**A Month Required To Furnish Coke** 

From Three to Six Weeks Necessary to Secure Normal Conditions in Fuel Industry-Rossland Affected.

Although the Fernie strike is ended, Fernie district to such an extent that the depression arising from the short- labor trouble is not likely to be common to the entire coal industry at one age of coke has not been relieved, and will continue to exist for a period estitime.

Fortunately the shortage of coke in mated at from three to six weeks. British Columbia does not directly af-Meantime the smelters, particularly the Boundary plants, will be in bad fect the Rossland camp, as the operations of the Le Roi smelter at Northshape so far as operating is concerned. It is regarded as unlikely that the port will not be interfered with, an ar Granby, Greenwood and Standard rangement having been arrived at for smelters will attempt to smelt ore until a supply of eastern coke sufficient to the Fernie coke ovens are again turn- fill the bill until such time as the Crow's Nest Southern road commening out their product at a normal rate, while the Trail and Nelson smelters, not consuming as large quantities of port. As has been intimated, it is becoke, may be able to pull through for lieved that this will be coincident with the major portion of the period which an increase in the output of the Le Roi must elapse before coke is again forth- mine to about the total possible production of the mine under present con-The fact that the Crow's Nest Coal ditions-probably not less than 24,000 coming.

company ovens outside of Fernie af- tons monthly. forded a certain amount of coke during The coke shortage has probably afthe strike and that they were not tied fected Rossland in the way of postup as tightly as at Fernie makes it poning the date of the commencement probable that the lead smelters will be of shipments on a large scale from the War Eagle and Centre Star mincs able to operate.

The problem to the front now is as The smelter has a comparatively small to when the coke supply will be avail- storage room for gold-copper ores at able on the basis that existed before the plant, and had the mines commence the strike. The company has said ed sending down ore at the rate of 450 that in three weeks they will be able tons daily the smelter yard would have to resume shipments of coke with the been speedily congested and the cost ordinary tonnage. Outsiders who are of ultimate treatment would be enhance familiar with the situation and know ed by a second handling in the case of the difficulties to be overcome assert much of the ore. This is probably the that if the company is able to supply only reason why the promised shipthe demand in British Columbia within ments from the War Eagle and Centre six weeks it will be the best that can Star mines have not been started, and be expected. Somewhere between the it will, of course, be useless to expect two extremes is the probable date of shipping operations until the smelter has solved the coke problem

the resumption of the coke supply. The Granby smelter at Grand Forks Those who are interested in the maintenance of the country's coal and was the last of the Boundary plants to coke supply are finding some consola- succumb to the coke shortage. It went tion in the theory that a year hence a dark yesterday and will remain closed repetition of the trouble just concluded until the company is assured of coke will not be possible by reason of the supplies. Hitherto the Granby plant fact that the Blairmore and Frank has endeavored to keep running by coal fields will be advanced to the pro- utilizing wood in the furnaces to eke ductive stage where they will be a fac- out the available coke, but apparently tor in the fuel business of the Koote- the conclusion has been reached that nays, and that the conditions in the a wiser policy will be to await the re-new camps differ from those of the sumption of coke shipments.

Mining Operations in

## **Twenty Million Feet** Washing Placer Gold Near Erie Camp **Burnt in a Week**

The absorbing topic along the line of vive placer mining in this district of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard road is placer mining on the north fork of Sal-mon river some three miles north of mon river some three miles north of the California placer miners went the town of Erie. The reports to hand through the Kootenays and struck it regarding the discoveries would seem rich at several points. On Forty-Nine to indicate that the placer strikes are creek, near Nelson, on Rover creek in the same vicinity, Eagle and Sandy likely to become important. The north fork of the Salmon has creeks, all in the free milling belt to been staked for a distance of five miles, the west of Nelson, many thousands and scores of miners are at work pros- cf dollars were washed out, and hypecting their claims on the creek bed. draulicing many years later yielded The methods of saving the values are considerable quantities of the virgin not particularly efficient as yet, but an yellow metal, although the operations instance is given of a claim owned by as a whole were not especially success Peterson Brothers where the men em- ful. If the Salmon creek finds prove ployed are saving an average of \$5 extensive placer mining is certain to each. In some cases excellent strikes receive an impetus that will lead to ber is estimated to have gong up in they got out.

