

mand for more than one-third of the total output by the West Kootenay smelters and other industries using coal and coke.

But one conclusion can be drawn from the above facts. The coal production of to-day is far in excess of the demand, the future output will be an enormous surplus over the future demand; the Coal Company being forced to seek more extensive markets, or close down the development of the mines, the enlargement of machinery and future building of coke ovens, to a point just sufficient to meet home consumption, thus crippling one of the most important industries of the Province; for what? To prevent the upbuilding and expansion of the industries of British Columbia.



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The opponents of the open door railway policy are resorting to misrepresentation in order to sustain their cause. A few days since, the *Nelson Tribune* stated that the Greenwood smelter was so short of coke, owing to the failure of the Crow's Nest Coal Company to supply it with what it needed, it was compelled to borrow a supply from the Trail smelter. In another column will be found a despatch which completely refutes this statement. The fact of the matter is that the Trail smelter finding that it was overstocked with coke, arranged with the Greenwood people to relieve it of twenty carloads, which, when it reaches Greenwood, will give the smelter there a surplus of 1,000 tons. This puts an entirely new face on the matter, and