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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The average price of silver for June, in New York, was 53.663 cents. per oz.

The aerial tramway from the Silver King mine to the smelter at Nelson is again in working order.

For June lead averaged 4.466 cents per lb. in New York. This is the highest monthly average since last October.

The main shaft of the Centre Star mine at Rossland is down to what is known as the sixteenth level of the mine—a depth on the incline of 2,200 ft. from the collar of the shaft.

Early in July it was reported from Vancouver that the Dominion of Canada Assay Office in that city was very busy, with much gold coming in and the staff having to work at night as well as day.

A recent despatch from Sandon, Slooan, was to the effect that the mining properties in the district were looking well and there were more men at work on them than had been the case for some time previously.

The *Boundary Creek Times* states that the quantity of ore smelted at the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter during the month of July was 59,821 tons, as compared with 47,798 tons in the corresponding month of 1907.

The Lethbridge, Alberta, *Herald* states that the Canadian Mining Institute Summer Excursion party will be met at Medicine Hat by Premier Rutherford and Hon. W. H. Cushing, who will accompany them on their tour through Alberta.

Several cars of machinery for the Granby smelter arrived at the works, Grand Forks, during July. These comprised part of the new equipment for the blowers, also some additional converter plant. The installation of this machinery was to be commenced as soon as practicable.