

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN STANTON.

SINCE the part the late Mr. John Stanton, of New York, U.S.A., took in directing the attention of capitalists to the great potentialities of the Boundary district of British Columbia as a producer of copper was of substantial value to that district and indirectly to the Province at large, the news of his death possesses more than passing interest to mining men engaged in developing the copper resources of British Columbia. Mr. Stanton in company with other prominent mining investors visited the Granby Co's mines at Phoenix, Boundary, in the autumn of 1903. So impressed was he with what he saw there that he said to the editor of the *Grand Forks Gazette*: "The Granby ore body is the largest sulphide ore deposit I have ever examined, and my mining experience has extended to every variety of copper ore. I don't know of its equal elsewhere on the continent." That favourable expression of opinion was widely published, and it did much to confirm the growing confidence in the merit of the Boundary district as a promising field for mining investment. The great value of Mr. Stanton's testimony lay in the fact that the big mining world in which he lived believed implicitly in his honesty and sincerity, so that his influence was very considerable, as the Granby Co. afterwards found to its advantage. But apart from this narrower local interest there is the keen satisfaction to be found in knowing that there are men actively engaged in the business of legitimate mining of whom such sentiments may with truth be given expression to as the following editorial comments of *The Engineering and Mining Journal*, which we reprint for the information of many readers of the B. C. MINING RECORD who might not otherwise have opportunity to read them:

"The death of a man like John Stanton is a distinct loss to the world. Not merely that he was a man of marked ability, but because he presented an example much needed at the present time; the example of a man who attained high position and universal respect by unflinching adherence to his standard of rectitude. And because he set honesty above money, there came to him wealth to a considerable degree and also a standing and position in the world to which no one man can fairly be said to succeed him.

"In business and management his strongest characteristics was common sense. With a moderate training as an engineer under his father, his attention was turned early in life to copper mining; and to that he adhered throughout the rest of his long life. He learned his business thoroughly by experience; he used common sense in the application of his knowledge; and that made him a successful manager and head of important enterprises. Like all men he made mistakes sometimes, but they were few.

"His most marked distinction, however, was his absolute honesty. It was never necessary to defend or excuse the management of a Stanton enterprise, and men generally recognised that. They knew that he never, for an instant, thought that the ownership or control of a majority of the stock of a company

gave him the right to do as he pleased. He was always the trustee for all the stockholders; ready to protect their rights and to give them the fullest information about their property, in which he considered the smallest ownership as important as his own. More than once he refused offers most advantageous to himself, because minority interests were not protected. It would be well if his example had been generally followed.

"On fraud or deceit in any form, John Stanton had no mercy; but he was ready with help and advice where he thought they were needed and deserved. There are many who will share with us a strong sense of personal loss—the loss of a friend whose aid and counsel were always to be relied on in time of need."

## INTERNATIONAL COAL &amp; COKE CO., LTD.

ELSEWHERE in this number is printed a brief report of the annual meeting of the International Coal & Coke Co., Ltd. The general manager, Mr. H. N. Galer, is reported to have recently given a newspaper representative the following information concerning the company:

This company is owned principally by Canadian people. Coleman, Alberta, where the mines are located, is on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and is 40 miles east of Fernie, B. C. The town has about 800 population, is well built, and has electric light and municipal water. The altitude of the town is about 4,000 ft., and the surrounding country is valuable for grazing purposes, but of little service as farming land.

The company is mining on the average 1,000 tons of coal a day at present, and the indications are that this quantity will be increased during the ensuing year. Nearly 300 miners, Poles, Welshmen, Hungarians and Austrians—are employed.

The company is working two seams of coal, one averaging 8 feet in width and the other about 13 ft. The company owns 4,000 acres of land, which lies along the coal seams for seven miles.

Development work on the mines was started a year ago last October, and in the meantime a plant has been installed, also power-houses, machine shops and a tippie for screening the coal.

The employees are working into the hill a distance of 4,000 ft. from Old Man River, and the workings give a depth of 700 ft. The company operates its coal cars with compressed air. Everything in the town is modern and up-to-date. The officials of the company anticipate that the coming year will be exceptionally successful.

The Kootenay lead smelters have reduced the ordinary freight and treatment charges on silver-lead ores from \$15 to \$12 per ton. It is expected this reduction will encourage the working of a number of properties not now operative. The chief difficulty in some parts of the Kootenay districts is the cost of getting the ores down the mountains from the mines to rail or steamer.