

oil was found in the Cambrian formation, which was something unknown, as all the oil fields hitherto discovered have been in Trenton limestone. Directly due east of Sage Creek, and on the eastern slope of the main ridge of the Rocky Mountains, in Alberta Territory, there is plenty of surface indications of crude oil. And the finding of these indications covers such a large area, and in the same formation, would go to show that there is a large oil field awaiting capital.

And we may expect that in the near future the oil fields of East Kootenay will be known all over the world.—*Fort Steele Prospector*.

Mineral Export.

FIGURES SHOWING THE IMPORTANCE OF WEST KOOTENAY AND TRAIL CREEK AS ORE PRODUCERS.

The following is a summary of values of the minerals exported during the six months ending December 31st, 1895:

Month.	Gold.	Silver.	Lead.	Copper.
July	\$142,285	\$ 74,669	\$ 21,203	\$17,471
August	123,009	56,097	38,467	3,229
September	124,964	153,481	27,406	10,191
October	123,615	87,988	33,698	12,763
November	71,611	92,339	37,186	8,017
December	18,417	71,331	23,962	2,091
Total	\$603,901	\$535,905	\$181,922	\$53,662

Making a grand total of \$1,375,390. The bullion shipped from the Pilot Bay smelter should be added to this to give the total value of the production of the mines.

The falling off in gold and copper in November and December was caused by the bad condition of the wagon roads from Rossland and because the bulk of the ore from the Le Roi Mine has been shipped to the smelter now under construction at Trail.

FIGURES SHOWING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY.

The following is the total output of the different collieries during the year 1895:

	Tons.
The New Vancouver Collieries	339,704
The Wellington Collieries	337,146
The Union Collieries	258,542

The Markets.

Bar Silver	\$ 66 ³ / ₄
Copper	10
Lead	3 00

SHARES.

	BID.	ASK.
Paris Belle	\$ 09	\$ 10
War Eagle	1 50	1 75

[Under this head the RECORD will be glad to have current prices of any mining shares in B. C.]—Ed.

GOLD COMMISSIONERS' NOTICES.

Placer Claims and Mining Leases are laid over as follows:—
 Cariboo District: From November 1st, 1895, to June 1st, 1896.
 East Kootenay District: From October 15th, 1895, to June 1st, 1896.
 Kamloops, Similkameen, and Yale Division of Yale District: From November 1st, 1895, to May 1st, 1896.
 Lillooet District: From November 1st, 1895 to April 15th, 1896.
 Osoyoos Division of Yale District: From November 1st, 1895, to June 1st, 1896.
 Vancouver Island and Westminster District: From November 14th, 1895, to June 1st, 1896.
 West Kootenay District, Revelstoke Division: From November 15th, 1895, to June 1st, 1896.

Province of British Columbia.

Minister of Mines.—Hon. Col. James Baker.
 Provincial Mineralogist.—W. A. Carlyle.
 Public Assayer.—H. Carmichael.

Gold Commissioners.

For the Province.—W. S. Gore.
 Alberni.—Thos. Fletcher, Alberni.
 Cariboo.—John Bowren, Richfield.
 Cassiar District.—James Porter, Laketon, Cassiar.
 Lillooet District.—Frederick Soues, Clinton.
 East Kootenay District.—J. F. Armstrong, Donald.
 West Kootenay District.—N. Fitzstubs, Nelson.
 West Kootenay District.—J. D. Graham, Revelstoke.
 Yale District.—Chas. Lambly, Osoyoos; G. C. Tunstall, Kamloops.

Mining Recorders.

DISTRICT.	OFFICE.
NANAIMO.—M. Bray	Nanaimo
NEW WESTMINSTER.—C. Warwick	New Westminster
EAST KOOTENAY.—J. Stirret	Donald
F. C. Lang	Golden
G. Goldie	Windermere
C. M. Edwards	Fort Steele
M. Phillips	Tobacco Plains
J. Keen	Kaslo
WEST KOOTENAY.—J. D. Graham	Revelstoke
Corry Minnhennick	Lardeau
A. Sproat	New Denver
John Keen	Kaslo
W. J. Goepel	Nelson
J. Kirkup	Rossland
J. C. Rykert	Rykert's
T. Taylor	Trout Lake
R. J. Scott	Illecillewaet
CARIBOO.—W. Stephenson	Quesnelle
YALE.—W. Dodd	Yale
L. Norris	Vernon
C. A. R. Lambly	Osoyoos
W. McMyn	Rock Creek
H. Hunter	Granite Creek
LILLOOET.—C. A. Phair	Lillooet
CASSIAR.—Ezra Evans	Manson Creek Omineca

British Columbia Mining Papers.

Inland Sentinel.—Kamloops, B. C.; weekly; 7 col., 8 pages; publishes Friday. Circulates in Cariboo, Lillooet, Yale, Kootenay; also in Victoria, Vancouver, and New Westminster cities. Subscription, \$2 per year.

The Golden Era.—Golden, B. C.; published by the Golden Era Publishing Co. Covers the entire East Kootenay District. Subscription price, \$2 per annum.

The Prospector.—Rossland, B. C.; published by W. D. Pratt. Covers West Kootenay generally. Subscription price, \$2 per annum.

The Ledge.—New Denver, B. C.; published by R. T. Lowery. Covers the Slokan District, and circulates generally in West Kootenay. Subscription price, \$2 per annum.

The Claim.—Kaslo, B. C.; published every Saturday by R. T. Lowry. Circulates generally in Kaslo-Slokan country. Subscription price, \$2 per year.

B. C. Mining Journal.—Ashcroft, B. C.; published Saturday by Messrs. Reynolds & Sroufe. Circulation covers Cariboo and Lillooet. Subscription price, \$2 per year.

The Advance.—Midway, B. C.; published Mondays, by Norris & Co. Covers Osoyoos and South Yale. Subscription price, \$2 per year.

The Miner.—Nelson, B. C.; published Saturdays, by the Miner Publishing Co., Charles St. Barbe, managing editor. Four pages, 6 cols. Covers the entire West Kootenay District. Subscription price, \$2 per year.

The News.—Vernon, B. C.; published Thursdays by News Publishing Co., J. A. McKelvie, editor. Covers Okanagan. Subscription price, \$2 per annum.

Rossland Miner.—Rossland, B. C.; published on Saturdays, J. R. Reavis, editor. Covers Trail Creek district. Subscription price, \$2 per year.

The Record.—Rossland, B. C.; published Saturdays, by Elar C. Smith. Covers Trail Creek district. Subscription price, \$2 per year.

The Prospector.—Fort Steele, B. C.; published every Thursday by Pratt & Northey. Covers West Kootenay. Price, \$1.50 per year.