

SILVER.

	Issued.		Withdrawn.	
	1908.	1909.	1908.	1909.
	£	£	£	£
England & Wales	362,876	496,699	150,300	640,350
Scotland	48,400	32,000	25,630	40,240
Ireland	12,000	126,500	64,295	37,000
Colonies	392,475	734,400	15,194	17,531
Totals	815,751	1,389,599	255,419	735,121

BRONZE.

	Issued.		Withdrawn.	
	1908.	1909.	1908.	1909.
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	138,135	102,401	5,260	20,275
Colonies	17,445	19,410	200	600
Totals	155,580	121,811	5,460	20,875

NUMBER OF PIECES STRUCK.

Imperial:—

	1908.	1909.
Gold	15,725,998	16,167,814
Silver	23,804,187	22,846,050
Bronze	52,391,808—91,921,993	36,748,544—75,762,408
Colonial:—		
Silver	9,510,829	2,750,072
Bronze	99,000	525,000
Nickel	12,817,152	34,102,000
Aluminium	12,134,068—34,561,049	nil —37,377,072
Totals	126,483,042	113,139,490

The operations of the Dominion Steel Company for the year just closed were affected adversely by the disturbance in supply of coal through the strike at the Dominion Coal Company's collieries.

The company suffered from an actual shortage in quantity, which could not be promptly made good by purchases elsewhere, and also from the variation in the quality of coal brought from other sources.

Notwithstanding this the production of steel was considerably increased, and the other figures make a satisfactory showing. The production in 1904 and 1908 respectively were as follows:

	1904.	1908.
	Tons.	Tons.
Coke	401,182	411,086
Pig Iron	256,496	262,839
Steel ingots	296,950	279,513
Blooms	262,052	248,621
Rails	140,738	152,440
Wire rods	73,004	40,420

The receipts of iron ore, and the shipments of iron and steel were as follows:

Ore from Wabana	530,682	556,255
Ore from other sources	14,765	44,212
Shipments	267,286	246,041

Considerable progress has been made in the work of enlarging the plant. The new coke ovens are well under way. Contracts have been let for the new blast furnace, the additions to the open-hearth, and for most of the other additions proposed. By next autumn the capacity of the plant will have been very greatly increased.

Kalso Shipments During December.

The ore shipments through Kaslo for the month of December totalled 1,160 tons, of which 620 were silver-lead and 540 zinc. The latter class of ore was shipped exclusively by Lucky Jim

with 320 tons and the Whitewater 220. In addition the Whitewater and the Deep under the same management, shipped 420 tons of silver-lead or about two-thirds of the entire tonnage of that class of ore. The December tonnage puts the total output of the Kaslo-Slocan mines for 1909 up to 19,852 tons of silver-lead and zinc ores.

Three new properties appear in the shipping list, namely, the Utica at Sproules, the Gold Cure up South Fork and the Ohio at Whitewater. Nine properties shipped the last month of the year, they and their tonnage being as follows:—

Mine	Tons.
Rambler	60
Utica	40
Cork	20
Flint	20
Gold Cure	20
Ohio	20
Whitewater Deep	240
Whitewater	180

Zinc.

Lucky Jim	340
Whitewater	220

Total 1,160

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B. C. ORE SHIPMENTS.

Nelson, Jan. 8.—Following are the details of the ore shipments for the first week of the new year: .

Boundary	
Granby	26,034
Mother Lode	9,250
Ore Denoro	370
Snowshoe	4,196
Total	39,850

Rossland.

Centre Star	4,602
Le Roi	393
Le Roi No. 2	711
Total	5,706

Slocan-Kootenay.

St. Eugene	340
Broadview	31
Silver Cup	76
Arlington	20
Richmond-Eureka	67
Standard	68
North Star	87
Whitewater	78
Blue Bell	110
Van Roi	47

Total 924
Grand Total 46,560

The smelter receipts follow:

Granby, Grand Forks	26,034
Consolidated Co., Trail	10,906
B. C. Copper Co., Greenwood	9,620

Total 46,560