

output from these pits is not at present required, the work has been carried on so that they may be ready for future requirements. The question of how far this work will be prosecuted in the immediate future depends on industrial conditions. The branch railway (seven miles in length) connecting this district with the main line of the company, and necessary sidings, are also completed. In this district a large reservoir, containing 13,000,000 gallons, and a small one of 700,000 gallons, have been constructed, and underground pipe system for supply water and fire protection has been laid.

Most careful attention is being paid to the getting of large clean coal, and special machinery is being provided to minimize breakage in shipping and stocking. The demand for the coal for steam raising on account of its high calorific value, continues satisfactory, and the market has been well maintained in spite of keen competition by American operators to capture a portion of Canadian trade in order to offset a lessened demand caused by dull trade conditions in their own country.

NIPISSING DIVIDEND.

The directors of the Nipissing Mines Co. have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. and an extra of 2 per cent. This is the same amount as was paid three months ago.

The financial statement presented showed cash, bullion, ore

en route to the smelters, and ore at the mines to the value of \$1,009,000. On December 20th last the surplus was \$972,643.

Besides paying the extra dividend of 2 per cent., amounting to \$120,000, the company has added to its surplus, and in addition has about \$700,000 more ore in sight at the present time than it had on January 20.

LA ROSE BONUS AND DIVIDEND.

The directors of the La Rose Mining Co. have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. and a bonus of 1 per cent., payable April 20th.

LA ROSE CONSOLIDATED MINES COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of 3 per cent. for the quarter ending 28th February, 1909, and a bonus of 1 per cent. has been declared upon the outstanding capital stock of the Company, and will be paid on the 20th day of April, 1909, to shareholders of record at the close of business on 1st April, 1909.

By order of the Directors, the transfer books will be closed from the close of business on 1st April, 1909, and remain closed until 10 a.m. on 27th April, 1909.

Dated the 22nd day of March, 1909.

LA ROSE CONSOLIDATED MINES COMPANY,
Per D. A. Dunlop,
Secretary-Treasurer.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS.

The coal shipments of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company for February and the two months are as follows:—

February, 1909	20,928
February, 1908	41,230
Decrease, 1909	20,302
Two months, 1909	56,773
Two months, 1908	88,980
Decrease, 1909	29,207

DOMINION COAL OUTPUT.

The output of the Dominion Coal Company during March was 251,585 tons, compared with 346,529 tons in March of 1908.

For the three months to date the output totals 661,417 tons, compared with 946,286 tons for the corresponding period of 1908.

CUMBERLAND COAL CO.

The shipments for the month of March from the Cumberland Collieries were 35,435 tons.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

Following are the weekly shipments from the Cobalt camp, and those from Jan. 1st, 1909, to date:

	Week ending March 20.	Since Jan. 1.
	Ore in lbs.	Ore in lbs.
Buffalo	45,350	223,570
Crown Reserve	115,520	1,183,440
Chambers-Ferland	117,440	309,440
King Edward	44,130	98,050
La Rose	195,000	2,865,140
Nipissing	351,080	2,774,329
Nova Scotia	79,420	480,810
O'Brien	77,200	269,180
Temiskaming	40,000	470,000
Trethewey	56,620	525,550
T. & H. B.	60,000	564,060

Ore shipments to March 20, 1909, are 12,141,353 pounds, or 6,070 tons.

The total shipments for week ending March 13 were 1,181,360 pounds, or 591 tons.

	Week ending March 27.	Since Jan. 1.
	Ore in lbs.	Ore in lbs.
Crown Reserve	114,540	1,297,980
Cobalt Central	40,000	161,755
Chambers-Ferland	60,000	369,440
City of Cobalt	53,592	579,522
Kerr Lake	62,000	327,142
La Rose	260,000	3,125,140
Nipissing	258,770	3,033,099
Right of Way	62,008	524,090
T. & H. B.	46,600	610,600

Ore shipments to March 27, 1909, are 13,098,863 pounds, or 7,549 tons.

Total shipments for week ending March 27 were 957,510 pounds, or 478 tons.

	Week ending April 3.	Since Jan. 1.
	Ore in lbs.	Ore in lbs.
Buffalo	55,520	279,090
Coniagas	65,800	461,205
Crown Reserve	123,476	1,421,456
Cobalt Central .....	.....	161,755
Chambers-Ferland	60,000	429,440
City of Cobalt .....	.....	579,522
Kerr Lake	55,940	383,082
King Edward .....	.....	98,050
La Rose	260,070	3,385,210
McKinley-Darragh	55,160	420,040
Nipissing	218,090	3,251,180
Nova Scotia .....	.....	480,810
Nancy Helen .....	.....	40,000
Peterson Lake .....	.....	132,960
O'Brien	127,970	397,150
Right of Way	119,800	643,890