" SEMI-WEEKLY SUN, ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 17, 1904. is to avoid resorting to any drastic neasures whereby these changes can SKINNER GHOSEN. SCHOOL FOR BLIND. The Surest Remedy is

ing a solution of the situation. Providing the men will consent to a read-Views of the Miners and Justment of mining rates, adopt imjustment of mining rates, adopt imnore regularity in their work, the company will undertake to provide them with steady employment, thus the Company. ensuring to the men good wages; to introduce such new machinery as may be needed to shear the coal under the most advantageous conditions to the miner, and to allow the day workman apirit of Unrest Has Settled Over the same rate of wages as they are the Sydney Mining Population,

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They claim that the min-

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them in that connection, means a re-

duction and nothing else. They admit

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men have no objections to the com-

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be brought into effect that the company is now inviting the men to meet

them in conference and assist in find-

MINING

and the Outcome is Awaited With Interest.

Coal Company and its miners, ployes. which number upwards of 3,000 men, now face to face with one of the greitest problems that has come since mining began in Cape Breton. The odem involves the welfare of the minet and company alike, and also that in their wages, and this they claim is hiusands of others who depend up- the basic principle of the contract becoal industry for their liveli-An amicable solution is looked h earnest expectations, but just the present moment the approaches made towards a settlement, or at least an adjustment, are not by any means the most encouraging.

To understand the situation better it they were two years ago. They asmay be of interest to go back and note sign the increase in the cost of producwhat his transpired within the past tion to the increase in the number of several) months. From statements machines, used and the vast amounts made orcasionally in the press, the inexpended by the company in doubtful ference might be learned that things improvements in and around the colwere not running quite as smoothly as lieries. They claim the extent to which formerly in and around the colleries. Dominion No. 2 is equipped had ap-The town of Glace Bay was feeling parently no eye to the production of that everything could not be all right. coal on an economic basis, but rather Business was dull and money very to a lavish output no matter what it scarce, and this was a little surprising cost, and that the company now feel it in view of the fact that the miners as blundered in undertaking the operation rule are a great spending people. of this mine on the mammoth scale it what was wrong? Inquiries led to did, and is endeavoring to make a rethe discovery that the mines were not trenchment at the expense of the miner working with the same vim and vigor in order to make payments on \$15,000,that has characterized their operations 000 of common stock, which does not at during the past three or four years. all represent the capital invested. The Some men were being laid off here and there; pits were being single shifted long before the usual time, let alone being idle from one to two and three days in the week. The explanation of it all came a few days ago, when the company asked the

ifferent lodges of the Provincial Workingmen's Association to appoint delegates to confer with them on a natter of great importance, both to the men and the company. The delegates were appointed and a conference was called. At this conference the management submitted a proposal under which the men were to sign a three years' contract, the chief features of which called for the mining of a bet-

creased enormously, and out of all pro-

wages; that owing to the strong com-

petition met with on the St. Lawrence

from the Pennsylvania coal operators,

they are forced to lessen the cost of

production of coal, as well as improve

its quality and appearance. To secure

these changes they were asking the co-

operation of the men, with the assur-

ance that when brought about they will

remain undisturbed for a period of at

least three years, and thus enable the

company to renew the majority of its

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Good markets at profitable prices

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the vicinity of three million tons an

hually. Of this amount, forty-five per

cent is already disposed of on long

erm contracts with the Dominion Iron

and Steel Company, the Everett Coke

and Gas Company, and for the com-

pany's own consumption. Of the bal-

ance, sixty per cent. is sold on three

year contracts, and the remainder is

disposed of locally. These long con-

tracts are now about to expire, and

to have them renewed it is absolutely

necessary, the company contends, to

have a solemn compact between the

management and the miners regarding

the conditions under which the coal

that was being provided it. While the

glow of prosperity lasted, consumers

kind of coal; but now that industrial

conditions are changing a little for

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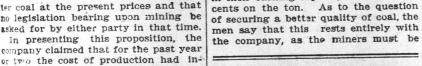
mined and handled; in fact, stipu-

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ere willing to accept practically any

The company's normal output is in



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the men will have the comfort of them for the past few years, when it knowing that for the next three years was a question of a big output, immaat least they will be assured of a terial of what the quality was. The steady employment at a fair rate of men further assert that the company without fear of interruption is not over-careful in its dealings with through labor disputes. Furthermore, the foreign markets.

