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Mining Report for Year Shows Increase in Production of B.C. Mines Except in Few Instances

VICTORIA, May 20.—The value of the mineral production in British Columbia in 1925 established a new high mark in the history of the province with a total output of \$61,492,242 as compared with \$48,704,604 in 1924, an increase of no less than \$12,787,638 or 26.2 per cent.

The final and revised figures for 1925 are now available and the annual report covering the whole mining situation in the province, and setting forth the remarkable progress being made, will shortly be issued.

Commenting upon the showing made Hon. William Sloan, provincial secretary and minister of mines, expressed his utmost satisfaction at the rapid advance made to the industry, which, in 1925, produced an output, the greatest in the history of mining in the province. Mr. Sloan pointed to the satisfactory increases which have been made yearly in the last ten years, and expressed the view that the present rate of progress the value of B.C.'s mineral production will shortly touch the hundred million mark.

Direction of Galloway The annual report of the department will prove of exceptional interest to those engaged in the industry which is at present attracting so much attention, not alone in the province but throughout the country and abroad. The report has been compiled under the direction of John D. Galloway, provincial mineralogist, and George Wilkinson, chief inspector of mines.

According to the revised and official figures the quantity and value of the mineral production

Table with 2 columns: 1924 and 1925. Rows include Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Coal, and various minerals.

MINERAL ACT.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements. Mineral Hill No. 3, and Summit Mineral Claims situated in the Skeena Mining Division of No. 1 District on the south-eastern end of Iron Mountain, Kitimat Valley.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land. In Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situated at head of Skait Inlet, Mackenzie Island, Queen Charlotte Group.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT.

Prince Rupert Electoral District. Mackenzie Electoral District. NOTICE is hereby given that I, Norman A. Watt, Registrar of Voters for the Prince Rupert and Mackenzie Electoral Districts

IN PROBATE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia. In the Matter of the Administration Act: and In the Matter of the Estate of Albert Bowles, Deceased, Intestate.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land. In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Coast Range, and situated on North Beach Island.

ley, and the remainder from the treatment of cuxtons ores and concentrates. The increased production of copper was due to increases from the Granby Company's mine, mill and smelter, at Anyox, and the Britannia Company's mine, mill and smelter, at Britannia Beach, and to the commencement of operations in August at the Albenby Copper Company's mine and mill near Princeton.

Active in Development

Referring to the gold output, Mr. Sloan points out that while the production of placer-gold in 1925 was less than in 1924, the year was a very active one in placer development and testing of low-grade deposits of gravel.

Coal Increase

Net coal production for 1925, Mr. Sloan points out, showed a substantial increase over 1924, an increase amounting to 388,296 long tons. The increase in output was from the Crow's Nest district, where over three times as much coal was produced as in the preceding year.

Good Reserves

The above amount \$6,319,808 shown as distributed in 1925 by no means represents the total of net profit earned during that year. In nearly all cases substantial sums are set aside from profits to the credit of surplus and reserve accounts.

Metal Prices

Higher metal prices had a most important bearing on the value of the mineral production of B.C. in 1925, stated Mr. Sloan. The prices were higher in 1925 for silver, copper and zinc than in the preceding year, but slightly lower for lead; the decrease in the average lead price, as shown in the report, is owing to the London price being used instead of the New York price, which was taken in 1924.

Copper Higher

The prices of silver, lead and zinc are now excellent and it is expected that the present average level of prices will be well maintained in the future. During 1925 the average price of copper was a little more than a cent a pound, higher than in 1924. The present 14-cent level for copper is expected to be maintained and this price is good enough to gradually stimulate copper production in British Columbia.

Dividends Paid

Table listing companies and their dividends: Howe Sound Copper Co. 467,189; SilverSmith Mines, Ltd. 125,000; Wallace Mountain Mines, Ltd. 59,400.

Winchester Cigarettes advertisement featuring an illustration of a man and a woman sitting together, with a pack of cigarettes in the foreground.

PRICE LIST

Table listing various goods and their prices: Dry Cleaning and Pressing, Men's Suits, Ladies' Skirts, etc.

THE MAN IN THE MOON advertisement with a small illustration of a man's face.

RORVIK PLANT IS DOING WELL advertisement for fish oil and other products.

MILK PRICE Reduced advertisement for Valentin Dairy.

Crystal Firefighters advertisement for 48 fires for \$1.00.

Hyde Transfer advertisement for 100 Second Avenue.

Menus for Little People advertisement for Borden Co. Limited.