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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Gold Commissioner Fraser has fixed June 15 as the date for the opening of the placer mining season in the Atlin district, instead of July 1 as in past years.

Now that the Britannia mine is an ore producer on an important scale, the opening up of other properties in the Howe Sound district is being prepared for.

Under the new management of the Canadian Metal Co., it is understood that the Blanchard lead furnace recently installed at the Pilot Bay smelter, Kootenay Lake, will not be operated.

A recent report from Nelson states that "ore shipments from the Slocan show a decided improvement over the previous week, both in tonnage and in the number of shipping mines.

Professor R. W. Brock's "Preliminary Report on the Rossland, B.C., Mining District," has been issued by the Geological Survey Department, Ottawa. The provincial mineralogist, Victoria, B.C., has some spare copies.

It is again reported that Mr. D. C. Corbin, a well-known railway man of Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., intends to proceed with the prospecting and development of his coal lands situated in the Crow's Nest Pass country, Southeast Kootenay.

The Ladysmith Ledger states that Mr. Fred Hawes of the Wellington Colliery Co. has received notice of his appointment as distributing agent for the Pacific Coast Navigation Co. for the Nome trade in sacked coal which is to be carried on this summer from Ladysmith.

The Huntington-Heberlein process of roasting lead ores is now in use at the Trail smelter, where the installation of an 80-ton roaster has been completed. The Nelson *Daily News* states that while the record for the production of bullion bars at Trail heretofore has been 290 in one 8-hour shift, under the new conditions 520 bars have been produced in a similar period of time.