time in public life were Sir John Schultz, formerly Lt.-Governor of Manitoba, who died on April 13. He was also prominently connected with the public affairs of that province, prior to its admission to the confederation, and during the stormy days antecedent and immediately subsequent thereto. In June two former Lieut.-Governors of Ontario were added to the majority. Hon. D. A. Macdonald (June 10) represented Glengary for a number of years, and was a member the Mackenzie administration, which he left to occupy the more elevated position at Toronto. Hon. John Beverly Robinson (June 20) also represented Toronto in the Commons and acceptably discharged the duties of the gubernatorial position in the province of which it is the capital. Hon. Mr. Balfour, who had made his mark as Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, died on August 19, shortly after he had been appointed to the Provincial Secretaryship.

All that remains for us is now to wish our readers, one and all, A Happy and prosperous New Year.

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GOLDEN DAYS RETURN.

British Columbia's Production of Treasure in 1896 the Greatest on Record.

The Entire Province Highly Mineralized and a Tempting Field for Investment.

No Other Section of the World So Rich in Proven Properties.

British Columbians a few years ago looked back with regret to the days when "Golden Cariboo" was pouring its ore into the treasuries of the world, two or three millions a year of precious metal; and wondered if the good old times would ever return and this province regain her place among the great mining countries of the world. To-day British Columbia is attracting attention the world over, for her marvellous mining development which, as Hon. Mr. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, happily put it the other day, "is like a chapter out of the Arabian Nights." From the early "eighties" the provincial output of gold and silver gradually sank from a million dollars a year to about half that amount, until in 1895 it suddenly sprang up to $2,500,000 and now for 1896 it is safe to say the output will reach $5,000,000, the largest ever attained in the history of the province. The establishment of a bureau of mines by the local government, with Mr. W. A. Carlyle as provincial mineralogist, has been eminently satisfactory in results. Mr. Carlyle, during the short time he has been in his present position, has been at great pains to examine as many of the mining districts as possible, to collect data for reliable statistics, and by means of bulletins to make public, at as early a date as possible, correct information. His valuable and timely report on the Trail Creek country last summer was received approvingly by mining men and investors alike, and he has now almost completed a report on the Slocan, Ainsworth and Nelson districts which, with reliable statistics of the whole output of the precious metals for the province for 1896, will, it is expected, be before the public by January 10.

Mining progress has not been confined to any one or two districts of the province—it has been general. It is particularly gratifying too to see that more attention has been paid to the Coast in 1896 than ever before, and as the prospector wanders further afield the mineral regions still continue to grow in extent, until it seems as if the whole province is one huge mineral country.

It is satisfactory to know that Cariboo during the year just ended has, in placer gold, yielded $110,000 in excess of 1895. The Slocan country output will show an enormous increase over the preceding year, and that district never looked as well as it does at present, with no fewer than 35 shipping mines. The mining area in that part of Kootenay has greatly increased, especially up Springer and Lemon creeks and at the head of Kokanee creek in the southern part of the Slocan. Then to the east of Kootenay lake, on Crawford and Hooker creeks, the mining area is widening and much prospecting has been done south of Nelson on Hall and Whitewater creeks and the north falls of the Salmon.

The Rossland and Trail countries have attracted a very large share of the attention of mining men, the phenomenal growth of Rossland showing how people are flocking to the mining regions.

East Kootenay, though not yet drawing so much attention as its companion district, bids fair to rival it in a few years, and it may be mentioned that the North Star, one of the larger silver lead mines, has shipped 3,000 tons of ore this season, and has a further large amount of ore in sight. On Perry creek, in East Kootenay, four quartz veins, three of large size, have been located, and show good gold values. The northern part of East and West Kootenay has hardly yet been touched by the prospector, and many a rich find is likely to be made there in the coming year.

Lillooet has held its own, and through Yale, the Okanagan and Fairview and other parts of the lower districts, many properties have been staked and bonded to outsiders, while the Boundary Creek country is forging ahead, and a sure indication of progress throughout is a tremendous increase in the customs returns. The big smelter at Trail, with 500 tons a day capacity, and the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, which handles 140 tons of ore per diem, have both been running continuously, and three new concentrators have been built in Kootenay during the year, with the certainty of more being erected in 1897.

Scarcity of water has been a great drawback in Cariboo during the past year, it having been a very dry season for hydraulicing. However, for all that, Cariboo has been turning out very much more satisfactory returns than the year before, and attention is now being directed to her quartz mines.

