



about five miles in length was built last Summer from Lethbridge to the company's mine. This is owned by the company, but the C. P. R., under a trackage agreement, do the hauling." At present from 350 to 400 men are employed in the Royal mines, but when running to its full capacity, of course, the number will be much greater. They will shortly sink their largest and most important shaft directly east of "North Lethbridge" described in this booklet, which lies a few hundred feet from the Galt shaft No. 6, and adjoins that property. It is hardly necessary to point to the fact that this north district of Lethbridge will become valuable very quickly, as there is extremely little land available for building on account of it being mostly held for mining purposes.

Diamond Coal Mines.

"Directly opposite the Royal mines, and on the west side of the Belly River, are located the workings of the Diamond Coal Co. This company has been developing its property for the last three years, and commenced shipping on a large scale last Fall on the completion of their branch railway joining the new Lethbridge-McLeod cut-off of the C. P. R. at Prairie View (which gives them an entrance into Lethbridge without building an enormous bridge across the river valley). Had the latter been completed earlier they would doubtless have begun shipping that much sooner, in which case, by this time, they would have been shipping their maximum output, the capacity of their plant being from 1,000 tons to 1,200 per day.

"The holdings of the company consist of eight square miles of coal rights, with an estimated body of 50,000,000 tons, and three and a half square miles of surface rights. They have to date expended about \$300,000 on the plant and equipment. It is their intention to push development work."

Cater to Local Market.

"Among the mines which cater to and practically confine their output entirely to the local market are Ashcroft's mine, immediately west of the city, and the new Barnes mine, adjoining the Royal Collieries. The former gives employment to fifty or sixty men, and has been running for a number of years. The latter is a new venture, which has secured, during the few months of its operation, a very large proportion of the ever increasing local trade.

