

The smelters now in operation on the Canadian side only require about 300 tons of coke per day. If we are restricted as to markets, there will be higher initial cost, risk of suspension through accidents, difficulty in securing labor, and in meeting any variation in the demand.

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“Although there is an immense area of coal in the Crow’s Nest country that is of the best quality for coking, we should not harbor the delusion that this district has all the coking coal on the continent. There will be competition from the existing sources of supply—from Cokedale, on Puget Sound, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Utah and Colorado. There are also immense coal deposits in Montana, Washington, and other places, which may prove, when tested, to be of good coking quality.

“To enter and hold this market, which means from 5,000 to 6,000 tons of coal per day, the Crow’s Nest Pass Coal Company must have the best railway facilities available, and that is why it is absolutely necessary to build the proposed spur.

“There is hardly any industry so universally