What is one of the surest indications of the high opinion held of British Columbia mines is the presence in the interior districts of representatives of the strongest capitalists of Europe, the United States and Canada. Next spring will see progress far greater than during the past year, gratifying as it was, and it may be noted that so keen is the competition for good mining properties in Kootenay that whereas in former winters there was an exodus from the districts for the winter, this year the hotels in Rossland, Nelson and other towns are crowded, and will be all winter. On the Coast, Texada Island, Alberni, Sarita, Barclay Sound and other parts have come to the front, and another year will see some big outputs from these places to keep the mainland interior company.

Some very large sales have been made during 1896, among which as instances may be mentioned the sale of a two-thirds interest in the Ruth mine at Sandon for $666,000 to Mr. H. N. Foster, an English capitalist; the sale of the enterprise group in West Kootenay, east of Slocan lake in the granite area, for $300,000; and Mr. S. S. Bailey's sale of the Payne group for $80,500.

A part of the coast that has in the last few months made wonderful progress is Shoal bay, Thurlow island, 220 miles north of Victoria between Vancouver island and the Mainland, and Phillip's Arm, just opposite on the adjoining Mainland. Six years or so ago a claim was taken up on Thurlow island, but afterwards abandoned. Last July Mr. Wolcott, of Seattle, located it again and the vein of copper ore carrying gold has turned out so well that there has been a veritable rush of prospectors and miners to the district. On Phillip's Arm, the Alexander claim has been sold for $120,000 and already has shipped several hundred tons of ore running from $40 to $75 in gold.

THE MINES OF TEXADA.

Van Anda and Others Will Be Profitable Shippers During the Year Now Opening.

The wonderful discoveries on Texada island on the east coast, not far from Nanaimo, caused a rush of prospectors to that section during the past summer. The first of these claims was the Van Anda, in which, besides a number of Victorians, several wealthy Chicago people are interested. The ore, which is copper, running as high in that metal as 60 or 70 per cent., is wonderfully rich in gold, assays going as high as $2,644 to the ton. Hoisting machinery has been placed in position, buildings erected and systematic development work done. About 100 tons of ore have been shipped and now the mine has been opened up by a shaft 100 feet deep, with a drift 150 feet long, and another of 100 feet is being sunk, with crosscuts at each 50 feet to open up the vein well for working. There is a large amount of ore on the dump, and a 20-ton water-jacket smelter is to be erected for matting purposes.

The Victoria claim, owned by Victoria people, is another marvellously rich property that is being opened on Texada Island. Specimens literally spotted all over with small chunks of gold were exhibited a short time ago, and though, of course, all the vein is not of this enormous value, it is very rich indeed.

The Lorindale is still another mine which showed up the surface ore studded with good sized pieces of free gold, and promises fine results.

New mineral finds are also being continually made in other parts of the island, and the outlook for the coming year is an era of development that will make Kootenay look to its laurels in the output of the precious metals before very long.

GOOD ORDER PREVAILED.

Statistics of the Police Department Show a Gratifying Absence of Serious Crime.

The records of the police department for 1896, like those of 1895, show Victoria to be at the head of the orderly, law-abiding cities of America, the misdemeanors infinitely outnumbering the cases of crime, and serious offences of any kind being few and far between. Once again a decrease of crime is noted during the year, the number of cases of felony being much smaller than in any previous year of a decade, and the assertion that hard times produce criminals being here given a practical contradiction. Perhaps it is because the people of Victoria are as a community law-abiding; perhaps the reason is that the police of the capital, besides being the strong men of the province are equally zealous in the discharge of their duties—in any event the record for the old year is a highly creditable one. Here is the statement of arrests for the entire twelve month:

Assault, 48; aggravated assault, 15; arson, 2; and Animals Act [infraction of] one.

Burglary, 2; breaking jail, one.

Cutting and wounding, 5; infraction of City by-laws, 110; creating a disturbance, 2; and carrying concealed weapons, three.

Drunks, 215; desertion from H.M. Royal Navy, 6; infraction of Dominion Voters' Act, 1; disturbing place of worship, 1; disturbing social meeting, 1; and disorderly conduct, one.

Exposing for sale an offensive weapon, one.

Fighting, three.

Grievious bodily harm, 1; gambling, 7; and infraction of Game Act, two.

House breaking, 4; highway robbery, 2; and horse stealing, three.

