

\$401,000,000. Slocan, Ainsworth, and Nelson Divisions, in each of which are productive mines, are in this district. Several other Divisions are also within its boundaries, but these have not in recent years made any considerable output of minerals.

Ainsworth Mining Division.

The larger producers in this Division in 1915 were the No. 1, Bluebell, Cork-Province, Ullica, and Retallack & Co.'s mines. At least ten other properties sent out more or less ore, but generally their output was small. The following shipments are expected to have been made from mines in this Division to Trail, taking the properties in alphabetical order:—

	Tons.
Alpine	4
Bluebell (concentrates)	1,614
Bon Ton	6
Charleston	13
Cork-Province	956
Early Bird	78
Gallagher	13
Helena	7
Marilyn	9
No. 1	6,771
Panama	33
Retallack & Co.	175
Silver Hoard	77
Spokane-Trinkel	20
Ullica	475
Wellington	7

Bluebell.—The production of this mine in 1915 was small in comparison with that of 1914. Owing to war conditions having adversely affected the metal markets, production was suspended in August, 1914, and was not resumed until September, 1915, so that the reduced output for the latter year was that of little more than three months.

Consolidated Co.'s Mines.—In 1914 the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company produced ore at its *Highland*, No. 1, and *Banker-Macastro* mines until the general suspension in the district in August. It was not until March, 1915, that ore from any of the company's Ainsworth properties was again received at Trail. From that time until the end of the year 6,771 tons from the No. 1 mine reached the smelting-works, but not any from the other mines just mentioned. The company's general manager reported for the fiscal year ended September 30th last: "At Ainsworth the company's mines were closed during the greater part of the year, a few men being employed at the *Highland* in driving No. 5 tunnel, which is intended to open the veins 110 feet below the lowest previous workings of the mine. Ore has been encountered in this tunnel, but no development has yet been done on it. The prospects are encouraging."

Cork-Province.—Much energy was displayed by the local company which in 1914 was organized and acquired these mines and the Cork concentrating-mill. Attention was largely concentrated on the further development of the Cork mine and on increasing the water-supply for milling purposes, and otherwise making the mill equal to dealing with a larger quantity of ore. Besides the 956 tons of silver-lead ore received at Trail, there was shipped 44 tons of zinc ore, so that the year's output was just 1,000 tons, as compared with 63 tons in 1914. It is expected that zinc as well as lead ore will be shipped in larger quantity in 1916; so far, the zinc tailing from two of the jigs has been stored for future further treatment.

Florence Mining Co.—This Spokane company, which is operating the *Hope* group of claims, situated about three miles north of the town of Ainsworth, did much development-work in 1915 and opened ore in sufficient quantity to induce the manage-