

Three new smelters have recently been put into commission in Chihuahua, and are operating satisfactorily. Two of these plants are entirely new and the third has new machinery and improvements.

PERU.

Great preparations are being made by the Cerro de Pasco Copper Company, recently incorporated with a capitalization of \$60,-

000,000, to develop the copper mining industry. The promoters of the enterprise are Mr. J. B. Haggin and other New York financiers, who have for some time been extensively engaged in this field. The export of refined copper from Peru twelve years ago was only 1,007,228 pounds, but since the Americans began work at Cerro de Pasco it was greatly increased, the shipments to the United States last year being 20,152,000 pounds.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS.

NOVA SCOTIA'S MINERAL OUTPUT.

Fiscal Year Ended Sept. 30th, 1907.

Nova Scotia's coal output in the fiscal year, 1907, was 125,945 tons less than in 1906, the amounts raised in each year being 5,866,605 and 5,730,660 tons respectively, according to the figures contained in the report of the Mines Department laid on the table of the House recently. Only in two counties, Inverness and Pictou, was more coal raised in 1907 than in the previous year. Inverness' figures were 345,391 tons, compared with 234,906, a gain of 110,941 tons. Pictou county produced 731,921 tons, 61,485 tons more than in 1906. In Cape Breton the output was 175,191 tons behind 1906, owing to the fire in the Hug colliery, while Cumberland county, owing to the strike in Springhill, went 130,526 tons behind the 1906 figures, only producing 508,202 tons.

RETURNS OF COAL SOLD.

The returns of coal sold during the year 1907 show, compared with the returns of 1906, as follows:—

| | 1906. | 1907. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Nova Scotia | 1,962,206 | 1,842,419 |
| New Brunswick | 434,882 | 427,128 |
| Newfoundland | 149,506 | 146,502 |
| Prince Edward Island | 76,809 | 77,493 |
| Quebec | 1,739,308 | 1,709,493 |
| West Indies | 2,598 | |
| United States | 769,775 | 616,312 |
| Mexico | | 7,591 |
| Other countries | 62,104 | 12,483 |
| Bunker | | 204,572 |
| Total | 5,194,590 | 5,046,690 |

The mineral output of the province for the year ended September 30th, 1907, was:—

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Coal raised, gross tons | 5,730,660 |
| Pig iron, gross tons | 293,436 |
| Coke made, net tons | 493,102 |
| Iron ore, gross tons | 562,746 |
| Lime stone, net tons | 458,601 |
| Gypsum, gross tons | 332,345 |
| Gold, ounces | 15,006 |
| Bricks | 25,000,000 |
| Building stone, net tons | 63,861 |
| Cement, barrels | 58,762 |
| Antimony ore, net tons | 1,403 |
| Manganese ore, gross tons | 495 |
| Copper ore, net tons | 2,471 |
| Drain pipe, feet | 300,000 |
| Grindstones, net tons | 350 |
| Copper, pounds | 12,320 |
| Moulding sand, net tons | 190 |
| Barytes, net tons | |

COBALT ORE STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending March 14th, 1908.

O'Brien Mine—March 7th, to Doloro Mining Company, Doloro, Ontario, 63,000; March 12th, 62,280 pounds. Total, 125,280 pounds.

La Rose Mines—March 7th, to La Rose Mines, Denver Col., 40,000 pounds; March 7th, 57,400 pounds; March 10th, 40,000 pounds; March 13th, 60,000 pounds. Total, 197,400 pounds.

McKinley-Darragh-Savage Mines—March 13th, to Pennsylvania Smelting Company, Carnegia, Pa., 62,460 pounds; March 13th, 64,200 pounds; March 13th, 63,000 pounds. Total, 189,660 pounds.

Cobalt Central Mining Company—March 7th, to Canadian Copper Company, Copper Cliff, Ont., 49,700 pounds.

Nipissing Mines Company—March 7th, to Nipissing Mines Company, New York, 63,000 pounds.

Watts Mine—March 11th, to American Smelting & Refining Company, Denver, Col., 52,730 pounds.

Buffalo Mines—March 11th, to Canadian Copper Company, Copper Cliff, Ont., 42,740 pounds.

Right of Way Mining Company—March 12th, to Doloro Mining & Reduction Company, Deloro, Ont., 60,210 pounds.

Provincial Mine—March 13th, to Deloro Mining & Reduction Company, Deloro, Ont., 50,000 pounds.

J. Rowland—March 14th, to Cowan, Toronto, Ont., 40,000 pounds.

Totals—870,720 pounds.

RAND OUTPUT SMALLER.

Official announcement is made that the production of gold at the Rand for January reached a total of 541,930 fine ounces, against 560,329 fine ounces in January, and 493,542 fine ounces in February a year ago. Last month's figures, based on the market value of \$21.25 per ounce, represented \$11,516,012, against \$11,906,991 in January, and \$10,497,767 in February, 1907.

The following tables gives the output by months (in fine ounces) for a series of years:—

| | 1908. | 1907. | 1906. | 1905. |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| January | 560,329 | 537,638 | 428,638 | 369,258 |
| February | 541,930 | 493,542 | 407,668 | 363,811 |
| March | | 538,497 | 443,723 | 399,833 |
| April | | 537,019 | 439,243 | 399,166 |
| May | | 524,477 | 461,202 | 416,395 |
| June | | 507,559 | 475,975 | 412,317 |
| July | | 532,711 | 491,793 | 419,595 |
| August | | 555,037 | 509,115 | 428,581 |
| September | | 538,034 | 505,111 | 416,487 |
| October | | 553,553 | 540,600 | 415,527 |
| November | | 549,801 | 533,373 | 424,757 |
| December | | 583,526 | 550,167 | 431,594 |
| Total | 1,102,259 | 6,551,662 | 5,786,617 | 4,897,221 |