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are reported, but the men on the creek renewed 'investigation on Forty-Nine smoke last week in the forest fire ragare sticking to the work and few of and other creeks, and with the experithe successful ones have come out as ence gained in the past it is by no means improbable that success may be

the affairs of the Mollie Gibson mine, were arranged in turn and for the pas

of which he is probably the largest in- year the development of the property

dividual shareholder, and an officer of has been progressing steadily. Ship-

The Mollie Gibson mine and the af-tairs of the company owning it occu-conditions in the lead market only per-

pied a prominent place in the mining mit of the profitable shipment of the

annals of West Kootenay for several higher grades of ore. years, and doubtless will attain a po- The Mollie Gibson company is ambi-

years, and doubtless will attain a po-sition of prominence again at no late date. In common with all silver-lead mine, their program calling for an

mines, the Mollie Gibson is under a electric tramway from the property to temporary cloud, but the mine has an Kootenay lake, a distance of twelve

which will one day be shipped, the date on the reverberatory system for the depending upon a turn for the bet-ter in connection with lead prices. shipment of their output. The fulfili-

The mine probably has the record for the Kootenays in respect to litigation. After its location and when the fact ket that will justify the heavy outlay

ments are being made, though on a

The finds on Salmon river may re- attained.

To Inspect the

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Forest Fires on Wild Horse Creek Destroyed Immense Quantity of Valuable Timber-Ymir Had Narrow Escape.

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Twenty million feet of excellent tim- almost surrounded by the fire before The Ymir people sent to Nelson for hose to assist them in fighting the ing on Wild Horse creek in the Ymir flames, and a quantity of hose was forsection. The fire has swept through warded Sunday morning by the corpormagnificent timber limits, destroying ation of Nelson. In previous years similar appeals came to Nelson from Ymir. everything in sight and wiping out nu-Trainmen report that several large merous mine buildings and cabins. It forest fires can be seen from the train on the Slocan branch. The fires are in lost, but this is not impossible by any Lemon creek gulch, and appear to be working toward the Slocan divide. The Rossland district has not been touched by forest fires as yet, but the haze that hangs over the horizon in

they were usually initiated for the four out and at one juncture there was no dents hang thereon. Colonel Ray will spend some days in Nelson going over

is not known that any lives have been means, as the fire made such rapid Mollie Gibson Mine headway as to almost cut off several crews of miners in the hills. The buildings at the Black Cock and all directions apparently comes from Wilcox mines have been burned, and this source and it is probable that a

Colonel S. W. Ray of Port Arthur, was unusually valuable, the property at the former property the miners and few days will develop fires nearer home. left last night for Nelson after spend- was plunged into litigation through a two families who were living at the the destruction of valuable timber in left last night for Nelson after spend-ing several days in Rossland renewing to the location. Suits involving hun-for a time. The Ymir buildings are safe, affords the strongest possible argument old friendships. Colonel Ray has been dreds of thousands of dollars were filed the fire early in the week having burned in favor of the appointment of forest visiting the Golden City and district in the supreme court of the province all around it, but it is reported that at rangers with extraordinary powers in periodically for a number of years and and while the litigation raged the law- the cyanide plant several cottages have the matter of fighting bush fires. This is well known here, particularly to sev- yers retained by the litigants had a been burned, also the half-way house, has been urged upon the government eral citizens who came west from the harvest. It has been estimated that not on the road between Ymir and the at various sessions of the legislature, Port Arthur country. Among his warm a cent less than \$50,000 was expended mine. Great uneasiness exists at Ymir but no steps were ever taken along the personal friends here is Charles Oc-tave Lalonde, who is an old Port Ar-of ore was extracted from the mine. as everything is so very dry. Meet-and posting up of notices warning setthurite, and who so closely resembles Ultimately this matter was settled ings of the citizens have been held to tlers, campers and others against Colonel Ray in facial appearance that out of the courts, and the company had discuss the best means of fighting the recklessness in the use of camp fires. when both men lived in the same town smooth sailing until about a year and fire. In the mountains there have been Meantime each year witnesses the dethey were usually mistaken for each a half ago, when fresh trouble cropped a number of narrow escapes, the fire struction of immense quantities of tim-

