnage of actual, probable and possible ore on Vancouver and Texada Islands as 12,888,20. It is agreed that the fuel and flux are obtainable within easy reach of each other and close to navigable water, ensuring cheap transportation all the year round.

Some reference is made to the competition of Chinese pig iron, but under present circumstances, and probably in the future, this can be ignored, as has been explained in an earlier part of this preface. Figures as to costs are given which would have to be revised under present conditions, but so would the price of the manufactured article. There are also reports on hematite and limonite deposits with remarks as to transportation facilities.

Part II. shows the situation in regard to the Iron Industry in 1914 as reviewed by the Minister of Mines in his annual report, and the steps taken by the Vancouver Board of Trade commencing early in that year to promote a revival of the industry. Reports were prepared by the Mining Committee, and interviews were had with Sir Richard McBride and Hon. Lorne Campbell, and considerable correspondence was carried on. The Hon. Lorne Campbell when Minister of Mines, had the Bulletin prepared by Mr. Brewer which is extensively quoted from in Part I.

Part III. consists of extracts from the Fifth Interim Report and the Final Report of the Dominion Royal Commission which deal with the iron industry in British Columbia. Notes taken from various sources