

tal impossible, is to be deprecated, while the policy of conservation by proper use is to be encouraged. This coal," he says, "is needed for the industries of the territory and for the physical comfort of our people, and on no account should it be withheld from those uses." The present impossibility of mining coal, either under title or lease, he explains is in a measure responsible for the suspension of one of the principal railroads. This has caused a general feeling of discouragement over the business situation in those parts of Alaska where development and settlement ought to be going on most rapidly. Governor Clark says it appeared in public discussions of the subject that the opposition to opening the Alaska coal fields "springs chiefly from two sources—those persons who fear a monopoly and those who would have this coal held as a reserve supply for the

future." He further says that while the present coal-land law is not a good one "it certainly lends no hope to monopolists, but rather is calculated to discourage the embarkation of capital."

ALASKA.

Valdez, Alaska, Dec. 3.—The wild scramble for claims continues here. With the near approach of cold weather, the amateur as well as the seasoned prospector, is making use of every minute of daylight to place his monuments on unstaked ground. The snowfall along the coast range in this section is very heavy, and once the white blanket covers the hills, prospecting and claim staking will be at an end. Realizing the necessity of quick action, those who have not placed their names on location monuments are scouring the hills in search of paying lodes.

STATISTICS AND RETURNS

N. S. STEEL AND COAL—NOVEMBER.

The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company reports for November and for the year to date as follows: Coal mined—In November, 77,450 tons; year to date, 787,788 tons; increase over same date in 1909, 35,500 tons. Iron ore mined—November, 57,362 tons; year to date, 459,000 tons; increase, 39,500 tons. Pig iron made—November, 7,550; year to date, 60,894 tons; increase, 7,700 tons. Steel ingots cast—In November, 8,274 tons; year to date, 69,331 tons; increase, 10,200 tons. Billets cogged—In November, 6,376 tons; year to date, 53,079 tons; increase over 1909, 4,700 tons. Bars and plate rolled—In November, 4,487 tons; year to date, 45,597 tons; increase, 4,600 tons. Number of axles shipped—November, 2,099; year to date, 31,845; increase over 1909, 7,800.

DOMINION IRON AND STEEL OUTPUT.

The production of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Limited, for November was as follows: Pig iron, 23,122 tons; steel ingots, 26,625 tons; blooms, 23,083 tons; rails, 13,425 tons; rods, 7,488 tons; shipments, 19,925 tons. The output of coal at the Dominion Coal Company, Limited, collieries for the month was 325,000 tons.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

Following are the shipments from the Cobalt camp for the week ending December 2nd, and those from January 1st, 1910, to date. The shipments were made up of 15 cars of high grade and 16 cars of low grade ore.

	Ore in lbs. Dec. 2.	Ore in lbs. Since Jan. 1.
Beaver	54,160	280,377
Buffalo	61,490	2,238,478
City of Cobalt .....	.....	608,875
Chambers-Ferland	64,000	1,655,300
Cobalt Central .....	.....	293,286
Cobalt Lake .....	.....	415,200
Cobalt Townsite .....	.....	665,120
Colonial .....	.....	309,730
Coniagas	74,880	2,145,416
Crown Reserve .....	.....	5,526,840
Drummond	460,000	2,884,200
Hargraves .....	.....	564,070
Hudson Bay .....	.....	481,215
Kerr Lake	254,570	9,494,728
King Edward .....	.....	263,406
La Rose	259,250	10,010,141
McKinley-Darragh	202,100	4,147,149
Nipissing	398,380	12,040,787
O'Brien .....	.....	1,179,360
Peterson Lake (Little Nip) ..	63,580	561,000
Provincial	40,000	105,000
Right-of-Way	80,460	1,749,747
Rochester .....	.....	60,750

Silver Cliff	321,400
Standard Cobalt	258,951
Temiskaming	1,973,350
Trethewey	1,000,890
Waldman	63,992
Wyandoh	48,300

Ore shipments for the week ending December 2 were 2,012,870 pounds, or 1,006 tons.

Total shipments from January 1 to December 2 were 61,347,058 pounds, or 30,673 tons.

COBALT BULLION SHIPMENTS.

The bullion shipments from Cobalt for the month of November were the largest in the history of the camp. One hundred and seventy-six bars were shipped, the weight being 157,556 ounces, and the value declared at \$87,243.41.

The total shipments to date now read as follows:

	Ounces.	Value.
O'Brien	301,770	\$169,824
Nova Scotia	129,999	77,250
Buffalo	110,924	56,749
Temiskaming	68,230	33,794
SCrown Reserve	60,931	32,891
Crown Res (Silver Leaf) ..	3,728	1,173
La Rose	44,057	23,339
Cobalt Gem	10,800	5,800
Beaver	3,168	1,820
Colonial	1,008	623
Campbell & Deyell's sampl- ing works, name of mine not disclosed	1,264	539
	<hr/> 735,879	<hr/> \$403,802

COBALT SHIPMENTS BY MONTHS.

Ore shipments from Cobalt camp for the month of November were 3,864.68 tons, divided among 22 mines, and for the eleven months 29,993.06 tons, a gain over the same period last year of 2,936 tons, not including \$403,802 worth of bullion shipped, a very substantial increase.

The gain of November, 1910, over November, 1909, amounted to 1,400 tons.

The shipments by months for the first eleven months of the year now read:

January	2,025.06
February	2,248.99
March	2,594.78
April	2,814.08
May	2,243.17
June	2,917.00
July	3,168.46
August	3,111.89