

Having the supply and demand, the next question of importance is transportation. If we assume that 20 tons is the average load for a car, it will take 50 cars daily. If 30 tons is maximum load, it will take forty cars daily to handle the present demand.

Where is our Market?

Another vital question of transportation is, how many cars can the Crow's Nest Branch railway handle daily, between Kootenay Landing and Nelson?

From a recent article which appeared in the *Nelson Miner*, to the effect that the C. P. R. were building four or five new barges, which would enable the company to transport 60 cars to Nelson, or 120 to Proctor's Landing, we would infer that at the present time the C. P. R. have all they can do to handle the present demand, 1,000 tons, let alone the immense eastern freight traffic to West Kootenay.

When the Michel creek mines commence to ship, which will be as soon as the side tracks and loading machinery are in position, the output from this point will be from 3,000 to 4,000 tons daily. The changes now being made at the Coal Creek mines will increase the output by 3,000 tons, making a total of 7,000 tons daily.

If the C. P. R., with their barges now in operation, and those under construction,

can only handle 120 cars daily, and the Coal Company putting out 7,000 tons, 280 cars, is it to be

A problem in hauling.

wondered at that the Coal Company are seeking other markets for their production, let alone the fact, there would be no de-