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### CROW'S NEST COAL.

The Crow's Nest Coal Company has now some twenty colliers at work on a seam seven feet wide containing excellent coking coal. The force will be greatly enlarged when railway communication with Robson and Rossland is open next year, by which time it is estimated that several thousand tons will be ready for shipment. It therefore appears as if even ere the end of 1898, the collieries in the Crow's Nest district of East Kootenay will begin to range beside the Vancouver Island producers as large shippers of coal and coke. British Columbia will soon, and that easily, take pride of place as the greatest coal mining region in all Canada. Nova Scotia will be quite distanced.

### YET ANOTHER APPLICATION.

Mr. McDonell, of Vancouver, is about to apply for a Dominion charter of incorporation for the parties to the Coast-Kootenay scheme. The intended company's aim is to construct a railway from Burrard Inlet at or near Vancouver to New Westminster, thence to Hope and beyond to the Columbia river and Lethbridge, Alberta, with power to construct a branch to Kamloops and to some point on the Gulf of Georgia and to own and navigate vessels on the coast and inland waters of the province. The C. P. R. will have a say in this matter, of course, and whatever the fate of this application for charter of incorporation, will no doubt in the end win the day in the struggle to connect Hope with the South Kootenay mine country via Boundary. Sir Wm. Van Horne, by the bye, says that the C. P. R. never buys a charter second hand. It gets them often enough, however, somehow, and for value, as witness the B.C. Southern and many another deal in charters or charter rights. And more than one charter is now held under another title of incorporation, in trust for the C. P. R. However, whatever the particular method, the important fact to note is that the C. P. R. gets there just the same, and this, practically, every time. So doubtless will it be with the Hope-Kootenay rail road scheme, and some day, perhaps 10 years hence, a railroad from Vancouver to Chilliwack may and will also be built by the C. P. R. unless the hands of its capable and astute directors before then get lost in counting. After recent occurrences, the MINING CRITIC "takes no stock" in "railroads for the people" platform platitudes. At present they are in vogue in Western Canada save vote catching, except when the utterances are made by too sanguine enthusiasts, who continue to believe state railroad ownership in Canada practicable, when a majority of members of legislatures and of parliament, however they talk of the matter, prefer to build and work railroads through corporations.

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