> Found Platinum In Burnt Basin

temporary cloud, but the mine has an Kootenay lake, a distance of twelve immense tonnage of high grade ore miles, together with a reduction plant for the Newark, N. J., Refiners Say Mineral More Valuable Than Gold Exists in Quantities in Ores of the Contact.

Somewhat Restricted An extremely interesting and import-ant discovery has been made in connecting that if the Contact Beople can concen-An extremely interesting and import- make a bid for the product. This means camp. It has been demonstrated that preserve 75 per cent of the actual platat least one property has ore carrying inum contents, the big refiners are anx-The output of ore for last week was, ing August 9th and for the year to date platinum in commercial quantities. lous to secure their output. The comhigher than gold at the present time, struction of a concentrator, and this that the mineral is exceedingly rare in pleasant discovery in connection with 40,877 that the mineral is electronicity date in their ore is likely to stimulate them to

## Thomas H. Kennedy, a local mining men working and expects to be able to man and prospector and a friend of ship ore before the summer is over.

The Cassiar District Shipments of Ore

Will J. Pascoe, who lately returned from is not uncommon, according to Kenthe Skeena river country, arrived some nedy, to see native silver in the ore. rs ago from the one time famous The main lead is situated six miles week, but is hardly up to the normal from the river bank and is very rich. standard as yet. The reduction of condays ago from the one time famous The main lead is situated six miles

somewhat larger than for the preceding is as follows:

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The company has a mule train for the district is one in which many Rosstransportation of their ores and supplies landers have been interested at one time to and from the mines. Lorne creek is thirty miles up the

or another, and there are at present quite a few of Rossland's former citi- Skeena river from Kitsilass Canyon, or 110 miles from Port Essington. At zens at work or prospecting, not alone this point are Two hydraulic properties, in Cassiar district, but along the Skesthe Dry Hill Hydraulic Company and na river and its numerous tributaries. the Hardscrabble Hydraulic Company. The Cassiar district has been pros-Both companies employ about 25 men pected over time and time again. Men between them. The water is supplied ed the mountains in the early by the snow fall and is caught by a sixties on horseback and packed their series of ditches and dams and consupplies behind them. They found rich veyed to the mine. A portion of the ore and many a rich claim in that water is used for a pipe head and the section was taken up and development balance for ground sluicing. The Hardwork commenced. It was the knowledge scrabble Company is on the same chanthat there were such rich values to be nel as the Dry Hill, only two miles time to be regarded as a possible second above. It shows the same gravel wash El Dorado. The lack of transportation facilities, however, gave the country a decided set-back, and for a long time virgin property, this having been its working the two mines is the scarcity nothing but prospecting has been inof water. The same conditions are in dulged in by miners. vogue in the balance of the propertie

country, due probably to the fact that in that neighborhood. The placer exthe Canadian Northern made an anthis section into prominence, was due nouncement that it intended building to the fact that Lorne creek crosscut its road into that section and opening it up for future mining development. The building of this road will undoubtedly mean much for the country over was produced. which it traverses. It will not only The Buckley Valley is worthy of note open up the Cassiar district, but the ince of the Skeena river country as well. It is known to be rich in various minerals, and those who have been through the country predict a glorious future for it. There are a couple of mines whose ore runs \$2500 to the ton, while a couple of others come very

near to the above mark. The Cassiar mining district is accessible by two routes. One by steamboats

in the fall. to Port Essington or through Port Simpson. The former route is considered the best, as one can take the steamer from Port Essington to Hazleton, a distance of 180 miles up the Skeena river. The trip has been made into the Cassiar district in five days by this route, but it was done only under the most favorable circumstance The steamer Hazleton, which plies up the Skeena to Hazleton, is one of the best river boats ever built for work on waters that are all more or less dangerous for successful navigation The boat has a carrying capacity of 100 tons and accommodation for 50 firstclass passengers. From Hazleton it is an easy matter to get to the Cassiar district. At present there are two camps of note on the river. They are the

Lorne Creek and the Kitsilass Canyon.

