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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Says the Kaslo *Kootenayan*: Reports from the Whitewater are to the effect that the mine is looking excellent and has abundance of ore in sight.

During twelve months ended June 30 last, ore was received at the Nelson smelter from 127 mines. The increase in purchases of custom ore as compared with the year to June 30, 1905, was about 100 per cent.

Work has been resumed on the Morning Star, situated on Springer Creek, Slocan City mining division. This property, considered one of the most promising on Springer Creek, had been idle for several years.

The staff of the Daly Reduction Company at Hedley, Similkameen, are reported to be busily engaged in putting things in shape for the winter, and getting the work of the various departments reduced to a system.

An exchange states that some 130 men are employed at the Sullivan Group Company's smelter at Marysville, Southeast Kootenay, of which Ed. Dedolph, formerly with the Kootenay Ore Company of Kaslo, is superintendent.

According to the *Ashcroft Journal*, the manager of the Fraser River Dredge Company, of Lytton, spent a recent week at Lillooet, looking over the property of the Trustees Dredging Company. His company contemplates putting in a bid for it.

The business manager of the Hall Mining and Smelting Company, operating the lead smelter at Nelson, B. C., has informed his company's directors that he has no doubt there is now a much larger tonnage of lead ore in sight in the Kootenay mines than for a number of years past.

The slate quarries at Jervis Inlet, about 75 miles up the coast, which were opened about 16 years ago, but which have been idle for several years, says the *Nanaimo Herald*, are now being reopened by T. F. Sinclair for himself and associates. A complete modern plant is being installed, and half a dozen expert splitters from Pennsylvania have been engaged.