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A preliminary estimate of the value of the output of the plants of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada for the year 1929 has been placed at over $32,000,000. This in an increase of over $25,500,000 from the value of this company's output in 1921, which amounted to $6,836,420, although nearly three millions less than 1928's record production.

Lead leads the list both as to quantity and value with an estimated production of 300,000,000 lbs. valued at $15,315,000. A new record for production was established in 1928 and at the beginning of 1929 the indications were that this would again be surpassed, but due to an easing up in production, 1929's total was nearly 19,000,000 lbs. less than the preceding year.

The output of zinc was up, although the value of the output, due to a decline in the price of this metal was less. One hundred and eighty four million, three hundred and ninety thousand pounds were produced at a value of $10,141,450.

**Copper Fell Off**

The noticeable decline in copper production was due to the withdrawal of the Granby output, which resulted in a closing down of the copper smelter and refinery. Negotiations recently completed, however, has resulted in a routing of the Granby concentrates to the company's smelter again. The gold output also fell off in consequence of the withdrawal of the copper supply, the gold values being contained in the copper ores.

Cadmium, marketed in quantity for the first time in 1928, produced three-quarters of a million pounds of metal worth $1 a pound, and bismuth for the first time took its place in the Trail list of commercial metals, over $300,000 worth being produced.

The market position of lead was improved somewhat and the metal gained around £2 on the per ton price of around £21 in 1928.

Zinc, on the other hand, continued its decline of recent years, but at a lessened rate, having lost less than £1 from the 1928 average of £25-odd.

Silver more than lost in 1929 the appreciation of 1928.

Production of other metals in order of value were: silver, copper, cadmium, bismuth and gold.

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# District News

## ALICE ARM

As a result of the recent lengthy cold spell, the local water system is out of commission. Water is valuable these days to some of the town residents.

A successful card party was held last Friday night in T. W. Falconer's Hall by the Alice Arm Athletic Club. There was a good attendance and the affair proved very enjoyable.

H. F. Kergin, M.L.A. for Atlin left last week for Victoria to attend the session of the legislature.

A. Davidson is spending the winter tunneling on his Wild Cat mineral claims. He comes into town periodically for supplies.

## STEWART

The annual banquet of the local branch of the Canadian Legion last Thursday night was a highly successful and enjoyable affair. H. Bennett presided and Father Emil Leray O.M.I. pronounced the blessing, other speakers of the evening being H. Lyons, A. Russwurm, E. T. Applethwaite, P. S. Jack, H. D. Rochfort, H. P. Gibson, M. Murphy, William Noble, Mrs. Matheison and H. W. M. Rolston. Contributing to the musical program were Herb Charlton, Guy Lawrence, William Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowler, James Morrice and W. D. Smith. The banquet was followed by dancing.

The newly organized Stewart Radio Association has elected permanent officers as follows: president, W. R. Tooth; vice-president, Duncan McLean; secretary treasurer, F. E. Gigot; executive, W. D. Smith, O. J. Hutchings, Ernest Love and H. Stewart.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Stewart Hospital has elected officers for the year as follows: president, Mrs. R. W. Kennedy; vice-president, Mrs. S. G. Lawrence; secretary treasurer, Mrs. Louis Behnsen.

# Future of Bear River District

**Government Engineer Thinks Marmot River Area Will Produce Bulk of High-Grade Ore**

The future of the Bear River area can be considered under two headings: (1) future of deposits under development; and, (2), future from the point of view of undiscovered deposits, says a report of Dr. George Hanson of the Federal Geological Survey.

The future of the known deposits pertains to the extraction of the present ore-bodies and to the proving of greater tonnages. From the known properties it would seem that the Marmot River part of the area, though considerably smaller than the Bear River part, will produce the bulk of the high-grade ore. The lower grade deposits, however, seem more promising in the Bear River part. As for undiscovered mineral deposits, little can be said, except that both parts of the area warrant thorough prospecting.

It is impossible to tell what places are most favorable for prospecting as the origin of the ores is not fully understood. The known deposits, however, provide some information that may assist in the discovery of other deposits.

# LAST LONE WINTER OF NORTH PORT

**Churchill, Almost Deserted Once More, Will Awaken in Spring to Influx of Workers**

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 29: — Churchill is in the chill midst of its last lone winter. Except for some 30 men—and a single woman—every resident at the government-owned bay port has moved out to the south. The last scheduled Muskeg Limited puffed down to The Pas in early December and now the mail is "mushed in" twice a month by dog team from Gillam at Mile 327.

Ice-locked, the 250-year-old harbor is deserted until next spring.

