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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

British Columbia produced about 36,000 oz. less of gold in 1907 than in 1906.

In 1906 British Columbia produced 2,990,000 oz. of silver, and in 1907, 2,784,000 oz.

British Columbia's production of copper in 1907 was about 41,690,000 lb. In 1906 it was 42,990,000 lb.

It is reported that placer mining for gold is being successfully carried on at Hall Creek, in the Duncan section of Ainsworth mining division.

The copper output of Butte, Montana, for the year 1907 is estimated to have been 240,887,516 lb., as compared with 342,688,809 lb. in 1906, a decrease of 101,801,293 lb.

The *Kootenaiian* says "the recent change in smelting rates, while being more advantageous to ore shippers, still includes the 90-day final settlement clause."

From the *Kaslo Kootenaiian* it is learned that the more men are being employed at the Blue Bell concentrator so as to get it completed and in working order as soon as practicable.

The Centre Star group of mines at Rossland, owned by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Limited, shipped to Trail during the latter half of 1907, 87,451 tons of ore.

Mr. C. F. Lindmark, mayor of Revelstoke, is reported to have said in Vancouver recently: "Mining, and particularly hydraulic mining, is giving excellent results in the Big Bend country, north of Revelstoke."

It is understood that the Geological Survey of Canada is planning for increased work in western Canada during the coming season, the need for which is fully realized by the responsible officials of the department.