Indecent exposure, four.

Keeping house of illfame, three.

Infraction of Liquor License Act, seven.

Malicious injury to property, 16; and infraction of Minors' Act, three.

Obtaining money by false pretences, 6; obstructing the police, 1; and obstructing a provincial land surveyor, one.

Pocket picking, 1; possession of stolen property, 14; infraction of Public Morals Act, 19; infraction of post Office Act, 1; perjury, 3; pointing revolver, 1; possession of intoxicants (Indians) nineteen.

Robbery from the person, 3: resisting police, 2; refusing to pay wages, 1; receiving stolen property, one.

Stealing, 54; and supplying intoxicants to Indians, twenty-five.

Threatening language, ten.

Unsound mind and safe keeping, thirty-two.

Vagrancy, forty-three.

As to race the prisoners placed under arrest may be classified as hereunder:

Months.	*Whites.*	*Indians.*	*Chinese.*
January	32	5	19
February	33	6	14
March	29	5	14
April	42	2	10
May	63	20	8
June	65	9	1
July	55	5	2
August	60	8	6
September	47	8	1
October	65	29	3
November	46	7	6
December	27	3	7
Total	564	107	91

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MEANS MANY MILLIONS OF MONEY.

Joint Stock Companies Incorporated During 1896 to Develop the Resources of British Columbia.

Mining Incorporations Far Outnumber All Others With One Million the Favorite Capitalization.

The wonderful development of Kootenay's resources of mineral, which have attracted to British Columbia the attention of all the world, and which are particularly dealt with elsewhere in this issue, has been chiefly responsible for the birth of the numerous joint stock companies formed during the past year, with capital stocks of from $75—the very modest sum named in the registration of the Trilby Mining Corporation, Foreign—to $20,000,000, at which the Olive Mining and Smelting Co., Foreign, is incorporated. Rossland, the magic city of the western world, is the first contributor, in number of companies as well as in capital stock, and it is doubtful if any other section of the world can present so significant a testimonial to its progress and prospects as the appended table:

