

congratulated upon the results achieved, and still more so upon the bright prospects of the undertaking."

In the course of a speech he made at the banquet given at Dawson on November 7 to Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, commissioner of Yukon Territory, Dr. Alfred Thompson, M. P. for Yukon, said: "Last session the Dominion Parliament gave Yukon its present mining code and several other things that we wanted. At the coming session among the most important things to settle will be the concession question. If we are to have these lands thrown open, now is the time."

"What is the matter with the Cariboo Gold Fields, Ltd., reorganized last spring as the Williams Creek Dredging and Transportation Company?" asks the Barkerville correspondent of the *Ashcroft Journal*. Continuing, he observes: "It seems that the company is without a head. The only work done by the concern this year was a little in the way of maintenance; that little was imperatively needed, but was far less than required to put the property in good order. The waste flume and drain tunnel need extensive repairs, and the collapse of either would mean a serious money loss if the owners intend to utilize any of the existing improvements in the valley."

That mining properties in Nicola mining division are attracting the attention of capitalists is quite evident from the number of men representing capital visiting the Nicola Valley during the past few weeks, remarks the *Nicola Herald*. Now that Nicola district has transportation facilities it will only be a short time until some of the promising mineral claims will be developed and in shipping condition. There are numbers of properties close to the railway awaiting capital and it is confidently expected that next year will see the Nicola Valley with many mines in operation.

The recently-published report of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd., for six months to June 30 last shows that during that period the company made an "operating profit," after writing off expenses of incorporation and \$45,905 as depreciation of plant and equipment, of \$325,854.93. Two dividends were paid, amounting together to \$234,940, and \$20,000 was passed to a special reserve fund, leaving a balance to credit of Profit and Loss of \$70,914.93. The total value of the metals extracted from the ore smelted at the company's smelting works at Trail was \$2,994,927. The value of lead and silver extracted from ore from its St. Eugene mine was \$798,660, and that of gold, silver and copper from its Centre Star and War Eagle mines, \$823,790; a total of \$1,622,450.

"Many of the Canadian papers estimate the cost of the recent strike as having been in the neighborhood of \$500,000," remarks the *Fernie Free Press*. "The figures given by the *Vancouver Province* are: Loss to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company in profits,

\$100,000; cost of putting the mines in good condition, \$50,000; wages lost by the men, \$300,000; loss to the Government in royalties, \$20,000; total, \$470,000. The company declines to either affirm or deny the correctness of the figures, but the loss of wages must be correct, based on previous pay rolls. This seems an appalling loss of money to the company and men, irrespective of the indirect loss to other industries, to be occasioned all because President Mitchell was wrongly advised before he sent his memorable telegram. This furnishes a good illustration of the necessity of having careful and reliable men at the head of union affairs."

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company is reported to be opening up two more mines at its Coal Creek colliery. According to the *Fernie Free Press*, the general manager of the company (G. G. S. Lindsey) lately said, in reply to enquiries made:

"There is a force of men driving a tunnel on a new seam at the rock cut. This coal now looks like a good domestic variety, more lumpy than in other seams, and if it continues as the tunnel proceeds it will find a ready demand in the domestic market. The seam is now 5 ft. thick, but the outcroppings higher up show a width of 10 ft. We are also proceeding with the development of No. 6 mine, which is located on the south side of the valley and about 1,000 ft. west of No. 2 mine. This seam has been tunnelled for 100 ft. The seam is about 8 ft. wide, and the coal is of an excellent steaming and coking variety."

The settlement of the recent labour difficulties at the collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company was undoubtedly hastened by the timely intervention of the Provincial Government represented, in the capacity of acting premier, by Hon. R. G. Tatlow, who, upon satisfying himself that President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America had been misled as to the precise conditions, and had so ordered a strike, communicated with Mr. Mitchell. Thereupon a committee representing the U. M. W. A. was sent to Fernie, with the eventual good result of the actual position being placed before those empowered to arrange a settlement and a speedy decision that the men should return to work. For its judicious action in this matter the Provincial Government is entitled to the thanks of the community.

The Barkerville correspondent of the *Ashcroft Journal* makes the following comment: "When the Cariboo Consolidated, Ltd., struck pay diggings at La Fontaine the same was hailed with satisfaction and a chorus of congratulations; everyone was pleased seemingly, and if anyone was displeased he is not making the fact apparent. But the best pleased men in Cariboo were the local shareholders, Manager Bailey and the workmen at the mine, who bought shares early and held on. I note in a London paper, the *Mining World and Engineering Record* of October 20, that the 2s. preference shares which cost the local