

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

The production of the Lenora mine, Mount Sicker, now averages 1,200 tons monthly, the ore running \$2.50 in gold, \$2.50 silver and 10 per cent. copper, wet assay test, per ton.

In the annexed table from the B. C. Review are compiled the returns to date of those companies whose crushings in ore shipments are available. Owing to the irregularity with which some of these returns are published the list is necessarily incomplete.

NAME.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.
Athabasca	\$ 9,385	\$ 18,500	\$27,400	\$17,100	\$17,200
Bosun (B.C.)	—	\$ 4,966	\$ 5,592	\$ 4,811	—
Granite	\$ 7,100	\$ 11,250	\$ 7,600	\$ 9,550	\$11,100
Hall Mines	—	—	—	—	—
Hastings	—	—	—	\$ 5,500	—
Klondike Govt. Concs.	—	1,400 ozs.	1,838 oz.	—	670 ozs.
Le Roi	\$119,000	\$219,000	\$227,500	\$248,000	\$49,000
Le Roi No. 2	—	—	—	—	\$ 3,900
Mikado	894 oz.	875 oz.	944 ozs.	921 ozs.	—
McDonald's	—	—	—	2,075 ozs.	1,409 ozs.
Nimrod	—	—	—	*62 ozs	—
Queen Bess	\$ 6,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 5,900	\$ 6,700	\$ 5,300
Whitewater	\$13,500	\$ 4 750	\$ 9,250	\$14,500	—
Ymir	\$25,000	\$ 21,431	\$10,700	\$25,500	\$25,550
Yukon Goldfields.....	\$27,375	\$ 22,518	\$20,572	\$23,500	\$23,000

* Trial crushing. † Mill idle 21 days.
‡ These figures represent profit, not gross values.

COAL EXPORTATIONS—AUGUST.

	Tons.
New Vancouver Coal Co.	41,070
Ladysmith	31,085
Union	18,070

Total 90,225

The New Vancouver Coal Company's shipments for the three weeks ending September 20th were

Date.	Vessel and destination.	Tons.
6—	SS. New England, Alaska.	49
7—	SS. San Mateo, San Francisco	4,414
11—	SS. Mineola, San Francisco.	3,449
13—	SS. Titania, San Francisco	5,783
15—	SS. New England, Alaska	53
18—	SS. Robert Adamson, San Francisco	4,546

Total 18,294

THE METAL MARKET—SEPTEMBER.

[Compiled from special telegraphic quotations to the B. C. MINING RECORD from the *Engineering & Mining Journal*, New York.]

SILVER.

SILVER has been steadily advancing this month on a strong market. A slight check, however, occurred during the last week on the completion of the Imperial mint order, the price receding to 28½d., but at this price large purchases were made from India, and the market closed firm at 28 13-16d. The latest New York quotation is 62¾, the highest price during September being 62¾. The average price in August was 61.14.

COPPER.

The market has been strong and active. Consumption continues good, and the demand for both early and future shipment is heavy. Spot copper continues to be scarce, in this country as well as in Europe. Production in America was 2,000 tons less during the month of August than during the previous month, and, with the present rate of consumption continuing, this, of course, tends to still further strengthen the position of the article. Lake copper is quoted at 16½@16¾c.; electrolytic in cakes, wire-

bars and ingots, at 16¾@16½c., in cathodes at 16½@16¼c.; casting copper at 16¾c.

LEAD.

Lead is in heavy demand and the market is active. Prices, however, remain steady. The latest quotations are: New York, 4.32½@4.27½; St. Louis, 4.27½@4.32½.

SPELTER.

A fair business is reported, prices remaining unchanged at 4.10 New York; 3.95 St. Louis.

PLATINUM.

For ingot platinum in large quantities \$18.20 per Troy oz. is quoted in New York.

QUICKSILVER.

The New York quotation continues at \$51 per flask for large lots, with \$52.50@54 asked for smaller quantities. San Francisco prices firmer, \$49@50 being named on local deliveries, and \$44.50@45 on export orders. The London price is now £9 2s. 6d. per flask.

THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

WE are indebted to Messrs. Foulkes & Co., of Victoria for the following report: The past month taken as a whole has not been an entirely satisfactory one to holders of British Columbia stocks. In isolated instances there has been a marked improvement in prices, but the general advance which was expected has been conspicuous by its absence. As matters at present stand, the Eastern markets control the situation, and except for their local stocks they are neither buyers nor sellers, the Eastern brokers at present merely acting as middlemen for the sale of B. C. stocks, which they buy and sell in Spokane and the Coast cities, their only interest being the commission which they manage to secure upon the transaction. As a consequence the Toronto and Montreal market quotations are absolutely unreliable, the divergence between the quoted buying and selling prices being so great as to prevent intending purchasers who allowed themselves to be influenced thereby from doing business with their local brokers, who find it impossible to buy within fifty per cent. of the price at which stocks are quoted as being offered at in the Eastern markets. A remedy will have to be found for this state of affairs or the Coast investors will refuse to recognize the Eastern exchanges. Iron Mask on the strength of the settlement with the Centre Star advanced to 45 cents, but it has fallen at least ten points since the first announcement. Athabasca is quoted at \$6.50, an improvement of nearly two dollars per share during the month. Rambler Cariboo is steady at 24½, and were it not an underlying suspicion that this stock is open to manipulation, there would be a very marked advance in its price. Noble Five is quoted at 5½c. and a peculiar feature of the market in this stock is that at periodical intervals all the cheap stock in the market is absorbed by insiders. This stock will probably advance very considerably before Christmas, if reports of the present development work turn out correct. American Boy has trebled in price since the first of the month, and this mine has a future before it, almost equal to that of the Payne or Last Chance. Cariboo Camp McKinney has recovered from the listlessness which characterized it during the summer months, but it is still 25 per cent. below its intrinsic value.