Abe Lincoln Gold Mining Co., Rossland	$1,000,000
Acme Gold Mining Co. (For.) Spokane	600,000
Agnes Hydraulic M. & M. Co., North Bend	200,000
Alberni Mtn. Rose G. M. Co., Vancouver	250,000
Alberta Gold M'ng Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Albion Gold Mining Co., Vancouver	500,000
Alf Gold Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Alhambra Gold & Copper M. Co., Victoria	600,000
Alliance Prospecting Syn. of B. C., Vancouver	100,000
Allison Ranch Hyd. M. Co., New Westminster	250,000
Almota Gold Mining Co., Victoria	1,000,000
Alpha Bell Gold Quartz M. Co. Vancouver	500,000
Anaconda Townsite Co., Anaconda	10,000
Anglo-American Canning Co., Vancouver	30,000
Anglo-American G. M. & M. Co., Rossland	1,500,000
Antler Creek Mining Co., Vancouver	1,000,000
Arlington Hotel Co. (For.), Portland	10,000
Athabasca Gold Mining Co., New Westminster	1,000,000
Automatic Can Co. of B.C., Vancouver	300,000
B. C. Exploration Co., of Rossland, Rossland	100,000
Badger Tourmaline Consol. G.M. Co., Rossland	1,500,000
Banner Lodge No. 31, I.O.O.F., Wellington	.....
Bean Pot Gold Mining Co., Spokane	500,000
Beaven Gold Mining Co. (For.) Spokane	750,000
Beaver Quartz Mining Co, Vancouver	1,000,000
B. C. Consol. G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
B. C. Exploring Syndicate (For.) London, Eng. £	20,000
B. C. Gold Mining Co., Vancouver $	1,000,000
B. C. Mining and Development Syndicate, Rossland	2,000,000
B. C. Pottery Co., Victoria	150,000
B. C. School of Mines, Vancouver	30,000
B. C. Supply Co., Vancouver	50,000
Big Buck Gold Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Big Chief Mining Co., Vancouver	1,000,000
Big Three Mining Co. (For.), Spokane	3,500,000
Big Valley Ck. Gold Mines (For.) London, Eng. £	125,000
Black Rock G. M. Co., (For.) Seattle $	1,000,000
Blackwater G. M. Co., Vancouver	500,000
Blue Bird M. Co. (For.), Spokane	600,000
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Bonanza Mtn. G. M. Co., Grand Forks	1,500,000
Bon Diable G. M. Co., Vernon	75,000
Bondholder M. Co., Vancouver	1,000,000
Boundary Ck. M. & M. Co., Greenwood City	1,500,000
Boundary Falls M. Co., Vancouver	500,000
Bowen Island M. Co. (For.), Tacoma	1,000,000
B. C. Development Ass'n. (For.) England £	10,000
B.C. Electric Co. (For.), Tacoma $	10,000
B. C. Mining Co. (For.), London £	20,000
B. C. Gold Property Co., Victoria $	250,000
B. C. Smelting & Refining Co. (For.), Jersey City, N.J	2,500,000
B. C. Syndicate, Rossland	100,000
B. C. Tunnel & Development Co. Rossland	500,000
British Lion M. & M. Co., Rossland	600,000
Bruce Gold Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Buffalo Gold Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Buffalo Gold Mining Co. (For.), Spokane	500,000
Bunker Hill & Blackwood M.Co., Vancouver	500,000
Burrard Mining Association, Vancouver	50,000
Butte Gold, Copper M. Associa'n (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Big Six Gold & Copper M. Co., Rossland	1,500,000
C. & C. Mining Co., Rossland	500,000
California Gold M. Co. (For.) Spokane	2,500,000
Cambridge G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Cameronian G. & Silver M. Co., Sandon	850,000
Camp Bird M. Co., (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Canadian G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Cariboo Lumber Co., Clinton	4,000
Cariboo M., M. & S. Co. (For.), Spokane	800,000
Cariboo M. & Develop. Co. (For.), Seattle	300,000
Cedar Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., Nanaimo	.....
Celtic Queen G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	750,000
Channe Mining Co., Vancouver.	1,000,000
Chicago G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	500,000
Cleve Canning & Cold Storage, Vancouver	250,000
Colons G. M Co., Rossland $	1,000,000
Colonial Canning Co, New Westminster	30,000
Columbia & Ont. G.M. Co., Rossland	750,000
Columbia M. Co. of Victoria, Victoria	100,000
Combination M. & M. Co. (For.), Spokane	600,000
Commander M. & S. Co. (For.), Spokane	500,000
Consol. G. M. Co. (For.)	1,000,000
Conservative Club, Victoria	5,000
Consolidated Alberni G. M. Co., Victoria	500,000
Consolidated Sable Ck. M. Co., Vancouver	1,500,000
Copper Belle M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Cottonwood River B.C.) Alluvial G. M. Co. (For.) England £	65,000
Court Hon. Robt. Dunsmuir, A. O.F., Wellington	.....
Crescent Dry Goods Co., Rossland $	20,000
Cromwell M. & Development Co. Rossland	1,200,000
Crown Point G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Cumberland & Union W. Works Co., Cumberland	75,000
Cumberland Gold Mining Co., Rossland	2,000,000
Cumberland Mining Co., Three Forks	500,000
Camp Hewitt M. & Develop. Co., Vernon	1,000,000
Canadian M., M. & Smelting Co., Sandon	2,000,000
