

but an average of the vein is \$16 in gold with some copper. The property is owned by John A. Finch and M. R. Galusha, of Spokane, who have lots of money to develop the claim. It is situated across Little Sheep Creek from Red Mountain, and appears to be on the same ledge as the Eddie J., Cliff, St. Elmo, and Mountain View claims.

A most encouraging fact in connection with the Trail Creek mineral bodies, is the increasing richness of the ore as depth is reached. This rule holds good in every instance so far, and it will no doubt encourage the owners of so-called low grade properties to sink shafts on their lodes till they reach the pay ore below. The great Le Roi itself was not a high grade proposition at the surface, but the ore has turned richer and richer as the shaft has grown deeper, till at the present moment it is classed as one of the highest grade mineral bodies in the country. The returns from 150 tons of ore recently shipped reached the handsome sum of \$9,000. As the daily output of the mine is between 120 and 130 tons, this \$9,000 represents just a little more than one day's work. Can any other camp in the Northwest beat that?

#### WEST KOOTENAY GENERALLY.

The Cordelia, a claim on the north fork of Carpenter Creek, shipped last fall 6,709 pounds of ore to the smelter at Pilot Bay. The returns were 203 ounces in silver, 19 per cent lead, and \$2.28 in gold. The shipment netted, after all charges were paid, \$365.70. Active work will commence on this property in the spring.

The Goodenough holds the record for the richest shipment of ore from the Slocan. The shipment returned a profit of \$524 to the ton with silver at 59 cents. The Reco will try to beat this record, and not long ago shipped 40 tons to the smelter, which J. M. Harris claims will net a profit considerably over \$20,000.

The Cariboo claim at Camp McKinney continues to increase in richness as it goes down, and from \$8,000 to \$12,000 in gold are now being taken out of it per month, besides a large quantity of rich concentrates, which are shipped to Tacoma for treatment.

Upon the Golden Crown, a claim near the famous Winnipeg, upon which Mr. W. J. Porter is busily engaged sinking a shaft, and taking out some very fine ore at the present time, the same being mined from a three-foot vein in which plenty of free gold is visible. Samples that have recently been assayed show the ore to be worth as much as \$1,000 per ton.

The Gold Drop, in Greenwood Camp, is looking as well as any property that has been developed in the Boundary district, as, besides being a large body of ore, the quality is very rich.

#### PROVINCE GENERALLY.

Within four miles of Victoria, on the north side of Esquimalt harbor and close to the water's edge, Messrs. John Sandycok and J. T. Pearse located the Daisy mineral claim two years ago. Not much attention has been paid to it and the locators not having money at their disposal for development purposes have quietly contented themselves with doing their assessment work. Recently they brought into town some fine samples of the ore, and announce that they have a vein of it at least three feet in width. The quartz carries iron and copper pyrites, some of it running very high in copper. Several assays have been made which have run \$2.50 in gold, and even as high as \$80 in silver. Not long ago Mr. J. M. Burke, of Rossland, visited the place and expressed himself as well pleased with the appearance of

the ore. Where the development work has been done is just at high water mark. The ledge can be traced at several points some distance back from the shore, but want of capital has prevented the locators from sinking a shaft further inland to strike the lead. Messrs. Sandycok and Pearse are now trying to interest capital in the undertaking, and the character of the ore certainly shows that they have a highly promising prospect, its proximity to town making it the more valuable.

Boring for precious metal is proceeding immediately below the Vancouver city limits. The mayor stopped similar prospecting on Stanley park last week, owing to its being a Government reserve. The excitement and consequent active prospecting for silver is occasioned by the fact that silver ore has been found in or near the park, just outside the city limits, running \$30 to the ton.

There is some talk of a Chicago and Victoria syndicate bonding certain lands on Texada Island, with a view to developing the mineral resources. The surface specimens of gold, silver, copper, tin and iron ores, have long been regarded as very rich, and a series of assays have fully borne out that opinion. Up to the present, operations are being principally confined to prospecting and assessment work. The syndicate has, it is said, bonded most of the valuable claims, and is preparing to invest at least \$250,000 in the practical and scientific development of the mineral ledges. Work will commence in the early spring.

Below are the shipments of bullion, matte and ore from the smelters and mines in Southern Kootenay for the week ending February 15th, from returns made at the customs house in Nelson:—

	TONS.	VALUE.
Hall Mines smelter, Nelson.....	115	\$ 28,658
Pilot Bay smelter.....	61	6,100
Slocan Star Mine, Sandon.....	120	12,000
Reco Mine, Sandon.....	50	5,000
Alamo Mine, Three Forks.....	40	4,000
Monitor Mine, Three Forks.....	20	2,000
Last Chance Mine, Cody.....	80	8,000
Noble Five Mines, Cody.....	77	7,700
Deadman Mine, Slocan district.....	77	7,700
Whitewater Mine, Slocan.....	61	6,100
Ruth Mine, Sandon.....	30	3,000
Slocan Surprise Mining Company.....	13	1,300
Slocan Boy Mine.....	19	1,900
R. E. Lee and Madison Mine, Slocan district.....	14	1,400
Northern Belle mine, Slocan district.....	34	3,400
Wellington Mine, Slocan district.....	60	6,000
Mountain Chief Mine (Payne Group) Slocan dist.....	32	3,200
No. 27 Mine, Ainsworth.....	12	1,200
Total.....	915	\$108,658
Total, so far, for 1896.....	2,905	\$359,808

#### Hotels.

When visiting Vancouver, there is no more comfortable hotel to stay at than the Manor House. Elegantly furnished, it is conducted in a manner to make it home-like and most agreeable to visitors. The house is rapidly growing in favor. The cuisine is excellent, and the accommodation is altogether of a high order. We can safely recommend the Manor to our readers when they visit Vancouver.

In Victoria, the Dallas is the most pleasantly situated of any hotel in the city. It is really a charming house to stay at when visiting the capital city on business or pleasure. Then there is the Occidental, more centrally located and under the same management. It will be found comfortable, especially for families, and the rates most reasonable. Mr. Jensen, who manages both hotels, is one of the most popular caterers in the whole Province.