

MINES AND MINING

By H. MORTIMER LAMB

The fifth annual general meeting of the Crown's New Past Coal Company was held in Toronto on March 17th. A report was submitted by the directors showing that the net profit for the year ending December 31, 1901, after paying all operating expenses and all charges on every kind of coal, including royalties, amounted to \$270,848.33. This sum is made up from profits on the sale of coal and coke, and from the house rents, electric lighting, waterworks, etc., at Fernie. After distributing a dividend equal to 10 per cent per annum on a balance of \$28,142.80 carried forward to profit and loss. During the year the company has produced 1,000,000 tons of coal at a premium of 30 per cent, and this premium, amounting to \$300,000, was also added to the net profit. The loss account, making a total sum at credit of that account, including the amount advanced to the mine, for the year 1901, of \$517,017.41. The coal produced during the year aggregated 420,427 tons as compared with 350,000 tons in 1900, while coal production increased from 75,496 tons in 1900 to 125,085 tons in 1901. During the year the company's expenditures reached the considerable total of \$2,266,548.06, of which \$1,801,405 were expended in the purchase of land, new coke ovens and development work at Coal Creek, Michal and Morrison represented further expenditures amounting to \$250,143.57. The number of men actually employed in the company's work at the end of last year was 1,322. At that time the coke ovens were built in 1901, making a total of 224 ovens at this point, while 212 ovens are now in operation. The present capacity of the works is 1,000 tons of coke per day. In view of the fact that the coke is produced in connection with the fuel gas question, the following statement by Senator Cox, the member for the district, is of interest. He said: "Our present coke production is about 1,000 tons per day, and this is the present requirement of the district. The coke is produced in excess of any requirements that have been made in British Columbia, and we are still exporting large sums of money in the form of coke to other parts of the province. I wish to give an unqualified denial to the statement that has been made in the press, that the coke is being produced in excess of requirements. The coke is produced in accordance with the requirements of the district, and we are still exporting large sums of money in the form of coke to other parts of the province. I wish to give an unqualified denial to the statement that has been made in the press, that the coke is being produced in excess of requirements. The coke is produced in accordance with the requirements of the district, and we are still exporting large sums of money in the form of coke to other parts of the province."

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MODERN FABLES

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A man and wife had three sons. The first, named Abraham Lincoln, was born in 1862. His name was promptly abbreviated to Abe. The second, who arrived in 1872, was christened Ulysses Simpson Grant. This was too long, so Grant called him Uly. The third was the Vintage of 1882, and his name went into the Register as Chester A. Arthur. But, in the interest of Ephraim, he was dubbed Art, because Art is long.

The Tibbets Family lived in the City. The first-born, named John, was christened John. He went to a graded school at the age of 12, and he was the first to go to college. He was a member of the opposite sex, and he was a member of the opposite sex. He was a member of the opposite sex, and he was a member of the opposite sex. He was a member of the opposite sex, and he was a member of the opposite sex.

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Steamer Victoria passed up on Saturday. Steam collier Telus is due, and the steamer Umatilla is expected to arrive this morning. The steamer City of Seattle sailed last night from Seattle for Skagway via the Yukon. The steamer City of Seattle sailed last night from Seattle for Skagway via the Yukon. The steamer City of Seattle sailed last night from Seattle for Skagway via the Yukon.

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ALL THE DIFFERENCE. The following conversation took place during a recent election in Cumberland between two free and independent citizens: "What's the difference between you and me?" "The difference between you and me is that you are a free and independent citizen, and I am a free and independent citizen."

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Three Star Martell can be obtained from all dealers. Automobiles which have a flange out on the front wheels are being used for scooting on the Transvaal railways. "Wot's these 'ere Socials, Jack?" was asked of one of the other. "It's this question of the two carriages and two horses, and it's this question of the two carriages and two horses."

STEAMER BOSWORTH ARRIVES. Steamer Bosworth arrived last night after a stormy trip, which obliged her to anchor on many occasions, from Naas to Victoria. The steamer was well loaded with fruit, and the Chinese were being transported to the coast. The steamer was well loaded with fruit, and the Chinese were being transported to the coast.

Disciples of Isaac—Judging from the declarations of intention heard about town yesterday, the trout within a radius of twenty miles will be sorely tempted by an army of anglers today. The E. & C. Fishery Co. will carry large contingents of fishermen to the numerous lakes and streams bent upon luring the speckled ones to their doom.

Carnegie Library

Victoria Has a Generous Offer From the Steel Millonare.

Will Give Fifty Thousand Dollars For the Building.

Provided Free Site and a Certain Sum Yearly is Guaranteed.

At last, when very many people were beginning to forget about it, Victoria has received one of the free library offers that have been so widely made by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the famous Scotch-American multi-millionaire manufacturer.

A couple of years ago the offer was made, and some correspondence was carried on, but it is almost wholly due to the persistence of His Worship Mayor Hayward that at last the definition has been made, as it appears in the following report, which reached the City hall yesterday morning.

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Mr. Mohun Presents Figures Showing Cost of Steel Concrete Structure.

Carnegie Offer Accepted—Street Wood Sawing Question Crops Up Again.

All the aldermen were present with His Worship Mayor Hayward at last night's meeting of the City Council.

The following communications were taken care of by the Mayor: From H. Dallas Helmen, M. P. P., advising the Council that the Attorney General had stated that the Dominion Government was prepared to contribute the cost of the bridge.

From F. W. Adams, complaining that he had put in an inch pipe 10 years ago to get water from the street, and that it was now broken and he was unable to get water.

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Distinguished Japanese

Count Matsukata Arrived Here On His Way Around the World.

Among the passengers on the steamer Kaga Maru, which reached port last night, was a distinguished party of Japanese statesmen and financiers, who are traveling around the world via British Columbia.

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Another Regiment

Canada Will Likely Send 8000 More Troops to South Africa.

Correspondence Now in Progress Between Dominion and Imperial Authorities.

Kitchener Does Not Mention Schalkdurger Incident in His Weekly Report.

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“Annie Rooney” A Character

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Made Trip as Sailor On U. S. Man-of-War—Claims Famous Song.

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Telephone Troubles

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