BRITISH COLUMBIA ORE SHIPMENTS.

Following are the shipments for the week ended March 28th and year to date:—

Boundary Shipments—

Mine.	Week.	Year.
Granby	27,288	246,746
Sally	23	67
Other mines	.....	395
Total	27,311	247,208

Rossland Shipments—

Centre Star	3,219	41,688
Le Roi	1,564	20,064
Le Roi No. 2	360	8,005
Evening Star	31	455
Other mines		7
Total	5,174	70,219

Slocan Kootenay Shipments:—

Total	1,879	30,425

The total shipments for the past week were 34,364 and for the year to date 347,852 tons.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SMELTER RECEIPTS.

Week Ended March 28.

Granby smelter receipts, Grand Forks, B.C., week, 27,288; year, 246,746.

Consolidated Company's receipts, Trail, B.C., week, 5,076; year, 66,026.

Le Roi smelter receipts, Northport, Wash, week, 1,564; year, 20,064.

Other mines, year, 1,390.

Total, week, 1,564; year, 21,454.

The total receipts at the various smelters for the past week were 33,928 tons and for the year to date 339,956 tons.

SOUTH AFRICAN JANUARY RETURNS.

Labor.—Gold Mines—Witwatersrand, 16,763 whites, 123,001 colored, 33,849 Chinese; other districts, 759 whites, 10,514 colored; total for Transvaal, 17,522 whites, 133,515 colored, 33,849 Chinese. Coal Mines—Total for Transvaal, 469 whites, 9,154 colored. Diamond Mines—Totals for Transvaal, 877 whites, 8,209 colored.

Coal Output.—Tota for Transvaal, 247,853 tons; value, £65,614.

Silver Output.—Total for Transvaal, 62,469 ounces; value, £7,305.

Gold Output.—Total for Transvaal, 561,166 ounces fine gold; value, £2,383,682.

Diamond Production.—The diamond production of the Transvaal, July-December, 1907, was as follows:—Number of mines contributing, 11; average number of diggers contributing, 27; total loads washed, 4,105,828*; carats of diamonds, 1,164,557; estimated value, £1,044,225.

*Includes 189,362 loads overburden.

Base Metals.—The base metal production for the month was as follows:—Copper ore, tons of 2,000 lbs., 42.5; estimated value, £1,360. Galena (lead), tons of 2,000 lbs., 461.8; estimated value, £3,487. Tin ore, tons of 2,000 lbs., 66.0; estimated value, £3,500. Flint, tons of 2,000 lbs., 82.0; estimated value, £732. Miscellaneous, tons, of 2,000 lbs., 32.2; estimated value, £966. Lime, tons of 2,000 lbs., 2,656.0; estimated value, £4,888.

Market Reports.

Coke.

April 8th.—Connellsville coke, f.o.b. ovens—

Furnace coke, prompt, $1.65 to $1.75.
Foundry coke, prompt, $2.15 to $2.25.

Pig Iron.

April 8th—Pittsburg—

No. 2 foundry, $16.15 to $16.65.
Bessemer, $17.50 to $17.90.
Basic, $16.15 to $16.40.
Malleable, $16.90 to $17.15.
Southern No. 2, $16.90 to $17.40.

Other Metals.

April 8th—New York—

Tin, Straits, 31.75 cents.
Copper, prime lake, 13 cents.
Lake, arsenical brands, 12.875 to 13 cents.
Electrolytic copper, 12.875 to 13 cents.
Sheet copper, 17 cents.
Copper wire, 14.5 cents.
Lead, 4 cents to 4.05 cents.
Spelter, 4.7 cents.
Sheet zinc, 7.5 cents.
Antimony, Cooksons, 8.75 cents.
Aluminium, 33 to 35 cents.
Nickel, 45 to 47 cents.
Platinum, $23.50 to $26 per ounce.
Bismuth, $1.75 per lb.
Quicksilver, per 75 lb. flask, $45.

The reduction in the price of refined Cobalt in the United States from $2.50 per pound to $1.45, is of an extremely drastic character. Abroad the price has not suffered in the same way. The companies in the Cobalt camp, which have any quantity of cobalt, will doubtless find it advantageous to obtain quotations from the English interests. The tendency to sell direct to the London markets is likely to become more noticeable in the future with the undoubted growth of silver production in the camp.

Silver.—March 12th, 55 3-8; March 13th, 55 3-4; March 14th, 55 1-2; March 16th, 55 3-8; March 17th, 55 1-4; March 18th, 55 3-8; March 19, 55 1-2; March 20th, 55 3-8; March 21st, 55 1-4; March 23rd, 55 3-8; March 24th, 55 1-4; March 25th, 55 1-4; March 26th, 55 1-4; March 27th, 55 1-4; March 28th, 55 1-8; March 30th, 55 3-8; March 31st, 55 3-8; April 1st, 55 1-4.

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