A skeleton force at Churchill is retained by the Hudson Bay Railway, which completed the first laying of steel to the harbor 511 miles northeast of The Pas last March, and by the Department of Railways and Canals. But all railway construction and dock labor is at an end for several months. Three men remain at the government radio post, and one at the telegraph office; the Hudson's Bay Company trading post continues its work; and Rev. H. A. Gibson and his wife reside at the Anglican Mission.

Otherwise the settlement at the mouth of the Churchill River, where 1500 men toiled last summer, is abandoned to the chill winds lashing down from the sea.

In all probability, however, the bay port of the west will never know another so lifeless stretch between autumn and spring. It is certain that the opening of the settlement to the public, planned for next spring, will mark the beginning of a record of at least partially permanent residence at Churchill. Undoubtedly, ingress to the end of the Hudson Bay Railway steel will be closely scanned by the Dominion government; but a new town will begin to take form when the way is opened to prospective settlers.

The fact that harbor construction work is not expected to reach completion until some time in 1931 will not prevent a hurried surge of new citizens to Churchill. As yet, under government ruling, three banking establishments alone have marked the arrival of commerce; numerous applications, however, for permission to set up establishments which might flourish on the trade of hundreds of residents busy at the harbor, have been received.

Divers considerations, no doubt, have influenced the government in the decision to supervise closely the settlement's early civic development. Housing accomodation at present is sufficient only for those busied at railway and harbor work; and, under existing conditions, water supply and sewage problems yield to but temporary solution. When Churchill assumes the status of a town, it is expected that these difficulties will have been solved.

**Gardens Non-Existent**

Moreover, new citizens of Churhill must remember that backyard gardens are non-existent on the barren land about the bay harbor. Fish may run aplenty in the river; foxes and other game may roam the frozen muskeg stretches; but staple vegetables must be imported into Churchill. Radishes, lettuce and potatoes actually were grown at the port last summer, and they looked good; but they had imbibed no taste from the barren soil. A flower-lover planted hardy pansies and the stems pushed two and one-half inches above ground; but there they stopped, without a bloom.

As a harbor, nevertheless, Churchill has not been slighted by nature. Before it empties into the bay, Churchill River swells in the shape of an oval bottle with its neck to the sea—a ready-made port. Besides, projecting headland and an island shelter the opening so that storms have little effect on the inner harbor, enclosed as it is by rocky cliffs which rise in some cases to a height of 70 feet.

Along one side of the Churchill River runs the Hudson Bay Railway, reaching almost to the tip of a narrow point projecting out into the bay. It is at the base of this point, formed of rugged rock ridged by the years, that the townsite no doubt will be located; and it is on this side of the river that the government is constructing its harbor works.

Six miles in length, the harbor at Churchill varies in width according to the tide. Its low tide breadth runs from one mile to two; at high tide, the haven is about three miles across at its broadest. Low water width of the harbor entrance is almost one-third of a mile, of which 750 feet has been sounded to a depth of 60 feet or more. According to the report of Frederick Palmer, British engineer retained by the Dominion government in 1927 to advise regarding the suitability of Nelson and Churchill as harbors, the harbor capacity can be easily increased by a little dredging to accommodate as many and as large vessels as ever will be likely to plan entrance to the port.

In the West, Churchill is looked upon as a new port, but in reality its history goes back into the distant past of early Canadiana. Munk, the Danish explorer, is believed to have wintered at Churchill in 1619, more than three centuries ago. Trading vessels of the Hudson's Bay Company sailed into the bay more than 250 years ago, and utilized Churchill as a haven soon after their early voyages.

Even Fort Prince of Wales, a mass of ruins across the river from the modern tangle of incipient dock construction, is not "old" as the history of Churchill goes. It was almost two centuries ago, during the years 1733 to 1744, that the Hudson's Bay Company built the huge-stoned fort at the mouth of the Churchill River. But 25 years before the completion of Fort Prince of Wales, the company had constructed Fort Churchill. Erection of the original stronghold came after the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713 established Britain's claim to the Bay country, but fears of the French raids had persisted long after the incursions of d'Iberville, late in the 17th century, temporarily robbed the Hudson's Bay Company of almost all its posts.

Even if Churchill rises to prominence as a Canadian port for western trade, it cannot lose its place of historic significance in Canadian annals. Even when imports rush in through the bay to the mouth of the Churchill River; even when prairie wheat surges along the Hudson Bay line and outward to Britain and Europe during the harbors ice-free period, the gaunt ruins of Fort Prince of Wales and of the old harbor battery at the tip of the point across the river will remain among the Dominion's history-marking sites.


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