

Greenwood Times.



WHEN the C.P.R. goes into a fight there is manufactured a wealth of romance that throws the exploits of Rider Haggard's heroes into the shade. Versatility and ingenuity are two of their strongest qualifications. Take the agitation against the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, for instance. At all times and in every quarter of the Dominion reports were circulated that the smelters of British Columbia were on the point of shutting down because they were unable to secure coke and coal from the Crow's Nest Pass Company. The C.P.R. attempted to justify this report by using the Trail smelter, owned by the railway company. Big orders went in from the smelter to the coal company in the attempt to crowd the latter so that it could be telegraphed all over the country that the Trail smelter could not get its orders filled. The coal company was equal to the occasion, and filled the orders so promptly that the smelter had no place to store the supply.

Under the circumstances the management of the Trail smelter telegraphed Paul Johnson of the Greenwood smelter: "Have thirty cars of coke *en route* for which we have no place. Will you take it?" Mr. Johnson replied: "Don't need coke, but will take it off your hands." Here was a glorious opportunity for the C.P.R. Next morning under scare headlines a C.P.R. organ stated: "Shortage of Coke at Greenwood. Thirty cars from Trail sent

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