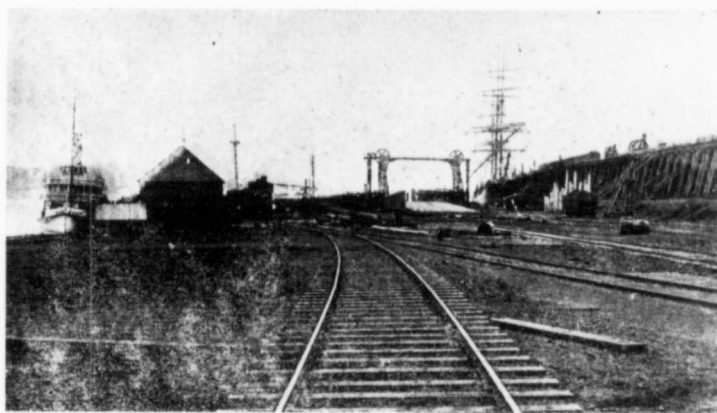


agement, is certainly a more valuable property, and its shares are better worth having than at any time since it passed under British control. The position of the Le Roi No. 2 is likewise moderately encouraging, and there is little likelihood that the mine, at which shipments were recently suspended, will be long allowed to remain unproductive. The resumption of active operations at the Centre Star and War Eagle mines during the late summer was a matter of very considerable congratulation, and at their present rate of output it can be but a question of a short time ere both companies are in a position to fully discharge their liabilities, while the former mine should very shortly be placed on a dividend-earning footing. At the Velvet, important new discoveries are reported to have

including the Mainland coast, the islands of the Gulf of Georgia and Vancouver Island. Activity has been confined chiefly during the year to the east coast of Vancouver Island, where two large mines in the Mount Sicker District have been extensively developed with, we understand, the best possible results. The Tyee mine, in particular, has proved to be a very valuable property, in fact the mineral belt in this area promises exceptionally well. The difficulties in which the Lenora mine has become involved are, however, a regrettable incident, although it is believed that these will shortly be settled. In addition to the two mines mentioned, a new and promising property known as the Copper Canyon is being opened up, and work has also been in progress on several other claims in the



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been made and it is hoped that with the change of management this property will also be successfully worked. During the year, the problem of profitably treating the lower-grade products of the mines, has engaged the attention of the mining engineers of Rossland, and experiments to that end have been systematically conducted, with, it has been officially affirmed, very promising results. The technical representative of the Elmore process of concentrating by oil is also now, as he tells us, preparing to make extensive tests locally, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the ores of the district are amenable to treatment by this process. When the problem is finally solved—and sooner or later it assuredly will be—both the mineral output from this district and the earning capacity of the mines will necessarily be increased at least three to four-fold.

Next in importance as a copper-gold producing section of the Province is the Coast and Island Districts,

locality. The year has also witnessed the completion of the large smelting works,—and consequently the inauguration of this industry on Vancouver Island—at Osborne Bay and at Ladysmith. At Sooke a promising find of copper ore is reported to have been made. On the west coast of the Island little has been accomplished, beyond prospecting work at San Juan. The Monitor mine was closed down early in the spring and operations at the Hayes mine were suspended for a greater part of the year. At Quatsino Sound, to the extreme north, the Yreka Copper Company has, however, exposed a very large showing of ore of excellent grade. Progress on Texada Island has not been entirely satisfactory, the Van Anda properties after being acquired under bond by an American syndicate were badly "guttled," and then abandoned; but the mines have since passed into more responsible hands. The Marble Bay mine has produced a fair tonnage of ore, and development work has been in pro-