through labor disputes. Furthermore, the company will be in a position to renew their long term contracts with a definite knowledge of what the cost of production will be, and enable them to retain their present markets and possibly extend them in a manner mu-toretain the present in a manner mutually beneficial to itself and its em-As to the men They have their con-

pany is suffering in reputation abroad. Previous to 1904, the demand was for teitions and while they feel that the small coal, but now it is very strongly "pinch of poverty" is not "to be de-voutly wished for," still they will be selves to the conditions imposed upon very loath to submit passively to a cut them to produce this quality, the miners will be called upon to suffer a reduction in their wages, they calculate, of eight cents a ton, which they consider is entirely too much, and far beyond what they can comfortably bear

under the circumstances existing at the present time. The result of the conferences already held has been only the modification of a few of the minor features of the contract, but as to the main issues, outlined as above the company and the men are as widely variant as when the proposition was first submitted. Should the men unconditionally re fuse to agree to the terms of the contract it is extremely difficult to forecast just what the result may be, indeed it may be any sort of a termination. bluff on the part of the company. They reason that the conditions of the comtract are so arbitrary that the company must feel the man could do noth-

that can be done to a mine-it must asked to do their own shift work and necessary to keep the pumps going, tracklaying, which will consume a con- would mean endless loss to the comsiderable portion of their time and pany and ruin to the mine The life

of a pit depends upon it being worked thus decrease their earning powers. The contract again calls for the gen-eral installation of closed lights in all ing to submit to the conditions under the collieries, and the miners claim which the coal is to be mined as far as that this itself means an impairment the price is concerned, but they draw in their earning capacity of fully three the line at the imposition of extra ter coal at the present prices and that no legislation bearing upon mining be of securing a better quality of coal, the does not come within their sphere. work, or at least work that they feel

CAPT. J. G. KNIGHT.

Superintendent's Report is His Was the Only Name a Favorable One. Offered at Liberal **Convention.** Number of Pupils Now in Attendance -Outline of the Work-The Speakers Thought He Would be Graduates. Better Candidate Than Dr. Smith.

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The superintendent's report at the annual meeting of the School for the Blind at Halifax was in part as follows The table of attendance shows that in the coming provincial by-election in

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154 blind persons have been under instruction during the past year, of whom 95 were males and 59 females. Of these, 21 have since graduated or remained at home, making the total number registered December 1st. 1904. 133, of whom 79 were males and 54 females. Of these, 82 are from the province of Nova Scotia, 31 from New submitted to the convention, particu-Brunswick, eight from Prince Edward larly that of Dr. J. M. Smith, whose Island and eleven from Newfoundland and one from Quebec. The table is: Boys, Girls, Adults. Ttl Registered Dec.

rectancy that all was not smooth sail-47 124 1st, 1903 71 6 ing for the cabinet picked candidate, Entered during 30 and when the nominations were closed the year 17 12 1 and the audience realized the choice Graduated or was unanimous, their surprise and reremained at lief vented itself in loud applause. home 14 5 2 21 Registered Dec. almost immediately followed by a mo-1st, 1904 74 54 5 133 tion for the close of nominations, and . THE TEACHING STAFF.

almost before the crowd took in the fact the avenue was closed. During the past year several Shortly after eight o'clock Thomas changes have been made in our teach-McAvity, as chairman, called the meeting staff. The position in the junior department made vacant by the resig- ing to order, and Heber S. Keith was nation of Miss Josie Cox has been filled elected secretary. The purpose of the whether the whole thing is merely a by Miss M. Nicolson of Fredericton, meeting was explained by the chair-N. B. Miss Nicolson came to us with man; a candidate and an executive excellent recommendations. Her wide committee were to be selected for the experience as a primary teacher, her coming by-election. F. J. G. Knowlton at once nominated energy and enthusiasm, make her a valuable addition to our teaching staff. A. O. Skinner and E. Lantalum sec-The question is, in refusing, will the In September last John A. MacDonald onded the motion. Nominations were entered upon his duties as a teacher closed and Mr. Skinner's nomination

close down two or three of the coll- in this school. Mr. MacDonald, who was made unanimous. the company reaching out for markets lieries that are now being operated at is one of our former pupils, recently On motion of Geo. Robertson, M. P. a loss? There are only two things graduated with distinction from the P., Mr. McAvity appointed E. Lan-Baron Posse Institute of Boston. In talum, J. F. Gregory and Mr. Knowlton a committee to wait upon A. O. addition to his general scholastic atimposed upon them under the new abandoned. To close a pit down, that is take all the men out save those seted to do their own shift work and acquaint to here the new of the French language, a skilful selection as standard-bearer. executive take charge of this elecinstructor. tion. This was carried.

