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EDITORIAL NOTES.

In order to make room for several late reports the article on "Transportation and Power Supply for Mines," prepared for this month, is held over.

An unusually large proportion of space in this issue has been allotted to official and company reports, balance sheets, etc. There is in these much information of general interest, and its publication in the MINING RECORD will make it easily accessible to the many who file this journal.

The results of last year's operations at the War Eagle mine, Rossland, were that 2,220 ft. of headings were driven and 61,064 tons of ore produced of an average smelter's gross assay value of \$9.58 per ton. The excess of receipts over expenditures in mining operations was \$88,153.93. Rossland may well feel encouraged at the brightening outlook for the camp.

A bill was introduced into the New York state legislature last month to prevent "fake" mining companies not located in the state from offering their stock for sale in the state until after a statement of the financial standing, location of claims and condition of the plant of the company, shall have been filed with the Secretary of State.

Small lots of exceptionally rich silver ore have occasionally been sent out from Slocan mines, but Ontario claims a recent record that puts British Columbia very much in the shade. Four carloads of ore from a vein of silver near North Bay, shipped to New Jersey, is stated to have netted \$60,000, and two more cars are expected to also average \$15,000 per car.

Owing to existing high rates of freight on coal from Australia to San Francisco it is considered probable that British Columbian coal, which can be delivered at much lower cost, will to a considerable extent shut out the New South Wales coal from the Californian market so long as present conditions do not materially change. Coal from Vancouver Island has the additional advantage of being eagerly sought for by large consumers of steam and house coal.