

SLOCAN MINES

The chief work being done now in the Slocan is in the neighborhood of Silvertown. Here the Vancouver is cleaning up the supply of ore broken down and milled during the end of last and the beginning of this year. The Standard and the Richmond-Eureka are also doing well and the Hewitt is planning to begin milling with in the next couple of months. Olegott Payne the manager, returned during the week from New York and since his return he has been busily conferring with superintendent George Sullivan and with S. E. Watson, who has been installing the machinery for the tramways, with a view to an immediate prosecution of the work. The Hewitt mill cannot be run until such time as the subsidiary tramway has been constructed, and while orders for this construction have been received it is impossible to go on with the work until the snow has lessened in depth. The other machinery for the big tramway connecting the mine with the Wakefield mill has just been finished. As far as possible the work was done in Nelson. Thus the work of the mines has a direct bearing upon the fortunes of Nelson. In this connection Mr. Watson says that the ten foot brake wheel which was constructed for the Wakefield mill tramway at the Nelson Iron Works, was perfect mechanically. This is somewhat of a triumph inasmuch as the next nearest place where a wheel of such dimensions could be constructed is in Seattle.

In the districts south of Nelson, the Arlington, Emerald, Nugget and Queen are all doing particularly well and are shipping more freely than at any previous period in their history. Nothing definite has yet been heard as to conditions in the Boundary. The Granby is working on as large a scale as ever but no word has as yet been received as to when the other big Boundary companies intend restarting work.

Following are the shipments for the past week and year to date:

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS			
Mine	Week	Year	
Granby	19,538	106,901	
Other mines	23	23	
Total	19,561	106,924	

SLOCAN-KOOTENAY SHIPMENTS			
Mine	Week	Year	
Centre Star	2,720	25,579	
Le Roi	1,599	10,860	
Le Roi No. 2	704	4,396	
Evening Star	59	172	
Total	5,142	38,917	

SLOCAN-KOOTENAY SHIPMENTS			
Mine	Week	Year	
Sullivan	600	3,900	
St. Eugene	534	3,385	
Whitewater	22	634	
Whitewater, milled	280	1,820	
Queen	21	93	
Queen, milled	185	1,100	
North Star	62	724	
La Plata	60	420	
Vancouver	22	354	
Richmond	77	250	
Standard	31	257	
Nugget	22	172	
Rambler-Cariboo	21	105	
Second Relief	25	50	
Daily	43	43	
Monarch	32	32	
Other mines	22	6,704	
Total	2,652	18,478	

The total shipments for the past week were 26,723 and for the year to date 163,319 tons.

GRANBY SMELTER RECEIPTS			
Grand Forks, B.C.	Week	Year	
Granby	19,538	106,901	
Other mines	23	23	
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CONSOLIDATED CO'S RECEIPTS			
Trail, B.C.	Week	Year	
Centre Star	2,720	25,579	
Le Roi	1,599	10,860	
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Evening Star	59	172	
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Second Relief	25	50	
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Monarch	32	32	
Other mines	22	6,704	
Total	4,427	35,496	

LE ROI SMELTER RECEIPTS			
Northport, Wash.	Week	Year	
Centre Star	2,720	25,579	
Le Roi	1,599	10,860	
Le Roi No. 2	704	4,396	
Evening Star	59	172	
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SALARIES

The city council meeting last night only lasted two hours, a welcome improvement on the protracted meetings of late in vogue. The mayor, however, fixed the meetings of the council in future to be weekly, saying the work would be done better and more expeditiously. There was a full meeting with the exception of Ald. Procter, absent at the coast. The principal matters dealt with were the fixing of salaries of the city officials, some of whom are to get an increase, the decision with the partial return of the city machinery to the city power plant, the mayor insisting upon an exact accounting, the submission of the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the year and the dealing with a delegation of the unemployed.

J. W. Holmes as a spokesman of the delegation of unemployed, addressed the council. He said that while there have been no serious distress up to the present yet there were 400 men out of work of whom 70 were out of funds. These were sharing the beds of others and were eating on more fortunate men's meat tickets. He pressed his regret on not being able to present, having had to leave for the coast. J. Coxhead spoke along the same lines. J. Matheson especially pointed out the danger of the unemployed, if there were many people who could not get work and pointedly referred to the boys in the police court that morning, charged with pilfering. There had been an overlying meeting of miners' union hall recently. It was packed to the doors, no newspaper men were present, no doctors, no lawyers, no clergymen, no one who had a job and a full stomach, only a room chuck full of hungry working men who had no work. The newspapers had belittled the situation saying there might be 10 men out of employment. Of course the newspaper men had to report what their financial masters told them.

J. W. Holmes presented a list of 70 men nearly all of whom were without means. He could not say whether they were residents of Nelson or not, but they were sent to the city's revenues. If not, they had certainly contributed to the revenues of other cities.

Mayor Taylor said the city had an over-estimate against the revenues of the year previous to 1908. It had to pay back debts of \$6000 already. There was also a difficult problem in the completion of the electric light system. The schools were costing \$900 more this year. The school authorities would cost \$8,000 more this year—a new burden. There were additional burdens which had not been met on previous years but which would have to be met this year. Hence taxation might have to be increased. Nelson was not in a position therefore to help. Larger cities might well do this. He would give the names submitted to the heads of the department and as far as possible put on men for a short time.

J. Coxhead said he was pleased at the mayor's statement and felt that the delegation could do no better than leave the matter in his hands. The delegates then quietly retired.

The finance committee then submitted the following report which shows the anticipated revenue and expenditures for the year 1908:

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