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THE PREMIER

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Premier of British Columbia and member for this district in the Legislature, has changed since we all knew him as "T. D.," and this change worries some of the people who used to know him well. The change is one brought about by circumstances over which he has no control. Formerly he had plenty of time. He could come to Prince Rupert and spend a few days or a week, meet everybody and ask about their families, shake hands with the old timers and discuss local problems.

Today the Premier is such a busy man that it is impossible for him to spend much time in Prince Rupert or in any other part of the riding. All he can do is drop in for an hour or two, meet a few people and move on. He has little time for personal matters and absolutely no time for petty politics. That is the price he has to pay for being head of the government.

Over two years ago when Mr. Pattullo went to Victoria, he took over a job which few men would have had courage to face. Salaries of employees of the government were unpaid, there was no money in the treasury and the banks absolutely refused to lend any more or to honor government checks. It was a serious situation. While he knew it was bad, he did not realize just how bad things were until he took over the reins of government. Evidently, the banks had confidence in him for they at once honored all checks and under the splendid management of Finance Minister John Hart, the financial position has so far recovered that the province is now paying its way and at last is able to put most of the unemployed to work.

The Premier has had a difficult time because while he was attacked on all sides for inactivity, he was not in a position to reply because negotiations were in progress with the federal government, the success of which might be endangered by public discussion. Even after the change of government at Ottawa, it was not all smooth sailing. The eastern viewpoint was different from the west. However, one very important point was won in securing the aid of the federal government in expending considerable sums of money on highway construction and improvement. Then came the question of public works and again there was a gain for the province and for Prince Rupert in particular. The Premier was able to co-operate with Olof Hanson to such an extent that a tentative arrangement was made for the transfer of property on which to erect the proposed new federal block.

Mr. Pattullo has changed in that he is unable to make those local contacts which he formerly did but he is now able to speak with authority and do things for the riding and the province which formerly he could not do. He is in good health only because he has cut off all unnecessary work, relegating this to others. He is cheerful and confident as ever, quite sure of his ground in every step he takes.

To some of us it seems rather sad that we have lost the old "T. D." who has represented the riding for twenty years but, on the other hand, we have gained a Premier who is doing splendid work in the rehabilitation of a province which a few years ago was bankrupt. We have been able to give to the country something although we seem to have lost something ourselves.

GROSS VALUE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MINE INDUSTRY FOR HALF OF YEAR IS UP

Shows Increase Over Corresponding Period in 1935, Total Being Nearly Twenty-Four Million Dollars

VICTORIA, July 9:—The gross value of the British Columbia mining industry for the first six months of 1936 is estimated to be \$23,722,299. This indicates an increase of \$2,049,625, or 9.4% over the value of the industry for the corresponding period in 1935, but a decrease of \$3,426,266 compared with the figures for the last six months of 1935.

It is interesting to note that placer and lode gold, silver, lead and coal show volume increases, and structural materials and miscellaneous metals, minerals and materials show value increases over the first six months of 1935. None of the metals show volume increases over the last six months of 1935 but coal shows a volume increase and structural materials, miscellaneous metals, minerals and materials show value increases. The explanation is to be found in the estimates for the first six months of each year which are prepared on partial returns and therefore probably are somewhat lower than would be an estimate based on full returns.

The marked increase in the value of lead and zinc production is due to the higher average price for these metals. Similarly, the heavy loss in the value of silver production is due to a much lower average price for the first six months of 1936 as compared with the first six months of 1935.

Average Metal Prices

	1935	1936
Gold, oz.	\$35.08	\$35.19
Silver, oz.	64.03c	45.20c
Copper, oz.	7.265	8.933
Lead, oz.	2.599	3.516
Zinc, oz.	2.803	3.344

It was estimated at the first of the year that the value of the mining industry for 1936 would be about the same as in 1935. This seems to be borne out by the estimated value for the first six months.

Gold

Placer gold shows a volume increase of 50.7% compared with the same period last year. Placer production is much heavier in the last six months than in the first six months of the year and this year's production, estimated on a comparative basis with last year's production, will likely be the greatest volume produced in the last twenty years and, due to the increased price of gold, will probably have the greatest value production in the last 35 years.

Lode gold shows an increase of 16.7% over the estimate for the corresponding period of last year, but shows a decrease compared with the last six months of 1935. Provided no unforeseen circumstances arise, it is anticipated that production for the last six months of this year will show an increase over the first six months and therefore production for the year should be substantially greater than for 1935.

