

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY COMPANY—Statistical Statement—Years 1892-'99.

	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892
Gross Receipts.....	\$1,660,775.93	\$1,471,939.65	\$1,342,307.78	\$1,265,898.30	\$1,102,777.57	\$990,030.89	\$760,761.78	\$504,406.67
Increase 1899 over 1898...12.83%	188,836.29							
Operating Expenses.....	912,949.66	764,884.35	736,288.80	710,864.70	652,811.74	637,608.14	603,041.71	466,647.08
Increase 1899 over 1898...19.30%	148,066.31							
Operating Expenses.....	55.23	52.15	55.05	56.46	59.20	71.16	79.00	82.08
Per cent. of Car Earnings.....								
Net Earnings.....	747,826.27	707,055.30	605,939.18	555,033.69	449,965.83	253,422.75	157,710.07	97,751.69
Increase 1899 over 1898...6.77%	40,770.97							
Net Income per cent. of Capital	13.19	13.00	12.41	11.55	10.21	9.60	8.17	
Passengers Carried.....	40,186,433	35,353,036	32,047,317	29,696,471	25,877,758	20,560,013	17,177,952	11,631,386
Increase 1899 over 1898...13.67%	4,833,467							
Transfers.....	12,060,657	10,608,603	6,765,903	8,541,530	7,068,070	6,828,653	5,094,113	

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NEWS OF THE MINES.

SILVER LEAD DISTRICT OF THE SLOCAN IS QUIET.

Cause is the Labor Trouble.

(From the Rossland Miner, Nov. 3.)

Rossland, B.C., Nov. 3.

Mr. James D. Sword, M.E., has just returned from the Slocan district, and in reply to queries put to him by a miner reporter, stated that the whole of the silver-lead district of the Slocan is quieter now than it has been for four years. All the big mines are practically closed down, and but little work other than a small amount of development is being carried on. It is a great pity that an amicable arrangement cannot be arrived at between masters and men so as to re-establish the yearly increasing activity of this district. As the outside public regard the mineral statistics of British Columbia as a criterion of its promise as a country for mining investment, the falling off of the production of silver and lead will cause a considerable shrinkage in the aggregate mineral production of the province and lessen the confidence of outside investors, who will not always investigate the cause, and will only look at the result. It was predicted, judging from the appearance of the larger mines of the Slocan, that the output for 1899 would largely exceed that of previous years, and that it would be probably double as great as last year. It would strike the observer as a strange fact that these mines, which, owing to the uniform richness of the ore, are better able to adopt the eight-hour system with the old rate of wages, than the mines of this and the Boundary Creek district, where the ores are so much lower in value,

should be closed down, while the mines of the latter districts should be working at their full capacity.

The mines, without an exception, never looked better than at the present moment, and as nothing but development work is being done they should be in a position to produce an enormous quantity of silver-lead immediately after they commence active operation. The Slocan Star mine, which at one time was the largest ore producer in the district, now promises to regain its supremacy, as the development has disclosed large bodies of ore. The Ivanhoe should come to the front very shortly as a big producer, which will be as soon as they commence shipping in earnest. On the Ruth the 10-ton concentrator, aerial tramway and a seven-drill compressor plant have been erected and are ready to run. The Noble Five development is rapidly proving that the large concentrating mill, although built prematurely, will have all the ore it can handle before long. The foregoing mines, together with the Payne, Last Chance, Idaho, Monitor, Reco, Whitewater Deeps and several others, which are all dividend payers and now merely doing a small amount of development work, are ready to jump into the front as producers as soon as a settlement has been reached between the two parties at issue in the labor trouble.

ORO DENORO.

Grand Forks, B.C., Nov. 2.—News has been received from Summit camp that a large body of ore has been encountered in an 80-foot drift from the 220-foot level of the Oro Denoro. This drift will be continued with the expectation of striking three ledges that have been opened on the surface.

THE SLOCAN CRISIS

(Ashcroft, B.C. Journal, Nov. 4.)

The strike in the Slocan country has reached a crisis and the Silver Lead mine owners' association has commenced importing Italian laborers from the Pacific Coast states. The first consignment arrived Thursday for the Payne mine under contract, from a Seattle employment agency, to the association. The citizens of Sandon and members of the Miners' Union of Slocan are very indignant and will take steps to have the Alien Labor Act enforced. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Attorney-General of Canada, and Hewitt Bostock, M.P.P. for Yale-Cariboo, will be appealed to The British Columbia ministry will also be asked to co-operate in securing the enforcement of the law. No disturbance is looked for, but the miners make frequent mention of the belief that the imported laborers are brought in for the purpose of inciting them to violence.

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

Toronto, Nov. 9.

SALES:

Rathmullen—11,500, 8.
Monte Christo—500, 5. 750, 6. 1000, 6½.
Vict.-Triumph—1000, 5½.
Golden Star—100, 32.
Fairview—5000, 7.
Van Anda—7000, 7½.

STANDARD MINING EXCHANGE.

Toronto, Nov. 9.

SALES:

Monte Christo—500, 5½. 500, 6½.
Golden Star—1000, 31½. 1000, 31½. 1000, 32.
32 1000, 75 delivery 1st June 1900.
White Bear—1000, 3½. 7000, 3½.
Hillside—1000, 5.
Waterloo—5000, 13.
Dardanelles—1500, 13.
Payne—100, 116½.
Fairview—2500, 6½.
Van Anda, 8000, 8.
Gold Hills—1000, 6.
Deer Trail—2000, 21½. 1000, 21½.
Vic-Triumph—5000, 5½.
Insurgent—1500, 4½.
Brandon G. Crown—1000, 2½.
Republic—1000, 118.

Toronto, November 10.

Waterloo—3000, 13½.
Fairview—3000, 5½. 5500, 6½.
Winnipeg—1000, 30½.
Van Anda—5000, 7½.
Mont G. F—500, 9½.
Can. G. F—11,000, 8½. 1500, 8½.
Rathmullen—5000, 8½.
B. C. G. Fields—1000, 3½. 1000, 3½.
Golden Star—500, 32½.

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