

March.	5,081,300	2,412	79
April.	4,296,800	1,911	57
May.	3,901,630	1,690	87
June.	2,206,410	999	53
July.	967,556	419	77
August.	492,000	260	77
September.	2,333,791	673	93
October.	2,290,410	681	80
November.	510,585	185	61
December.	1,007,955	418	13
Total	34,436,258	\$14,974	68

COAL MINES CASUALTIES.

Mr. T. Morgan, Provincial Inspector of Mines, has furnished the following record of fatal and other accidents in the coal mines during the year 1899:

New Vancouver Coal Co.—Three fatal accidents and six injured.

Wellington—No fatal accidents and 13 injured.

Union—Five fatal accidents and 26 injured.

Extension—One fatal accident and seven injured.

South Wellington—No fatal accidents, two injured.

This record shows nine fatal accidents as compared with seven in 1898, and six in 1897, while the year shows 54 accidents, as against 47 for the last year, and 27 for 1897.

COAL EXPORTATIONS.

FOREIGN SHIPMENTS.

	1898.	1899.
New Vancouver Coal Co.	403,535	463,109
Wellington.	232,642	206,422
Union.	129,684	88,174
Extension (Well.		11,386

The following are the New Vancouver Coal Company's foreign shipments for the three weeks ending January 20th:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Tons.
4th—	SS. R. Adamson.	San Francisco	4,451
6th—	SS. Mineola.	Port Los Angeles.	3,207
9th—	SS. New England.	Alaska	55
14th—	SS. Titania.	Port Los Angeles.	5,822
17th—	SS. San Mateo.	Port Los Angeles.	4,356
19th—	SS. R. Adamson.	San Francisco	4,471
20th—	SS. Charles Nelson.	San Francisco	929
Total			23,291

The year 1899 beat all previous records in the coal industry of Vancouver Island. Nanaimo as usual took the highest position, both in output of coal and foreign shipments. The total output for the year again overtopped the million mark, being 1,166,251 tons. The annual output only reached the million point in three previous years—1898—1,117,915 tons; 1894—1,012,953 tons, and 1891—1,029,098 tons of coal. The foreign shipments also show a corresponding increase, the New Vancouver Coal Company exceeding all the other collieries combined, both in output and foreign shipments. Estimating the output from the Fernie mines at 60,000 tons we get the total output for the province as 1,226,251 tons.

The following comparative figures are of interest:

	1898.	1899.
New Vancouver Coal. Co.	520,222	614,808
Wellington.	315,838	257,443
Union.	236,395	206,871
Alexandria.	45,500	47,120
Wellington Extension		40,000
Totals.	1,117,915	1,166,251

THE METAL MARKET.

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

SILVER.

SILVER has advanced under the impression that India's requirements may compel the purchase of a considerable quantity of the metal. There is, however, no positive information as yet to this effect. The price has meanwhile advanced from 58 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 59 $\frac{3}{4}$.

COPPER.

This market still remains steady and the general conditions prevailing are eminently re-assuring as regards the immediate future. Prices remain unchanged 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for Lake; 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for electrolytic in cakes, bars or ingots, and 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for cathodes. Casting copper remains nominal at 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

LEAD.

Lead has been somewhat easier at 4.65 to 4.70 New York and 4.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ St. Louis.

SPELTER.

There has been an improvement in this market, and 4.60 to 4.65 is quoted from New York; 4.35 to 4.40 St. Louis.

THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET.

THE stock market remains in a very depressed state with most stocks showing a still further decline since our last report.

Van Anda has fallen since the annual meeting held last week at Seattle from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents owing to the resolution passed at that meeting authorizing the issue of \$225,000 debentures in addition to the \$75,000 already issued.

In Trail Creek stocks War Eagle has advanced from \$2.60 to \$2.80. Iron Mask has fallen from 74 to 56; Big Three declined to 8, and I. X. L. after booming has weakened. In Slocan and Nelson stock Dardanelles has declined from 12 to 9; Noble Five from 20 to 13; Athabasca to 32, and Tamarac to 9.

Boundary Creek shares have also been affected by the general market depression. King has declined from 28 to 21; Brandon from 30 to 28; Winnipeg from 30 to 28; Morrison from 7 to 6. Rathmullen, however, has been very active owing to the recent strike at the 200-foot level.

Winnipeg sent out a carload consignment of ore to Trail smelter last week. This company has entered into a contract to ship 10,000 tons to Trail and it is expected to become the first dividend payer of the Boundary district.

In Camp McKinney stocks the well established dividend payer, the Cariboo, has fallen from \$1.05 to 80c.; Waterloo from 13 to 12c.; Fontenoy from 14 to 13c.; Sailor from 13 to 10c.

In East Kootenay Crow's Nest shares are held firm around \$39, whilst North Star has advanced from \$1.00 to \$1.20 and Sullivan has been selling in the vicinity of 9 to 10c.