Canada Prospecting & M. Co., Vancouver	100,000
Carnduff M. & Development Co., Slocan	1,000,000
Dardanelles M. & M. Co., Kaslo	1,000,000
Deer Park M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Delacota G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Delaware M. & M. Co. (For.) Spokane	1,000,000
Dellie M. & M. Co. (For.), Spokane	750,000
Delta Horse Breeders' Associa'n, Ladners	2,500
Dundee G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Dundern G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Dry Belt M. & M. Co., Sandon	1,000,000
Eldon Gold & Silver Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Electrical Reduction & Refining Co., Rossland	25,000
Elk Gold Mining Co., Vancouver	10,000
Elk Horn S. Mining Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Emu Mining Syndicate [For.], England £	10,000
English and Can. G. M. Co. [For.], London, Eng.	$1,000,000
English & French G. M. Co., Grand Forks	2,000,000
Equitable Savings, Building and Loan Association of Canada, [For.], Toronto	5,000,000
Eric Gold M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Ethel Group M. Co. of Rossland Rossland	1,500,000
Exchequer G. M. Co., Rossland.	1,000,000
Fourteen Gold Mines Con. Co., Rossland	5,000,000
Fairview G. M. Co., Seattle	1,000,000
Fanny Bay G. M. Co., Vancouver	600,000
Ferguson & Orr Co., Trail	10,000
Fire Mountain G. M. Co., Vancouver	1,000,000
Fraser River Fish Curing Co., Vancouver	100,000
Freeburn G. M. Co., Victoria	500,000
French Ck. M. Co. [For., Milwaukee, Wis.	2,000,000
43rd Mining & M. Co. of Cariboo North Bend	600,000
Golden Cache Extension G. M. Co., Vancouver	600,000
Georgia G. M. Co., Victoria	1,000,000
Germania G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Gibson M. & M. Co. [For.], Spokane	650,000
Golden Cache Mines Co., Vancouver	500,000
Golden Drip M. & M. Co., Rossland	500,000
Golden Era Co., Golden	1,200
Golden Gate M. Co. of Granite Ck., Vancouver	60,000
Golden River, Quesnelle, Ltd., [For.], London £	350,000
Golden Wedge M. Co., Rossland. $	1,500,000
Gold Hill Qtz. M. Co. of Fairview Victoria	750,000
Gold King M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Gold Mtn. M. & M. Co., Vancouver	1,000,000
Gold Range Exploring & M. Co., Vancouver	750,000
Gold Stream M. Co., [For.], Cudahy	1,000,000
Gopher G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Grand Forks G. M. Co., Grand Forks	1,500,000
Grand Lodge B. C., I.O.O.F.	.....
Grand Prize M. & M. Co. [For.], Spokane	1,000,000
Great West Gold Fields Develop. Co. of Vancouver, Vancouver.	100,000
Great Western M. Co. [For.] Spokane	1,000,000
Green Crown M. & M. Co., Spokane	1,000,000
Greenwood City W. W'ks. & P. Co., Greenwood	50,000
Granite Falls, Company, Vancouver	50,000
Granite M. & Smelting Co., Spokane	500,000
Holy Trinity Parish of N.W., New Westminster	.....
Hamilton & Rossland G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Hansard Gold & Copper M. Co., Nelson	1,000,000
Harmony Lodge, No. 6, I.O.O.F., Wellington	.....
Hattie Brown G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Hattie G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Helen Gold M. Co. (For.), Spokane	600,000
Hercules G. M. Co., Rossland	2,000,000
Hill Top G. M. Co. (For.) Spokane	1,000,000
Hinckley & Black Colt H. M. Co., Kaslo	1,000,000
Homestake G. M. Co., Vancouver	500,000
Ibex Mining Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Ida Queen G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Independent Mining Co., New Westminster	1,000,000
Interstate Mining Co., (For.), Spokane	750,000
International G. & Copper M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Invicta Gold Mines (For.), England £	100,000
Iron Colt Mining Co., Rossland. $	1,000,000
Iron Hope M. & M. Co. (For.), Seattle	600,000
Iron Mask G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	500,000
Ivanhoe G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
J. X. L. Gold M. & M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Ibex M. & Development Co., Slocan	300,000
John A. Hume Co., New Westminster	25,000
Josie G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	700,000
Jumbo G. M. Co., Spokane	500,000
Kootenay & Northwest, Rossland	1,000,000
Kootenay Mercantile Co., Rossland	5,000
Kelowna Shippers' Union Co., Kelowna	15,000
Keough G. & Copper M. Co. (For.), Salt Lake, Utah	200,000
King Solomon Mines, Vancouver	500,000
Knight Templar G. M. Co., Spokane	500,000
Kohinoor G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Kootenai Water Supply Co. (For.), Rochester, N. Y.	1,000,000
Kootenay & Algoma G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Kootenay & Slocan Prospecting & Promoting Co., Vancouver	100,000
Kootenay Brwg., Malting & Distilling Co, Trail	50,000
