



Other Properties Being Exploited.

Surrounding the shipping mines are a number of properties on which only exploration work has been carried out so far, but most of which will be shipping within a year or two. These are the Standard Collieries, adjoining the A. R. and I. Co. and Royal Collieries, and the property owned by W. C. Simmons and associates, immediately west of the Diamond Coal Co.'s mines.

While the chief market of Lethbridge coal is throughout Western Canada, a large amount of it goes to the big cities of Montana and Washington States, where there is an enormous demand for coal of its fine quality."

Crow's Nest Pass Coal Mines.

It must be borne in mind that Lethbridge is the only wholesale centre near the great mines of the Crow's Nest Pass, with their coke ovens and other industries, such as the lime burning and cement plants.

The output of the active mines is calculated for this year at close to 2,500,000 tons, and it is estimated that there is a distribution of \$1,000,000 per month in wages along this line within 250 miles of the city.

Invitation to Manufacturers.

Lethbridge is just beginning its career as a manufacturing and jobbing metropolis. With its location, its rapidly increasing population, the growth of its many young neighbors, and the expansion of the agricultural and mining pursuits in its territory, business men of vision see promise of a great industrial centre. Southern Alberta consumes hundreds of carloads of miscellaneous merchandise every day already, and every year that quantity makes enormous leaps upward. This means a consumption sufficient to absorb the output of many factories.

Multitudes of small, but thriving, country towns are springing up. Such a group of towns and such a tributary country demand a metropolis, a centre for the manufacture and distribution of such articles as they consume.

Lethbridge, as the railway centre, the jobbing centre, business centre of this rich territory, can have no other destiny than to become its manufacturing centre. Its growth in the past two or three years sufficiently demonstrates that fact.

