

PRODUCTION

products of British Columbia are gold, silver, lead, copper, zinc and coal. Table 64 shows the quantity and value of the mineral production of British Columbia for the three calendar years 1914-1916. The gross value of the metallic minerals recovered in 1916 was \$32,063,514, which represents an increase over 1915 of \$11,301,365 or about 54 p.c. The metalliferous output for 1916 was the greatest in the mining history of the province, being nearly 76 p.c. greater than that of the year 1912. The increase is due in part to the higher market prices of the metals during the year and in part to the much larger production of some metals, notably copper and zinc. The production of copper was 8,460,959 lb., or 14.85 p.c. more than in the previous record year of 1915, while the zinc output was three times in quantity that of the previous year. The year 1916 was a record one for mining in British Columbia, all branches of the industry, excepting gold and the building materials, showing increased production. The uncertainty of war conditions during 1915 was not such a prominent feature in 1916, and steady operations were general throughout the year. The continued enormous and ever-increasing demand for shells of all kinds for the Allies has continued the great consumption of copper, lead and zinc, with the result that the market prices of these metals remained at an abnormally high level all the year.

62.—Production of Silver at the Cobalt Camp, Ontario, 1904-16.

Year.	Oz.	Value.	Average price per oz.	Year.	Oz.	Value.	Average price per oz.
		\$	Cents.			\$	Cents.
1904.	206,875	111,887	57.2	1911.	31,507,791	15,953,847	53.3
1905.	2,451,356	1,360,503	60.4	1912.	30,243,859	17,408,935	60.8
1906.	5,401,766	3,667,551	66.8	1913.	29,681,975	16,553,981	57.8
1907.	10,023,311	6,155,391	67.5	1914.	25,162,841	12,765,461	54.8
1908.	19,437,875	9,133,378	52.9	1915.	24,746,534	12,135,816	49.69
1909.	25,897,825	12,461,576	51.5	1916.	19,782,799	12,562,503	65.661
1910.	30,645,181	15,478,047	53.5				
				Total	255,189,988	135,748,876	-