

Antimony is recovered, though not regularly, and bearing metal is manufactured.

The annual production of refined lead, fine gold and silver, and of copper sulphate has been as follows:—

| Calendar Year. | Refined lead. | Fine gold. | Fine silver. | Copper sulphate. |
|----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Lbs. | Ozs. | Lbs. | Lbs. |
| 1904. | 7,519,440 | 4,336 | 551,450 | 56,000 |
| 1905. | 15,641,799 | 8,602 | 1,088,328 | 77,175 |
| 1906. | 20,471,314 | 9,993 | 1,263,809 | 143,135 |
| 1907. | 26,607,461 | 10,395 | 1,631,422 | 97,751 |
| 1908. | 36,549,274 | 15,846 | 1,956,639 | 203,379 |
| 1909. | 41,883,614 | 18,241 | 2,068,063 | 51,406 |
| 1910. | 32,987,508 | 13,298 | 1,798,960 | 163,228 |
| 1911. | 23,525,050 | 15,270 | 1,325,601 | 197,187 |

Gold-Silver-Copper Ores of British Columbia.—There are six copper smelters in British Columbia and one smelter at Tacoma, Wash., U.S.A., treating these complex ores.

The ores of the Rossland camp, of which gold is the chief constituent value, are smelted in the Trail copper furnaces of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. The low grade copper ores of the Boundary district are smelted locally at Grand Forks and Greenwood, some also going to Trail.

On the coast the ores of this class are smelted at Ladysmith, but a considerable tonnage is also shipped to the United States for treatment, while the local smelters are receiving some foreign ores. The Crofton smelter, which has not been in operation during the past four years, is owned by the Britannia Copper Syndicate, Limited. The Boundary Falls smelter has been largely dismantled.

The aggregate production of the Canadian smelters in 1909, 1910, and 1911, including the foreign ores treated, was as follows:—

| | | 1909. | 1910. | 1911. |
|----------------------------------------|-------|------------|------------|------------|
| Ore smelted. | Tons. | 1,850,889 | 1,987,752 | 1,517,981 |
| Smelter products— | | | | |
| Matte. | " | 11,597 | 11,519 | 11,320 |
| Blister. | " | 14,239 | 13,918 | 10,710 |
| Metallic content of matte and blister— | | | | |
| Gold. | Ozs. | 198,898 | 197,181 | 175,189 |
| Silver. | " | 612,164 | 636,140 | 585,896 |
| Copper. | Lbs. | 37,581,884 | 36,890,283 | 29,855,868 |

Trail Smelter.—Statistics of the production of the Trail smelter, including both the copper and lead smelters, have been published in the annual reports of the Company, the figures since 1906 having been as follows:—