Kootenay Consol. Mining Co. (For.), Everett, Wn	1,000,000
Kootenay Iron Works Co., Nelson	50,000
Kootenay-London M. Co, Rossland	1,000,000
Kootenay Salmon G. M. Co., Rossland	600,000
Lardeau M. & Development Co., Revelstoke	500,000
La Regina G. M. Co., Rossland	750,000
Last Chance M. & M. Co. (For.), Spokane	500,000
Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Co., Vancouver.	1,000,000
Lily May G. M. Co. (For.) Spokane	1,000,000
Lily May M. & Smelting Co. (For.), Spokane	500,000
Little Jumbo G. M. Co. (For.), Seattle	650,000
Lloyd G. M. & Development Co. Rossland	1,000,000
London & B. C. Goldfields (For.), England £	200,000
London & Rossland (B.C.) M. Co., Rossland $	750,000
London Hill Development & M. Co., Kaslo	150,000
Lorindale M. Co., Nanaimo	800,000
Mainland Logging Co., New Westminster	5,000
Main Quesnelle Gold Dredging & M. Co. (For.), Tacoma	250,000
Mascot G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Mayflower G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Metropolitan Club, Vancouver	10,000
Mineral Hill G. M. Co. of Alberni, Victoria	750,000
Monarch G. M. Co. (For.), Northport, Wn	750,000
Monte Cristo G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Montezuma G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Morning Glory G. M. Co., Vernon	500,000
Morrison G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Mount Adams M. Co., New Denver	150,000
Mount Mable M. & Smelting Co., NewDenver	1,500,000
Mystic Chain	.....
Noblesse G. M. Co., Rossland	150,000
Nestegg & Firefly G. M. Co., Victoria	1,000,000
Nestegg Mining Co., Victoria	200,000
Nig & Tuck G. Hyd. M. Co., Vancouver	35,000
Noble Five Consol. M. & M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,200,000
Noonday M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Northern Light G. M. Co., Victoria	250,000
North Saanich Coal M. Co., Victoria	25,000
Occidental M. & M. Co., Vancouver	600,000
O. K. Gold Mining Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Old Flag G. M. Co., Rossland	1,500,000
Old Glory M. Co. (For.), Seattle	1,000,000
Old Ironsides M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Olive M. & Smelting Co. (For.), Spokane	20,000,000
Ontario G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	1,000,000
Ora Plata M. Co., Rossland	1,500,000
Orphan Boy G. M. Co., Revelstoke	700,000
Ottawa G. M. Co., Rossland	250,000
Olga G. M. & M. Co., Tacoma	1,000,000
Ottawa & Ivanhoe Silver Mines, Rossland	250,000
Pacific Coast Ptld. Cement Co., Vancouver	500,000
Pacific Consolidated G. M. Co., Victoria	500,000
Palo Alto G. M. Co., Victoria	1,000,000
Peoria M. & M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Peters Creek G. M. Co. of Cariboo, Vancouver	25,000
Phoenix Consol. M. Co., Sandon	750,000
Pick-Up M. & Smelting Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Picton Development Syndicate, Nelson	15,000
Pittsburg & Cariboo G. Dredging Co. (For.), Pittsburg, Pa.	500,000
Pittsburg G. M. Co., Rossland	750,000
Portland G. M. Co. (For.), Spokane	600,000
Price Eaton Co. (For.), San Francisco	600,000
Province Publishing Co., Victoria	60,000
Purcell Mining Corporation (For.), Spokane	500,000
Quadra M. & M. Co., Victoria	500,000
Queen Charlotte Oil Co., Victoria	14,000
Queen G. & Silver M. Co., Vancouver	500,000
Queen Victoria G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Quesnelle & Cariboo (B.C.) Gold Fields Exploration Co. (For.), Sheffield, Eng. £	12,000
Quesnelle M. Co. (For.), Chicago $	1,000,000
Rainy Day G. M. Co., Rossland	600,000
Rambler & Cariboo Consol. G. & Silver M. Co. [For.], Spokane	1,000,000
Randolph G. M. Co. [For.], Spokane	750,000
Reco M. & M. Co., Sandon	1,000,000
Reddin-Jackson Co., Rossland	25,000
Red Eagle G. M. Co., Rossland	1,200,000
Red Mountain View G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Red Point G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
R. E. Lee G. M. Co., Rossland	2,000,000
Reliance Loan & Savings Co. of Ontario [For.], Toronto	10,000,000
Republic G. M. Co. [For.], Spokane	750,000
Rob Roy G. M. Co. [For.], Spokane	500,000
Rochester G. M. Co. [For.]. Spokane	500,000
Roderick Dhu G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Rossland Homestake G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
Rossland "Miner" P. & P. Co., Rossland	25,000
Rossland Red Mountain G. M. Co. [For.]. Spokane	1,000,000
Rossland Star M. Co., Rossland.	500,000
Rossland Stock Exchange of B. C., Rossland	50,000
Rossland Syndicate, Rossland	50,000
Roulette M. & M. Co., New Denver	1,000,000
Royal Five G. M. Co., Rossland.	1,500,000
Scottish Columbia M. & D. Co., Vancouver	1,000,000
San Francisco G. M. Co., Rossland	1,000,000
San Joaquin G. M. Co., Victoria	1,000,000
Sault Ste. Marie G. M. Co., Ross-	

