

from sale in 1907. In 1912 the new Forest Act created a forest service to administer and protect from fire the public timber lands, and the Minister of Lands is now giving authority to sell public timber where such sales are in the public interest.

DOMINION GOVERNMENT LANDS. All lands within twenty miles on each side of the Canadian Pacific Railway, known as the "Railway Belt," are the property of Canada. The total area is about 17,150 square miles. In addition there is the "Peace River Block," amounting to three and a half million acres, lying between longitude 120 and 122 degrees west, and between latitude 55 degrees, 30 minutes and 57 degrees north.

PRIVATE LANDS. See Announcement on page 79.

Mining

BRICK. Suitable clay deposits are found in all districts. The manufacture is increasing rapidly. A very good deposit of fire clay exists at Clayburn, near Vancouver, from which pressed brick and fire brick are being made. The Silica Brick and Lime Co. manufactures a light grey lime silica brick at Victoria. Production, 1911, red brick, \$405,100; fire, etc., \$147,980.

BUILDING STONE. Some very good quarries of sandstone, granite and andesite have been opened up on tide water. Except on the coast there is little building stone used. See B.C. Marble. Production, 1911, building stone, \$1,419,000.

CEMENT. The Vancouver Portland Cement Co., manufacturing at Tod Inlet, 13 miles from Victoria, has a capacity of 500,000 barrels in a year. Production, 1911, cement, \$650,000.

COAL. Beds occur in Vancouver Island, the Crow's Nest Pass, at Princeton, Nicola and the Bulkley Valley, and the Queen Charlotte Islands, headwaters Skeena River. In 1911, actual production was practically confined to Crow's Nest Pass Collieries in East Kootenay, and the now Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd., the Western Fuel Co., Pacific Coast Coal Mines, and Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Mining Co., on Vancouver Island. On the mainland are the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co., Diamond Vale Colliery Co., Pacific Coast Colliery Co., Inland Coal and Coke Syndicate, Princeton Coal and Land Co., Columbia Coal and Coke Co. The gross output was 2,297,718 long tons. The Crow's Nest Pass mines are