## BRITISH COLUMBIA'S COKE SHORTAGE.

The fuel situation in British Columbia has become somewhat serious, and it has been stated that the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company is largely to blame.

The Monetary Times has interviewed Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, the company's general manager, at Fernie, who says:—

We are not shipping coke to the Montana smelters. All the Canadian smelters who have contracted with us were overstocked on July 1st. Since then very little coke was shipped to Montana, largely the result of us being obliged to load penalty cars by the C.P.R. None has been sent during the past five weeks. Statements that we are or have been shipping to Montana, to the detriment of the Canadian smelters, are entirely without foundation. Montana shipments have nothing to do with the coke shortage. The shortage is entirely due to labor conditions, and this fact is well known to smelter men. We have, however, shipped coke regularly to Northport to the extent of their proportion of our output, regarding that as a Canadian smelter, otherwise the Leroi mines would have had to be closed.

Mr. W. H. Leck, manager of the Bank of Hamilton at Winkler, Man., has been notified to hold himself in readiness for a transfer, which is in the nature of a promotion.

Mr. John F. Rosen, formerly connected with the Soo Line in the auditors' office, Minneapolis, has accepted a position with the British-America Elevator Co., of Winnipeg.

Mr. F. H. McGuigan, formerly fourth vice-president of the G.T.R., and later first vice-president and general manager of the Great Northern, visited Montreal this week. Whether there is any likelihood of Mr. McGuigan renewing his connection with the Grand Trunk or not is impossible to say, but there is a rumor that he will do so. His many friends in Montreal are hoping this is so.