Yesterday-Loyal Addresses. DUBLIN, Aug. 12.-Earl Cadogan the retiring lord lieutenant of Ireland, was accompanied with considerable

> The Earl of Dudley, the succeeding about the middle of the bridge, and lord lieutenant, will assume office with-

out delay.

All values in the Cassiar district run in quartz mining, which carries high val-

EARL CADOGAN.

ues in gold, silver and copper. Mr. st, a representative of the property that promises well. At pre- of this city, have assigned, with liabilivery fine sent he has somewhere over thirty ties of about \$100,000.

sumption at the smelter accounts large-Centre Star .... ly for existing conditions, together War Eagle ...... with the fact that the supply of cars Rossland G. W. .. .. .. for the Le Roi was somewhat limited. Giant... ..... 180 This week shipping operations are Cascade .. .. .. .. .. ... likely to be larger, particularly if the Columbia-Kootenay .. .. efforts to unload ore cars at Northport Bonanza .. .. .. .. .. .. are successful and the supply of cars Velvet .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. Spitzee .. .. .. .. .. ..

became generally known that the mine incidental thereto.

is thus increased. THE OUTPUT.

The output of ore for the week end-

Engineer Killed In C. P. R. Trainwreck

A serious accident occurred on the fall rendered him unconscious and the Slocan and Nakusp branch of the C. burning timbers falling around soon

P. R. yesterday afternoon, which recitement of 1884, which first brought sulted in the death of Engineer James late hour last night no trace of his Cannacher and the injury of the fire- body could be found. man and a brakeman and the total. The train in falling caught fire and

wreck of the train. There was fortun- was completely destroyed in a short a result of the crosscutting of the old ately few passengers aboard when the space of time. So fierce was the flames creek, a large quantity of gold dust accident occurred, otherwise the loss of that all work of rescue had to be abanlife might have reached large propor- doned. Several attemps were made to

abouts. The coal is found in vast bodies and is equal, according to mineral ex-perts, to the best that is produced on the coast today. Unfortunately for this section, the lack of transportation Cannacher at the throttle, was travel-ing along at a fair rate of speed when this section, the lack of transpo coal properties. Kennedy, Pascoe and the accident occurred. When the train late last night. What caused the fire o had reached some twenty-five miles out the bridge is not known, but it is supseveral other Rosslanders will prob-

of Nakusp and some three miles this posed to have originated from burning side of Rosebery, a small town near the cinders dropped from passing locomo ably return to the country some time head of Slocan lake, the engineer on tives.

The accident occurred during the af approaching bridge 19, noticed smoke rising ahead of him. He slowed up to ternoon, some time between the hours Formally Said Farewell to Ireland feel his way, but as the smoke thinned of 3 and 4 o'clock.

James Cannacher, the dead engineer out somewhat he thought it was nothing more than a brush fire and that is well known throughout this section everything was safe ahead. He therefore having come west from Nova Scotia sometime in 1883. He was always restarted the engine ahead, but on nearand Countess Cadogan formally said ing the bridge he discovered that the garded as a highly efficient engineer. farewell to Ireland today. The event structure was on fire from end to end, and is one of the company's old-timers at the throttle. It is said that he handalthough it was not burning very briskceremony, which took place in the ly. Thinking that the structure would led one of the first engines ever run throne room of Dublin Castle. A num- still be able to bear the weight of the in this part of the country. He has been engine and the two coaches, and not in the service of the C. P. R. since 1880 mand of the Duke of Connaught lined the route to the railway station. The visit and the two coaches had reached The train and the two coaches had reached at full steam. When the train and the two coaches had reached is the train and the two coach

when the unfortunate engineer was thinking that he would get across un-

CALDWELL THE WINNER.

