

Ainsworth.

	Week.	Year.
Blue Bell		3,622
Comfort	73	132
Cork-Province	42	48
Crescent		28
Florence	41	697
Gallagher		21
Highland	96	1,049
Martin		30
Retallack	32	32
No. 1		2,381
Utica	40	330
Total	324	8,370
..... United States.		
Ben Hur (Republic)		2,099
Bonanza (Bossburg)		345
Delphia (Danville)		29
Edwards (Valley)		13
Electric Point (Boundary, Wn.)	33	33
Green Monarch (Idaho)		15
Iron Creek (Keller, Wn.)		21
Keystone (Idaho)	36	162
Knob Hill (Republic)		1,699
Kohomo (Boundary, Wn.)		5
Lakeview (Idaho)		33
Lead Trust (Boundary, Wn.)		9
Norman Mines (Northport)		28
Sandpoint (Idaho)		5
San Poil (Republic)	554	6,746
Tom Thumb (Republic)		267
United Copper (Chelwelah, W.)	296	5,725
Venezuela (Idaho)		35
Total	919	17,260

-TRAIL NEWS

Zinc and concentrate shipments from the Slocan district during the first six months of 1916 totalled 11,801, compared with 5,199 tons in the same period of 1915. The shippers responsible for the heavy increase in tonnage are chiefly the Galena Farm at Silverton, the Standard, the Slocan Star and the Lucky Jim. The only mine of importance as a zinc shipper to show a decrease is the Surprise at Sandon which is engaged in development work.

June shipments were: Galena Farm, 382 tons; Standard, 628 tons; Slocan Star, 70 tons; Lucky Jim, 259 tons; Whitewater, 40 tons.

Shipments by the various mines during the six months of 1915 and 1916, respectively, were as follows:

	1915.	1916.
Galena Farm		1,647
Hewitt	812	130
Standard		5,476
Jackson		279
Rambler-Cariboo	754	534
Elkhorn		40
Slocan Star		1,110
Ivanhoe		30
Ruth		80
Lucky Jim	83	2,220
Utica	127	30
Surprise	3,058	185
Whitewater	365	40
Total	5,199	11,801

The net operating profit of the Standard Silver-Lead Mining Company during May was \$38,436, as compared with \$86,773 in April and \$136,943 in March. The balance at May 31 was \$309,373, as compared with \$320,936 and \$284,163 on the last days of April and March, respectively.

The reduced earnings of the company during May, which fell short of meeting dividend requirements by nearly \$12,000, are accounted for by a smaller production of lead ore and concentrates, though zinc sales were, as in April, much

larger than they were in March. The lead output during May totalled only 504 tons and concentrates worth \$61,616, compared with 729 tons in April, worth \$91,115 and 1,295 tons in March worth \$172,347. The tonnage of the zinc output is not stated, but at the lower price ruling in May zinc sales totalled \$18,260, as compared with \$26,847 in April and \$5,432 in March.

A dispatch from Toronto states that the directors of the Rossland White Bear Mining Company Limited are circularizing the shareholders regarding an agreement to be made with the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, whereby the latter concern will purchase the plant of the White Bear (except the mill and ore plant), and will take an option on the mill at \$25,000, and will lease the property for ten years, with the option of renewing the lease at the end of that time.

The basis of the lease will be an equitable distribution; share for share of the proceeds of the ore after paying the expenses.

A meeting of the shareholders of the White Bear will be called to discuss the matter at Rossland on July 28.

Patrick Welch and associates of Spokane are acquiring the Spokane and Trinket at Ainsworth on a \$75,000 bond.

Frank T. McCullough, A. L. White, Joseph M. Moore and D. F. Strobeck own the property. The contract provides for payments amounting to \$75,000 in three years. The deal has been closed. There are five claims in the group.

For a total consideration of \$125,000, J. T. Martin of St. Maries, Idaho, has taken a bond on three groups of claims near Grand Forks. The properties are known as the Loyal Canadian, Clark-Seattle and Robert Clark, Robert Clark of Sabastapol, Cal., is the vendor.

The groups carry low-grade copper and assay \$2 in gold and \$7 in copper, but as they are located within 1,000 feet of the railway track ore shipments, which are to begin immediately, can be made profitably to the smelter at Grand Forks. Development, which will give greater depth, is expected to result in an increase in values.

Operation by the Day interests of the Northport smelter has resulted so satisfactorily that an additional furnace is being installed and plans are being made to put in another. This will bring the number of furnaces at Northport up to four, said a visitor to the plant who was in Nelson last night.

Silver-lead ore from the Coeur d'Alenes is being treated and the high price of lead is resulting in providing the smelter with ample ore. The smelter product is being shipped to Philadelphia for refining. Unlike Trail smelter the Northport people have no provision for refining the silver-lead product of their smelter.

The Northport smelter was owned by the old Le Roi Mining Company of Rossland and handled a big tonnage of ore from that property before the mine, which is now producing a great output for the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, was closed down. Some months ago the Day interests took over the smelter and converted it from a copper to a silver-lead smelting plant.

Vanners at the new mill of the Slocan Star mine at Sandon and the tables are now in operation and the tube mill will be running shortly.

Some delay has occurred through the non-arrival on schedule time of part of the flotation equipment.

The bins at the mill are filled with concentrates and it is proposed by the management to commence shipments on a heavy scale at an early date.

Consolidation of a group of 20 properties in the Jackson Basin district, near Kaslo, is reported. A. L. White and A. B. Williamson of Spokane are the outside capitalists who have made arrangements with Charles F. Caldwell for operating the group.

Operations are to be carried on energetically, a contract having been let to English brokers of Kaslo to haul 600 tons of ore a month to the railroad.

The ore is zinc and an extensive ore body is said to run between 45 and 50 per cent. in the metal.