

## COAL AND COKE

**T**HE main supply of coal and coke for the use of the interior of British Columbia comes at present from the collieries of the Crowsnest Pass Coal Company, situated at Coal Creek, Michel and Morrissey on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. Their output for the year 1908 was :

COAL		TONS	TONS
Sold for Consumption in Canada		199,729	
Sold for Export to U. S.	-	263,267	
Total Sales	- - - -		462,996
Used in making Coke	-	359,703	
Used under Colliery Boilers	-	52,916	412,619
Total Tons of 2,240 lbs. -		- - - -	875,615
Stocks on hand - - - -		- - - -	852
Output of colliery for year		- - - -	876,467

COKE			
Sold for Consumption in Canada		206,048	
Sold for Export to U. S.	-	34,196	
Total Sales	- - - -		240,244
Stock on hand first of year	-	7,003	
Stock on hand last of year	-	857	6,146
Output for year - - - -		- - - -	234,098

Two new companies have begun producing during the year : The Hosmer Mines, Ltd., at Hosmer, and the Corbin Coal and Coke Co. at Corbin. While the period of operation in 1908 was short the Hosmer colliery produced 2,627 tons of coal and 365 tons of coke, while the Corbin colliery produced a total of 4,111 tons of coal. Both mines have been highly developed, and are fully equipped for a very large production which will make a big difference in the figures for 1909.

In the western part of the interior are the mines of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company. The returns of this mine for 1908 were :

COAL		TONS	TONS
Sold for Consumption in Canada		26,000	
Used under Colliery Boilers	-	227	26,227
Stock on hand first of year	-	948	
Stock on hand last of year	-	321	627
Output for year - - - -		- - - -	25,600

Several other large prospects, notably in the Flathead Valley and in the Valley of the Elk River, in south-eastern British Columbia, will possibly soon be producers.