carrying it in this shape are in der In addition to the platinum values, ily revolutionize the history of the the presence of which was unsuspected the world over. The discovery may easheretofore, the Contact ores carry \$10 Burnt Basin camp. Within the past month, while work to \$12 in gold and silver and are so con-

was in full swing on the Burnt Basin stituted as to be concentrated into an mines owned by the Contact Mines, exceedingly valuable product. Further Ltd., Henry P. Jackson, managing di- expenditures for plant and equipment rector of the company, picked up some are essential to operations on a large ore from the dump and was rather scale, particularly as the camp is as puzzled to determine its characteristics, yet unsupplied with the wagon road fathe opinion having existed previously cilities that have been granted to the that gold and silver were the only St. Thomas mountain mines on the valuable contents to be expected. Mr. other side of the Columbia & Western Jackson submitted the samples to tests railroad. The development work in the and was surprised to find that they re- Contact has blocked out some 7000 tons of ore, according to the report of the Thereupon an average sample of the management, and if it eventuates that ponded to the tests for platinum. ein as exposed for a total distance of this entire tonnage contains platinum eighty feet was carefully taken and to the same extent as the ore from forwarded to Baker & Company, the which samples were taken, the company well known gold, silver and platinum refiners of Newark, N. J., with the complished to pay all expenses to date

request that platinum should be looked and equip the property for further and for. Yesterday Mr. Jackson received a more extended exploitation. communication from the Newark firm The discovery is naturally of importinforming him that they were pleased ance to the entire camp, which includes

to report that platinum existed in the a score of properties in which Rosssamples in commercial quantities to landers are largely interested. The Conthe extent of a quarter ounce troy per tact ore has always been regarded as ton. The firm further stated that if the characteristic of the camp as a whole Contact people had concentrating facili- and if this proves to be the case on life might have reached large property of the passen-tions. As it was, most of the passen-get at the place where Cannacher was tions as it was, most of the passentions. As it was, most of the passent supposed to have been pinned down, them to offer concentrates running in more likely to come to the front more the neighborhood of 75 per cent fine in rapidly than would be the case under

platinum the firm would be pleased to ordinary circumstances.

## TRIDENTE WINS THE SEAWANHAKA CUP

MONTREAL, Aug. 11 .- Tridente wong mendous squall of rain, but gained 1 the Seawanhaka cup today by defeat- minute 18 seconds on the reach. Jening Tecumseh by 5 minutes 27 seconds. nings superseded Jenkins at the tiller The course was triangular and at the which saved her from some of the trehour of start there was a dead calm. mendous pounding of the sea. In the After waiting an hour and a half the run Tridente again took in one reef, breeze strengthened and a squall sprang but Tecumseh held on. At the begin up. After the preliminary signal both ning of the last leg Tridente's No. yachts took in two reefs and carried jib blew away, and came down with a storm jibs. Tecumseh anchored to lee- run. No. 2 was already bent and was ward of the line to do it, and was con- quickly set on the balloon jib halyards. sequently four minutes late in cross- It could not be got flat and she could

ied in velocity from 25 to 18 miles an she made up 1 minute 17 seconds, but hour and a nasty sea got up. Tridente was nearly 7 minutes ahead at the end The Oshkosh Club has alread The Oshkosh Club has already sent

from end to end, precipitating the train ry Caldwell of Manchester defeated Joe of the first leg, a beat, but lost in the challenge for next year's races; others The train, in falling, pinned Cannacher in the ten mile heats motor paced to-Carson & Co., departmental merchants down in the midst of a mass of burning night, the first one by one and a half the worst of the weather in the beat ton and other places. The Bridgeport they are seigned with light the bar and beat and beat to be the bar and beat and beat the bar and beat timbers, while scalding steam and miles and the second by one and one-water fell on him from all sides. The eighth miles.

NEWPORT, D. Remington, ing Remingto the Newport arrived from

