

will receive some rude jolts in the near future.

But it is from its coal-beds that Canada will draw greater wealth than from the precious metals. The coal mines of Vancouver Island, and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, need not be described here. They have already produced coal of as much value as the gold placers of the Yukon—close on £20,000,000. But these are not the big coal mines of Canada. The big coal area is just east of the Rockies, above the boundary extending north with intermittent barren areas 500 miles, as far as Peace River.

Only one part of this enormous field

has been sufficiently exploited to give any definite data as to its capacity. That is the field at the Crow's Nest Pass, just forty miles north of the boundary. These mines have been opened only a short time. The yield of a million tons a year is purely an experiment. Nevertheless the results uncovered can hardly be grasped. I give the estimate of two different experts. Both were Government geologists. Neither owned one cent's worth of stock in any mine. Both gave their estimate before the mines were taken over by a stock company. One

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A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF BANFF, FROM MOUNT SULPHUR.

An important town of about 600 population in the province of Alberta, about 560 miles east from Vancouver. It is the headquarters of the Canadian National Park, and the whole town is the property of the Dominion Government and is under the control of the Park Superintendent. The Park has an area of 5732 square miles, and is situated on both sides of the Rocky Mountains. It contains the last large Canadian herd of buffalo.



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THE CREIGHTON NICKEL-COPPER MINE NEAR COPPER CLIFF, ONTARIO.

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