Silver

Silver shows a slight volume increase and the year's production will likely exceed that of last year. The average price, however, is about 20 cents less than for the corresponding period in 1935 and the value production for 1936 will show a correspondingly large decrease.

Volume production of copper shows a large decrease due to the closing down of the Anox operation about the middle of last year. The estimated volume production of lead for the first six months of the year is slightly greater, and there are substantial value increases, due to the much higher average price for the metal, as compared to that prevailing during the corresponding period of last

year. The average price of the metal during the last six months of 1935 was slightly greater than the average price for the first six months of 1936. Therefore, the increased value production for the first six months of 1936 over the same period of last year, will likely represent the year's increase in the value of this metal.

Zinc volume is slightly lower than in the corresponding period of last year but a better average price has resulted in a fair value increase. The average price of zinc is slightly greater than the average price for the last six months of 1935. Therefore the value increase for 1936 should be somewhat greater than the increase for the first six months.

Coal, which showed a heavy decrease in 1935 due to the closing down of the Cobbin Collieries, shows for the first six months of this year increased production in every coal mining district of the province over the corresponding period of last year. The value increase amounts to 12.1% which would indicate the coal production for 1936 as greater or slightly greater than in 1934.

Structural Materials

It has been anticipated for some time that structural materials, which have been at a very low ebb, would begin to show a marked recovery. The estimated increase of 34% for the first six months of this year, compared to the same period last year, is very gratifying. Although the actual value increase does not compare with that for coal or the metals, it is a healthy indication of general recovery in business.

Miscellaneous metals, minerals and materials show the greatest percentage recovery of any group, due in part to increased production as well as value in certain metals.

Dividends

Dividends paid in 1936 up to and including June, \$1,524,235.
Dividends declared for payment in July or August: \$2,611,532.
Total dividends: \$4,135,767.
Granny payments in 1936 (capital disbursements): \$4,500,000.

To sum up the situation it is estimated that, although the production for the next six months of 1936 may not equal that of the last six months of 1935, there should be an increase in production over the first six months of 1936 sufficient to bring the gross value of the mining industry up to or above that of 1935. It is within reason to estimate a gross production for the year of between \$48,500,000 to \$50,000,000.

Considering the great loss to the mining industry by the closing down of the Anox operation of the Granby Mining, Smelting and Power Company, which was only half felt last year and is fully felt this year, and also the much lower price of silver, it is gratifying to realize that the mining industry will in one year likely recover from these losses.

FOOTBALL

THURSDAY, JULY 9
Dominion Dairy vs. Legion

SPORTS

Playground Work Is Discussed At Gyros' Luncheon

Matters affecting the playgrounds, supervised use of which is being financed by the club, were the principal items of business discussed at a luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday. President R. G. Large in the chair. Rather extensive improvements which are being made to the grounds are now nearing completion, it was reported by T. N. LePage, chairman of the playground committee. Supervised activities at the playgrounds under David Bell and his assistants are now well under way with a substantial enrolment of children. Mr. Bell was among those in attendance at the luncheon in addition to a full turn-out of club members.

Postponed Lawn Bowling Matches Set For Tonight

Wet greens last evening again prevented the playing of scheduled City Lawn Bowling League fixtures.

Owing to the number of league games now postponed on account of unfavorable weather the match committee has found it necessary to arrange a new schedule of these games and the following games are scheduled for tonight:

J. Frey rink vs. P. Tinker.
G. Hill rink vs. J. J. Little.
F. Dibb rink vs. D. G. Borland.
Further postponed games will be scheduled for Saturday night and Sunday weather permitting.

NO BASEBALL SCHEDULED

NEW YORK, July 9: (CP)—No Major League baseball games were scheduled for yesterday.

SOFTBALL POSTPONED

The City League softball game between Junior Elks and Canadian National Recreation Association, scheduled for last night, was postponed until this evening when, if weather permits, a double-header will be played, the second game to be that between Elks and Lambie & Stone which was postponed from Monday night.

LABOR SERVICE COSTLY

BERLIN, July 9: (CP)—The Nazi labor service cost about \$80,000,000 last year but party officials say that land reclaimed and improvements made by the spade corps will largely make up for the expenditure.

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