

As result of drifting in Josie, tons hoisted . . . . .	368
As result of drifting in Number One, tons hoisted..	...
Grand total. . . . .	2,763

(Office Note.—That the new mine manager's system of monthly report may be quite intelligible to shareholders, it may be explained that only the amount of ore actually paid for during the month is returned, thus avoiding the confusion caused by the overlapping system hitherto in force. The third column represents the actual amount received from the smelter, from which have to be deducted mining and development charges. If these are taken at \$4 a ton the net profit since the recommencement of shipping would be \$30,558, or £6,300.)

MINING RETURNS AND STATISTICS.

THE COAST.

OUR Crofton correspondent writes: Ore shipments to the Crofton smelter during April were as follows:—

	Tons.
Marble Bay (1st class ore) . . . . .	800
Marble Bay (2nd class ore) . . . . .	2,400
Lenora, Mt. Sicker (2nd class ore) . . . . .	3,000
Yreka (Quatsino) . . . . .	800
Lone Pine (Republic, Wash) . . . . .	420
Grafter (White Horse) . . . . .	25
Total . . . . .	7,445

ROSSLAND.

Shipments to the end of April are:

Le Roi . . . . .	64,363
Centre Star . . . . .	25,942
War Eagle . . . . .	19,329
Le Roi No. 2 . . . . .	8,228
Velvet . . . . .	2,471
Giant . . . . .	300
Kootenay . . . . .	170
White Bear . . . . .	140
Homestake . . . . .	80
O. K. . . . .	20
Total . . . . .	121,043

BOUNDARY DISTRICT.

The following are the returns of ore shipments from the Boundary District for four months ending April 30th:

	Tons.
Granby . . . . .	112,477
Mother Lode . . . . .	22,368
Snowshoe . . . . .	10,320
Emma . . . . .	7,446
B. C. . . . .	6,810
Sunset . . . . .	2,733
Providence . . . . .	364
Total . . . . .	162,478

SLOCAN AND SLOCAN CITY DIVISIONS.

Shipments from these districts to date are:—

	Tons.
American Boy . . . . .	371
Antoine . . . . .	81
Arlington . . . . .	40
Black Prince . . . . .	17
Bondholder . . . . .	2
Bosun . . . . .	440
Bluebird . . . . .	20
Dayton . . . . .	4
Enterprise . . . . .	185
Fisher Maiden . . . . .	280
Hartney . . . . .	21
Idaho . . . . .	21
Ivanhoe . . . . .	446
Monitor . . . . .	415

Meteor . . . . .	12
Ottawa . . . . .	106
Payne . . . . .	1,062
Queen Bess . . . . .	144
Rambler . . . . .	412
Reco . . . . .	153
Republic . . . . .	20
Ruth . . . . .	130
Rio . . . . .	52
Red Fox . . . . .	24
Slocan Star . . . . .	806
Slocan Boy . . . . .	16
Silver Gance . . . . .	55
Surprise . . . . .	5
Total . . . . .	5,340

COAL EXPORTATIONS AND TRADE.

THE situation at Extension and Cumberland remains unchanged and a commission has been appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the matter. It is reported, meanwhile, that the colliers at Seattle and Tacoma are reaping a harvest from the light shipments from British Columbia, as they are crowding their products into the market. There is great uncertainty as to the steps that will be taken at the next meeting of Congress as to the retention of coal on the free list. This is one of the principal reasons why importers are shipping so freely from the Colonies just at this time.

Shipments by the Western Fuel Company in April to Puget Sound and Alaskan ports aggregated 24,704 tons.

Since the settlement of the strike at Fernie shipments have been made at the rate of 700 tons a day.

THE LEAD QUESTION.

IN view of the refusal of the Dominion Government to make any changes in the tariff for the relief of lead mine operators in British Columbia, the Executive Committee of the Provincial Mining Association has passed the following resolution, copies of which have been forwarded to Ottawa:

"Whereas the Province of British Columbia is subject to very heavy contributions exacted by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, amounting to the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, or thereabouts, over and above the expenditure of the Dominion in respect of the said Province;

"And whereas the mining industry of British Columbia in general, and of the silver-lead mines in particular, has suffered grievously during the past few years from the depreciation of the value of silver and lead and from other causes;

"And whereas many products of lead are imported into Canada, subject to the payment of an insignificant duty and a substantial increase of said duty, would give speedy relief to many mines which cannot under the existing tariff be worked at a profit, and would thereby alleviate the present distress;

"And whereas the above facts have been fully represented to the Government of the Dominion of Canada by a special delegation from the Kootenay District in the month of January last;

"And whereas this Association did by resolution duly communicated to the said Government, respectfully endorse the said request of the silver-lead mine owners;

"Be it resolved that this Association has learned with dismay that the Hon. the Minister of Finance for Canada has intimated in his budget speech that it is not proposed to make any changes in the duties on lead during the present session;

"That it earnestly hopes that it may yet be found possible to grant during this session the relief so urgently needed, by a readjustment of the lead tariff on the lines of the petition of the silver-lead miners, which request has received the endorsement of representative bodies throughout British Columbia and in other parts of the Dominion of Canada;

"That this Association now urges, that if for any reason