

We take the following table from the Report of the Minister of Mines of the Province of British Columbia for the year ending 31st December, 1876:

GOLD.

TABLE shewing the actually known and estimated yield of gold; the number of miners employed; and their average earnings per man per year, from 1858 to 1876.

Year.	Amount actually known to have been exported by Banks, &c.	Add one-third more, estimate of gold carried away in private hands.	Total.	Numbers of Miners employed.	Average yearly earnings per man.
1858. (6 months.)	\$ 390,265	\$130,068	\$520,353	3,000	\$173
1859	1,211,304	413,768	1,615,072	4,000	403
1860	1,671,410	557,133	2,228,543	4,400	506
1861	1,999,789	666,579	2,666,118	4,200	634
1862	3,181,700	1,061,566	4,246,266	4,100	517
1863				4,400	483
1864	2,801,888	933,962	3,735,850	4,400	849
1865	2,613,404	872,801	3,491,205	4,291	813
1866	1,996,580	665,526	2,662,106	2,982	893
1867	1,860,651	620,217	2,480,868	3,011	814
1868	1,779,729	593,243	2,372,972	2,390	924
1869	1,331,234	443,744	1,774,978	2,369	749
1870	1,002,717	334,239	1,336,956	2,348	569
1871	1,349,580	449,860	1,799,440	2,400	734
1872	1,208,229	402,743	1,610,972	2,400	671
1873	979,312	326,437	1,305,749	2,300	567
1874	1,383,464	461,151	1,844,615	2,863	643
1875	1,56,178	618,726	2,474,904	2,004	1,222
1876	1,339,966	446,662	1,786,648	2,282	783
			39,953,618	61,251	

Average number of miners employed yearly..... 3,171  
 Average earnings per man, per year..... \$663  
 Total estimated and actual yield of gold, 1853 to 1876..... \$39,953,618

It appears from this table, that while there was a considerable falling off in 1876 as compared with 1875, the average earnings per man were respectable; and the reports from the various gold districts appear to be favorable.

SILVER AND COPPER.

A discovery of silver and copper has been made on Salmon Arm, Jarvis Inlet, which is said to be of considerable value

to the Province. A company has been formed for working it.

IRON.

Nothing has been done to develop the iron on Texada Island; but a further discovery has been made by Captain Sturt, on the north end of that Island, and he is now endeavoring to promote its development. The ore is stated by the Minister of Mines to be in the vicinity of inexhaustible limestone, and exists itself in limitless quantity.

Dominion Appointments.

(From Oct. 1st, 1876, to Sept. 30th, 1877.)  
 October 7th.—Hon. David Laird, P. C.; to be Lieut.-Gov. of N. W. Territories.  
 Hugh Richardson, Esq., of Ottawa, Ont., and of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law, to be a Stipendiary Magistrate in N. W. Territories.  
 Matthew Ryan, Esq., of Fort Pelly, N. W. Territories, to be do. do.  
 Hon. David Laird, Lt.-Gov. of N. W. Territories; Matt. Ryan, Esq., of Fort Pelly, and Hugh Richardson, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrates for said Territories; Jas. Farquharson McLeod, Commissioner, and Acheson Gosford Irvine,

Esq., Assistant Commissioner of Mounted Police Force for N. W. Territories, to be Commissioners or Commissioners, per *Deditus Potestatem*, to administer oaths to persons appointed to office within N. W. Territories.  
 Kenneth McKenzie, Esq., Q. C., of Osgoode Hall, Ont., to be judge of County Court of County of York, Ont.  
 24th—David Mills, Esq., of Palmyra, Ont., to be a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.  
 Hon. David Mills, to be Minister of Interior.