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GOLD MINES NEAR HOME

Richness of the Alberni District Now Past the Point of Conjecture.

A Vast Mineralized Area Which Promises Heavy Returns to Investors.

The Southwesterly Districts of Vancouver Island in Line as Gold Producers.

While up to a few months ago the Kootenay mining district monopolized the attention of outside capitalists, it has gradually become better known that here on Vancouver Island there is mineral wealth that with the same amount of development will before long cause an inrush of investors. It was uphill work for several years for Kootenay to gain its just recognition, and it was not so long ago that the statement that Kootenay's output would reach five or ten millions a year, was actually laughed at. Now people no longer sneer, for the millions are mounting up by leaps and bounds with the impetus of judiciously invested capital. Just so will it be with Alberni. Prospects and mines have been opened out, development has resulted from the constant influx of prospectors, new mineral areas are being discovered, and Alberni is to-day just in the position that Kootenay was when it forced the attention of the world towards it. Take for example the Alberni Consolidated mine, on Mineral Hill. Money now has been spent in opening it up properly, with the result that the vein has been proved to be a large and a rich one, a three-stamp mill has been erected on Mineral creek, and a road two miles long has been built connecting the mine with the mill. A trial test of 400 pounds of the Consolidated ore put through a week ago gave $18 in free gold, besides the sulphurets, which bring the value of the ore up to $100 a ton. Mineral Creek is connected with the town of Alberni on sea water by a fine wagon road, so that communication for shipping is excellent. A couple of new hotels have been erected at Mineral Creek to accommodate the constantly increasing demand for where there were only a few scattered prospectors a year ago there are now over two hundred men working on Mineral, China and Granite creeks and in the vicinity. At Alberni the little town has made a sudden start, for twenty-five new buildings were erected there during the year, and what is known as the "New Townsite" has been made a customs port of entry. The development of the quartz mines on Mineral Hill has been very marked, and a large number of claims have obtained crown grants in the year just closed. The Quadra group on Mineral Hill has considerable development work going on. The Missing Link and Champion have the same rich vein as the Alberni and showing even wider on the surface. The Mountain Rose belonging to Vancouver people is having a hundred foot tunnel driven, and the Mineral Hill Co., whose property lies north of the Missing Link and Champion will be shipping in the spring. The Adelaide and Jack Taylor, belonging to George Brown of Alberni, are showing up well as work opens up the vein and the Minnie Cassd and Happy Day belonging to the Pacific Mining Co., are among some of the notable properties that are being worked on Mineral Hill. The Ace of Spades and Last Dollar belonging to E. J. Saunders and associates have obtained crown grants and the Minnesota group is having work done. All these and many more claims on Mineral Hill might be mentioned as showing what an extensive list of claims are really having work done upon them.

Just across Mineral Hill to the south of Mineral creek is Douglas mountain, where not many months ago the Regina group was staked out, that have proved with work to be extremely rich with a huge body of ore running in copper, silver, gold and lead; and there are other claims since discovered in the surrounding district that will before long make a long list of ore producers. What is needed now is capital, for there are many claims rich in themselves that cannot be developed because the owners have not the means to improve them. Money is needed to open up quartz claims, and without capital Rossland itself would never have risen to the enviable position it holds in the mining world to-day.

On China creek, which joins Mineral creek, is the Duke of York hydraulic claim, on which many thousands of dollars have been expended putting in a perfect hydraulicing plant, with buildings, shops and all complete. The works are in full operation, and though the company had many drawbacks, owing to forest fires in the summer, everything is now in good shape again and when the spring clean-up is made the returns will show that the enterprising men who put their money into the venture were wise in their generation. The Cataract claim is also on China creek, and forest fires put its proprietors back far worse than the owners of the Duke of York, but it is expected operations will be resumed in the spring.

On Granite creek, a few miles further down the Alberni canal, are a number of splendid properties, including the Emma, Hanna and Starlight claims, the Islander and others, while some thirty miles or so below Alberni, a short distance from the mouth of the Sarita river, are the Sarita mines. Here there is an immense copper and iron deposit running in gold. Extensive development operations are in progress, and so highly satisfactory have they turned out that there is a very strong probability of a syndicate of capitalists erecting a smelter on the spot to treat the ore. Negotiations are understood to be in progress at present to this end.