

SUMMARY OF THE PAST YEAR

Statistics Showing the Progress of Trade and Industry During 1901—Improvement Apparent in All Lines.

In the history of Canada 1901 will be written down as a year of plenty and prosperity, of which British Columbia had her full share. The mines, the fisheries and the forests contributed royally to swell the grand total of the year's business, while agriculture and its kindred industries made satisfactory progress and show signs of increasing interest in advanced methods of work, which augur well for the future.

The business of the Victoria post office has increased very considerably, that with Japan, China and Australia has been about doubled during the past year. The revenue of the post office has not changed to any great extent, the sales of stamps aggregating \$4,765, while those of 1900 amounted to \$4,635, an increase of \$132. The business in the postal mail also shows a slight advance.

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK. The records of the Dominion government savings bank show little change for 1901 were \$354,451, and with interest, \$336,418. The balance to credit of 1902 will be free of them, allowing this great industry to proceed without hindrance.

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THE MINES OF THE PROVINCE

For the Year Just Ended Marked Progress Has Been Made in This Great Industry and the Outlook Is Bright.

Notwithstanding many drawbacks and conditions of an exceptionally adverse character, particularly as affecting lead and silver production, the mining industry in British Columbia has made during the past year important and material advances both in the direction of development and expansion. It is not somewhat early in the absence, unfortunately, of exact official data, to do more than merely estimate with tolerable accuracy the value of the aggregate mineral production from all sections of the province during the twelve months, although in separate instances such as Rosland, British and Great River Creek and Slocan, the returns in respect to tonnage output are doubtless reasonably complete and reliable.

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refining project is being very earnestly considered by those financing the mill. To find the necessary capital for the promotion of the undertaking, in fact, a report, said to be officially authorized, has just been given out that the Canadian Smelting Company, at Trail, contemplates the immediate construction of a silver refinery, five miles from Trail and Nelson smelters have reduced the treatment rate on lead ores by from three to four dollars a ton. The same district, mining operations during the year, meanwhile have been largely confined to development and much of the work taken out in the progress of this work has been stored in anticipation of better market conditions. Three mines, however, paid dividends in 1901, notwithstanding depressed times. These were the Payne, which distributed \$78,000; the Hambley-Caribou, whose shareholders received two per cent. dividends, aggregating \$25,000; and the Boston, New Denver property, which early in the year declared a five per cent. profit, amounting to \$12,500. The production from the whole of the Slocan district which nearly 7,000 tons represented, output from the Slocan City mining district compared with the return of 1900 of 25,000 tons, is not so unfavorable as it appears, but a relatively small price and the fact that the Slocan lake comprises lead ore, the district to a very appreciable extent, which the tonnage returns give no clear idea of. The following table is given in the following table:

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STEADY PROGRESS MADE IN 1901

Victoria Advancing Along Lines of Substantial Improvement—New Buildings.

The year just ended witnessed the awakening of the citizens of Victoria to a sense of the importance of making a combined effort to better their surroundings and materially improve the city. Under the guidance of a progressive mayor, the city council determined to carry out the reforms proposed for several previous years and passed bylaws authorizing the raising of \$205,000 on the credit of the city, for the following purposes: Reclamation of James Bay flats, \$120,000; widening of Broadway, \$30,000; High School, \$10,000; Government street improvement, \$30,000; per cent. of the cost of paving Government street is borne by the property owners on the street.

Other much-needed improvements, the reclamation of James Bay flats is well under way, and the High School is in course of erection. Unfortunately the contract for the widening of Broadway was deferred till the end of letting the contract for the Point Ellice bridge, and that work is still in abeyance. In addition to the one of the first matters dealt with by the council of 1902. The Government street improvement, \$30,000, represents the electric railway company being undertaken to renew their tracks in time to begin the work before winter set in.

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THE SALMON PACK

The salmon pack of 1901 was above the average. The total number of cases exported to Great Britain was 701,714, valued at \$3,378,584. The salmon pack, with its cargo, was as follows:

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