

"There is a prospective demand, provided we obtain access to the American market, as I shall hereafter mention, for 4,500 tons of coal per day within a year, and in three years we expect to increase our output to about 6,000 tons of coal per day, a large portion of which will be converted into coke in our ovens, and within five years we expect to have a pay-roll of fully \$10,000 per day, which will be sufficient to maintain three important industrial centres in the coal district.

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"All business men will at once realize how important such a development will be to the country at large, as mining camps are invariably extensive consumers of supplies. Not only will there be the direct employment for several thousand Canadian working-men, but a new and most extensive demand will be created for the products of Canadian factories in the East, and the food supplies from the western farms and cattle ranches.

"It is only fair to you, however, to state that the present demand of British Columbia for coal and coke would not justify any such expenditures as we propose to make. This is