

government, but he declares that should the Ottawa administration fail to act the provincial government will cause an inquiry to be instituted.

The fact that a proportion of the coal supply of British Columbia lies beyond the borders of the province makes it desirable that the investigation should be under federal auspices, and might tend to limit the scope of a provincial inquiry. But even so, an investigation under the direction of the McBride government is likely to have results that would be a boon to the consumers of coal in British Columbia. In spite of obstacles, Mr. McBride and his colleagues have a way of

accomplishing objects that they believe to be for the advantage of the province.

Grand Forks.—The eighth furnace at the Granby reduction works at Grand Forks was blown in last week and it is believed the smelter is entering upon an era of record-breaking production. With the price of copper ranging around and about 14 cents, the Granby is in a position to make profits, and it is intended to operate at full capacity in order to get some copper on the market. It usually requires two or three months for the blister copper to reach the east and be refined ready for sale.

COMPANY NOTES

INTERNATIONAL COAL AND COKE.

The International Coal & Coke Co., which passed its quarterly dividend in November, also passed the quarterly dividend payable February 1st. Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, the president, in a MINING—8-point—FIVE Pwill circular, explains the reason as follows: "As you are perhaps aware, our mines were shut down during the last year for some eight months, owing to a general strike among the miners of Alberta and British Columbia. While there was no special controversy between this company and its miners—and their quitting work was in sympathy with the other miners in this district—it nevertheless caused a very heavy loss. The men returned to work last November, and our mines are now working full force. Because of this suspension of operations it was necessary to pass the last quarterly dividend, and it considers it good business judgment to pass the dividend which would regularly be payable on February 1st. With matters moving as they are now, it is hoped we can resume the payment of dividends in the near future."

DOMES REPORT.

The first annual report of the Dome Mines Company, Limited, of Porcupine, shows that in the period ended November 30th last the company expended \$1,097,745 and had \$202,192 cash on hand November 30th, with but \$13,545 in accounts receivable.

Of the \$1,097,745 the company paid \$672,060 on plant and equipment and \$69,012 on general development. Bonds of \$450,000 were redeemed in September. From gold produced the company received \$4,276, and following the fire which de-

stroyed the partly completed mill in July, the company collected in insurance \$309,236. The mill is practically complete. The stamps will commence dropping next month.

When the property begins operations next month, it is expected to treat from 350 to 400 tons a day; the mill has 40 stamps with the necessary tube and other milling appliances to enable the operation of an 800-ton mill. The mill, rock-house and power buildings are of steel and concrete and fire-proof; the storehouse, laboratory and other buildings are of steel and brick. The company has completed a two-mile railroad spur connecting the mill with the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railroad.

No attempt is made in the report to give the tonnage in sight. It is stated that the diamond drill has indicated a large body of ore of good milling grade and that the ore has been cut at various depths to 1,000 feet and sufficient ore has been disclosed to justify permanent equipment of large capacity.

Eight shafts have been sunk from 35 to 200 feet and at the 50-foot level, 1,310 feet of drifting and crosscutting have been done; diamond drill holes have been put down for a total length of 9,046 feet.

The report adds that the insurance collected has been deducted from the amount shown as expended on the property and that in addition to the expenditures shown, the Monell syndicate expended \$375,000, which makes a total of \$1,169,588 spent in development and equipment.

The Dome directors and officers are Ambrose Monell, president; W. S. Edwards, E. F. Wood and W. A. Bostwick, vice-presidents; Alex. Fasken, secretary; E. C. Converse, Captain J. R. Delamar, C. I. Denison and J. S. Wilson.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS

CONSOLIDATED MINING & SMELTING.

The Consolidated Company's smelter at Trail received, during December, 22,622 tons of ore, and smelted 24,512 tons. The value of the month's production was \$313,320, of which 38 per cent. was gold, and the value of six months' production was \$2,477,112, of which 58 per cent. was gold.

BRITISH COLUMBIA COPPER.

The production of the British Columbia Copper Company for the fiscal year ended November 30th, was 9,969,026 pounds of copper, 130,441 ounces of silver and 30,742 ounces of gold, comparing with 7,143,456 pounds of copper, 84,180 ounces of silver and 24,962 ounces of gold in the previous year.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments for the week and year to date in tons are:—

	Week of Feb. 2.	Total.
La Rose	133.07	259.19
Coniagas	102.02	221.92
O'Brien	61.15
Right of Way	35.88
Chambers-Ferland	32.00
McKinley-Darragh	73.28	208.41
Nipissing	35.25	118.65
Hudson Bay	31.42	62.95
Buffalo	28.12	57.31
Crown Reserve	22.45	68.25