

from Juneau has resulted from the fortunate finds of a few men, who probably unearthed gold-bearing pockets. Fortunately Glacier Bay is not far from Juneau and any rush thither will, unlike that to Nome, entail comparatively small risk of any disastrous consequences, unless there should, as at Nome, arise serious outbreaks of murderous outrage, due to claim-jumping.

Latest reports show that comparatively little gold is being got from Nome by the primitive processes there used on the beach gravels, for out of \$5,500,000 worth of gold which during the first half of July reached the assay office in Seattle from the far North, only some \$100,000 worth, according to the *Post-Intelligencer*, the greatest "boomer" of Nome, came from that camp.

The *Critic* (London) not infrequently "gets off" some extremely clever things, and the following dialogue between a fond parent and his child of enquiring mind "A Child's Guide to the City" is really excellent, though perhaps a bit hard on Mr. Whitaker Wright. The phenomenal infant enquires:

"Hasn't Mr. Whitaker Wright just given the manager of Lake View what is generally known as the out-some-chuck-and-gorgonzis?"

"He has, my son."

"Then, why—unless he had the true interests of the company at heart—did he do that?"

"Because, my boy, Whitaker considered 'his explanations were not adequate.'"

"What did he mean by that, Pa?"

"Well, my enquiring young friend, 'explanations' from mine managers are of two kinds, and are usually (in the case of a rotten concern) furnished by wire, sometimes prepaid and sometimes not."

"It must have been very annoying to Mr. Wright to have to pay for wires that weren't 'adequate,' Pa?"

"Undoubtedly, my son, and especially so, when the manager was a man of his own choosing, who has been thoroughly 'coached' in all essential details before leaving England."

"What do you mean,?"

"This, youngster. An 'adequate' manager wires always to Mr. Wright something like the following:—"

We are crushing 40 ounces to the ton. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Miners are singing hymns. Machinery in perfect order. Mr. Bill Bunker—our chief engineer—is doing much good by his evangelising meetings, and has much improved my immortal soul.

"That's an adequate wire, is it, Pa?"

"It is, my child, according to Mr. Whitaker Wright."

"Then, what's an 'inadequate' wire, my Pa?"

"Mr. Wright's idea of an inadequate wire is something like this, my boy:—"

Mine bust up; machinery wrecked. May the devil and all his angels seize you, you vagabond. All the miners have D.T.'s. Why the blazes haven't you sent the blank money you promised me for my last fictitious account of crushing? Shan't send another bogey cable under a poney, damn you. My immortal soul is worth at least that. Bill Bunker just tried to shoot me. Wish I could shoot you.

"Greenland's Icy Mountains, Pa! I don't wonder at such a devout person as Mr. Wright sacking a man for stating the truth in such a manner."

It may, meanwhile, be said that Mr. Whitaker Wright has neither "adequate" nor "inadequate"

nine managers in British Columbia, but men who thoroughly know their business and do it.

## PUBLICATIONS.

THE eighth volume of the *Mineral Industry*, edited by Richard P. Rothwell, who is also editor of the *Engineering and Mining Journal*, and published by the Scientific Publishing Co., of New York, has been issued.

This is the first volume of the statistics for 1899 of the mineral resources of the world, published during the present year. This fact alone reflects great credit on the editor, for the reason that the chief value in statistics is the compiling and giving of them to the world at the earliest possible date. In addition to the statistics which show the progress of the mineral industry in the different countries throughout the world for the year 1899, there are very valuable chapters on the following subjects: "Review of the Literature on Ore Dressing in 1899," by Robert H. Richards, also a chapter by the same author on the subject of ore dressing; "Progress in Electro Chemistry in 1899," by Wm. Borchers; "Liquid Air," by T. O'Connor Sloane; "Progress of Metallography in 1899," by Albert Sauveur; "Mine Timbering," by William Sanders.

The volume contains over 900 pages, and after a casual perusal the writer is of the opinion that this work, together with the preceding volumes, by the same author, which has been published annually since 1892, are among the most valuable and instructive of all the literature, bearing on the mineral industry, and these volumes have come to be considered indispensable as books of reference by all who desire to keep thoroughly well posted on the progress of mining and metallurgy, throughout the entire country.

With regard to the mineral industry of Canada, a perusal of the volume shows that, in addition to the chapters devoted to statistics of the product of minerals in the Dominion for 1899, allusion is also made to our mineral resources in the several chapters devoted to a description of each mineral and metal, taken in their order alphabetically.

Consequently, this volume will be found equally interesting and instructive to any who may be interested chiefly in the consideration of the mineral resources of the Dominion.

**Report on the Warrior Coal Basin, with Plates and Maps, by Henry McCalley, Assistant State Geologist; Geological Survey of Alabama; State Printers, Jacksonville Fla., 1900.**

This is a very comprehensive official report on an important coal area in the State of Alabama, the output from which last year was about 5,556,532 tons of coal and 1,480,605 tons of coke. The geological formation, size and characteristics of the measures, methods of working and other interesting data is very fully described.

**Summary Report of the Geological Survey Department of Canada for the Year 1899; Queen's Printer, Ottawa, 1900; Price 10 cents.**

The Summary Report of the Canadian Geological Survey is, this year, particularly interesting to Western readers, as it includes not only Mr. McConnell's excellent report, on the Yukon region, but also re-