

OUR COAL TRADE.

Canada annually consumes more than a ton of coal per head of the population. In round figures our consumption is 6,000,000 tons, for which the consumer pays at least \$21,000,000. It seems but a few years since Nova Scotia became a province of the New Dominion. But in these few years Canada's consumption of coal has increased from 715,000 to 6,000,000 tons. Of this, one half is home product and the other half imported. Of the imported, 1,500,000 tons are anthracite, admitted free of duty, and which has become a very serious competitor with the home product bituminous; and 1,500,000 tons are American bituminous imported into Ontario. Of Canada's product of 4,000,000 tons of bituminous, 3,000,000 tons enter into home consumption and 1,000,000 tons are exported mostly from British Columbia to San Francisco.—Bridgewater, N.S., Enterprise.

INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY.

There is no danger of an exhaustion of the gold fields of the earth. The world's yearly production of gold is now about \$210,000,000, double the aggregate produced seven years ago, and greater than that produced in any other year in the whole world's history. Prior to last year's vast output of gold the greatest product was in the year 1853, when the river gravels of California and Australia were yielding their richest stores of yellow metal.—Western Mining World.

PUSHING FURTHER ON.

F. W. Valteau, of Ottawa, who represents an English syndicate of enormous wealth, arrived in Vancouver last week to fit out a prospecting party whose field of operations this year lies some distance beyond Hazelton, on the Skenna. The party travel thither on the steamer Barbara Boscowitz on that vessel's next trip north, and their object will be to locate some of the mineralized properties which the syndicate believes exist there in unlimited numbers. Having found these developments will be carried on extensively. Mr. Valteau was one of the men who first went into the Omineca country with Col. Wright two years ago and is largely interested in the Omineca.—B.C. Mining Journal.

LONDON BELIEVES IN US.

In half a dozen widely separated districts—the Seine River, the Lake-of-the-Woods, and, above all, in Kootenay—mining has been carried beyond the experimental stage. Each of these districts has its bonanza mine, properties of indisputable value, making large and regular returns to their owners. Any one of them may be safely capitalized for the London market at millions of dollars.—London, Eng., Journal of Commerce.

SCIENCE VS. BUSINESS.

It is said that when the distinguished Mr. Hardman, mining expert, of Montreal, was here last summer he was asked to visit the Kootenay mine as one of the representative mines of the camp. He did so, but had hardly entered the tunnel when he turned on his heel and with a wave of his hand and a contemptuous

sneer, said: "I do not care to see anything more." This meant that he did not consider the mine worth looking at. This probably accounts for the fact that in his celebrated interview in a Montreal paper, in which the able Mr. Hardman did all he could to discredit this camp, he did not even mention the Kootenay as among the mining possibilities here.

Now that Mr. Heinze, after a most rigid examination, has purchased the Kootenay for his Trail smelter, and paid \$500,000 for it, we would like to ask the editor of the Canadian Mining Review who is the better able to judge of the value of this property—Mr. Heinze or Mr. Hardman? Mr. Heinze backs his judgment with his money; Mr. Hardman backed his with a sneer.—Kootenay Miner.

NEW DENVER NEWS.

A Victoria man has bought the Ten Mile Bonanza and Cameron.

The Howard Fraction is to be stocked for \$500,000 by Herbert Cuthbert.

R. J. Graham has sold a half interest in the Legal Tender to J. F. McLaughlin, of Rossland.

G. D. Scott has purchased the Nova Scotia, Iron Bound and Rising Star.

Frank Locasto and his partners have bonded the Slocan Chief, No. 10, and Kootenay Queen, on Kaslo Creek for \$30,000.

Messrs. Clark and McTaggart have sold the Silver Hill and Old Chum, on Lennox, to Montreal parties.

The Mountain View, on Granite Mountain, near Silverton, has been bonded by New Denver parties to John McMartin for \$20,000.

The Mary Durham and Leroy claims have been bonded by S. T. Walker.—New Denver, B.C., Ledger.

ANXIOUS FOR SOME PART.

Pittsburg people who were anxious to get in on the Hammond-Folger reef, but were unable to, have made an offer of \$200,000 for the Koboskong property, through which the reef runs. Reports from the property say that in the cross-cut free gold visible to the naked eye was encountered in good quantity. In the work a quartz vein was encountered in the reef.—Toronto Star.

PROVED THE RESULTS.

The mineral wealth of the Province of Ontario has been practically demonstrated by actual results from such mines as the Sultana, Mikado, Regina and many others. The most eminent mining engineers of the day, representing English and foreign capital, are authorities for the statement that the gold fields of Ontario are the most promising in the world, and when properly developed will astonish the world with the wealth which Nature has implanted here. The ore throughout the entire region is almost entirely free-milling, and averages \$20 to the ton.—London Mining Journal.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Northern Railway Co. has just issued a neat folder for "The Kootenay Country," with two maps, one showing the general route from St. Paul to the coast, and the other a detailed one of the mining district on both sides of the Boundary. Quite a lot of information is condensed into a few pages.

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