

DEPOTURE BAY MINES--1874.

Output of Coal--1874.	Sold for Home Consumption	Sold for Exportation.
29,818 tons.	6,111 tons.	23,719 tons.

Number of Hands.		Wages per Day.
Whites, 71.	Chinese, 60.	Whites, \$2 to \$4.
	Indians, 12.	Chinese, \$1.25.
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VANCOUVER COAL MINE--1874.

Output of Coal.	Sold for Home Consumption.	Sold for Exportation.
51,238 tons.	14,875 tons.	32,319 tons.

Number of Hands.		Wages per Day.
Whites, 204.	Chinese, 61.	Whites, \$1 to \$1.25.
	Indians, 19.	Chinese, \$1 to \$1.25.
		Indians, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

The actual amount disposed of in the year, 81,000 tons 15 cwt., at a sale price of \$6, gives a gross return of \$486,000. Total number of miners, 277.

"The value of plant, machinery, rolling stock, &c., of the Vancouver Island Company amounts to \$95,657. No return of the value of plant, &c., of the Dismuir Coal Company has been received."

"These returns show a steady increase in the development of the coal interests of the Province; and the early commencement of railway works will doubtless still further advance them."

The Comox Coal Field is estimated at about 300 square miles in extent. "The most instructive exposure," says Mr. Richardson, is one that occurs about 5 miles from the shore, on the south-west side of Comox Harbour, on the claim of the Union Coal Mining Company."

Mr. Richardson here describes an almost perpendicular cliff showing four seams of coal of 18 feet, 6 feet, 5 feet 4 inches, and 4