

May, 1916 .....	4,727,929
June .....	4,011,361
July .....	4,268,846
October .....	4,346,099
November .....	4,151,001
December, 1917 .....	4,468,388

While the total production for 1917 shows a decrease of 4,187,358 pounds, as compared with 1916, this was due entirely to the lessened output at Grand Forks. At the last annual meeting of stockholders it was emphasized by company officials that Grand Forks had passed the zenith of its productivity. The enormous increase in December production brings the 1917 total for the Hidden Creek mines at Anyox up to 33,246,936 pounds, as against 30,791,539 pounds in 1916, an increase of 2,455,397 pounds.

With last year's contribution, British Columbia mining company dividends, exclusive of profits made by individuals and by close corporations, have reached a total of more than \$30,000,000, according to the following figures, which have been compiled by Spokane Mining Truth:

Canada Copper .....	\$ 615,398
Cons. Mining & Smelting .....	3,947,851
Granby .....	8,699,128
Hedley .....	2,304,000
Le Roi No. 2 .....	1,547,577
Mother Lode .....	137,500
Rambler-Cariboo .....	542,500
Standard Silver-Lead .....	2,700,000
Utica .....	64,000
Other mines .....	9,831,000
Total .....	\$30,388,954

R. R. Hedley of Vancouver has taken a lease on the Big Sioux property in the Aspen Grove. The lease is for a period of five years and the usual royalties are to be paid to the owner, Mr. Schmidt. The Big Sioux is one of the oldest properties in the Aspen Grove district and has a large amount of work done on it. The showing of ore in sight is considerable and of a good grade, copper predominating. There are several hundred tons of shipping ore on the dump at the shaft. This shaft is down about 65 feet and is said to be in solid ore at the bottom. The owner, Mr. Schmidt,

has held the property continuously since the date of its location, and has expended large sums in development work. Mr. Hedley proposes to start work at the property at an early date and the shipping of ore from the dump will be commenced soon.

Declaring that the Slocan Star Mines, Limited, is insolvent, a petition was filed in Supreme Court on Jan. 23 by Robert Irving, a Vancouver stockholder, asking that the affairs of the concern be wound up, and asking for T. S. MacPherson of Victoria to be named as provisional liquidator.

The petitioner claims that the property has been operated at a loss and that it has ceased to carry on mining operations. It is set forth that \$90,000 of debentures secured by first mortgage is in default. It is also alleged in the petition that other current liabilities, amounting to \$50,000, exist.

The Standard Silver-Lead Mining Company, operating at Silverton, had a surplus of \$167,708 on October 31 last, according to a statement issued from its Spokane office recently, as compared with a surplus of \$202,669 in the corresponding month of 1916 and \$270,594 at the end of September, 1917. The difference in the surplus between September and October, 1917, is explained in part by the disbursement of a dividend of \$100,000 in October.

#### MR. H. B. THOMSON, NEW FOOD CONTROLLER.

The host of British Columbia friends of Mr. H. B. Thomson of Victoria, take it somewhat in the nature of a personal compliment to them and to the province that he has been appointed to the important position of Canadian food controller at Ottawa. Not only as a politician but also as a prominent business man, Mr. Thomson was noted for his independence of judgment and for his large store of common sense. The trying position in which he is placed will call for every ounce of ability that he possesses. His many friends extend to him their best wishes and believe that with his ability for getting things done, much will be accomplished in the operation of this most important department.

# BRITISH COLUMBIA

## The Mineral Province of Western Canada

TO END OF DECEMBER, 1916

Has produced Minerals valued as follows: Placer Gold, \$74,620,103; Lode Gold, \$91,350,784; Silver, \$41,358,012; Lead, \$36,415,124; Copper, \$114,559,364; Other Metals (Zinc, Iron, etc.), \$7,212,759; Coal and Coke, \$165,829,315; Building Stone, Brick, Cement, etc., \$26,697,835; making its Mineral Production to the end of 1916 show an

**Aggregate Value of \$558,560,715**

**Production for Year Ending December, 1916, \$42,290,462**

The Mining Laws of this Province are more liberal and the fees lower than those of any other Province in the Dominion, or any colony in the British Empire.

Mineral locations are granted to discoverers for nominal fees.

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