Mr. Skinner on reaching the hall LITERARY DEPARTMENT. We have our kindergarten, our pri- thanked the electors for his nominamary and grammar school grades, and tion, and was glad to see so good a our high school course. The work of representation of liberals. There has been talk about Dr. Smith the pupils in these grades will compare favorably with that performed in being a candidate. The first I knew the best schools in the maritime pro- of this was yesterday morning. might have had a consultation with vinces.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

In the musical department we have to me and said he would support me twenty-five planofortes, two cabinet in case I was selected as candidate. organs, and a full set of reed and I make this statement to put myself brass instruments for the use of the right with Dr. Smith. No one has any whool hand The pupils memorize the facting against him, and we all re-Death ef Former Nova Scotian in music by having it read to them by spect him. If elected, I will look after readers with sight, or they commit it to memory from sheets and books icton as I have done here as a private printed in the Braille musical notation. citizen. I have no personal interests This raised print music is prepared in to serve, and St. John will always be the printing office of the school. It is first in my mind. He again thanked read with ease by the majority of the the electors for his nomination and cerved, will doubtless be read with in-terest by the older members of our community. The Capt. Knight to whom it refers was James, the fourth son of the late Rev. Pickerd With TD THE TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT. the city's interests. of the late Rev. Richard Knight, D.D., about the middle of the last century exercising a useful much remained by the present willow basket-bind. At present willow basket-waking bruck making bruck making bruck making bruck making bruck and the second of the absence of the attorney cantulate, any uneasiness. The record of the last century bruck making br exercising a useful, much respected making, brush-making, and cane-and influential ministry in the Meth- seating are taught to the brug t and influential ministry in the Meth-odist church of these locked to come at an early date to successfully contact of Table country odist church of these lower provinces. Capt. Knight himself was very favor-ably known in this community, and it is a community, and it is a gratifying reflection to the friends learning of these handicrafts has a adopted. About three weeks ago the of the family that he died in the full distinct educational value. Many of faith and happy experience of those the graduates find that these handigospel truths which his honored father crafts have also a distinct earning the Methodist pulpits of our land. It is satisfactory to note that several because after the new year many men Capt. Knight is survived by two bro- adult blind persons have obtained rewill be away lumbering and expense thers, Richard N., the well known munerative employment in mills side druggist of this city, and William of by side with their fellow workmen Moncton; and by two sisters, Mrs. with sight. The idea is a good one, Jost, relict of the late Rev. Jeremiah and will, I believe, commend itself to V. Jost of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and the employer of labor throughout the Mrs. Harrison, relict of the late William Harrison, formerly a merchant of this city. Capt. Knight died on the Sth of Oct. of hercief and the state will give this matter due con-28th of Oct. of heart failure, induced sideration and will co-operate with this 28th of Oct. of heart failure, induced by paralysis, from which he had suf-fered for over a year. J. A. C. J. A. C. operation of our industrial leaders the ed. Last session the Exhibition Asosciafield for the employment of the blind would be greatly eplarged. GRADUATES.



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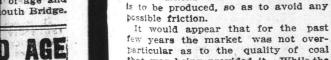
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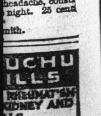
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Australia-Was Well Known Here.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir-The enclosed clipping from a pupils.

proclaimed for half a century from value.

fered for over a year. St. John, N. B., Dec. 13th, 1904.

Many people in Western Australia will regret to hear of the death of Captain J G. Knight, who had for the last three years resided in Claremont. Captain Knight, a Nova Scotia man, adopted the sea as a profession, and at the early age of 21 years was captain of a large vessel trading between

tries in Sharks Bay, where he took an active interest in the district and was eventually appointed J. P. He retired three years ago, and resided in Claremont up to the time of his death. The funeral of the late Captain Knight took place on Saturday morning. The

cortege moved from the residence; on the Perth-Fremantle road, Claremont,

funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Bowra and O'Dea, BURNED TO DEATH.

were awarded to Frank McDonald of sition to it, but the representatives pose their confidence in the govern-Certificates as planoforte tuners Charlottetown; Archibald Stuart of from this city pressed it home, and the Margaree, and Sandford Upham of government acquiesced. at the early age of 21 years was cap-tain of a large vessel trading between Liverpool and New York. He came to well and favorably known as a pianist

M. Ferguson of Fremantle, trading him to all the privileges of the Ameribetween Australia and the China can Conservatory of Music. Mr. Lind- upon to speak, and wended his way they assured me that whether the coast. Twelve years ago he engaged say's career will be watched with deep forward among the departing electors. in the pearling and sandalwood indus- interest by his musical friends

TO JOSEPH HOWE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 13 .- A monument to Joseph Howe, erected in the southern and proceeded to the Church of Eng- square of the province building, was land cemetery, Karrakatta, where the unveiled today by Gen. Sir Charles remains, which were enclosed in a Parsons. It was the one hundredth massive polished jarrah casket, with anniversary of Howe's birth. A pubheavy black mountings, were interred. lic meeting was held in the Academy The Rev. H. C. Matthews officiated at of Music immediately following the the graveside. The pall-bearers were unveiling, at which an oration on J. B. Percy, W. Moore, W. Atkins and Howe was delivered by Attorney Gen-T. Lowdon. A large number of wreaths eral Longley, and speeches were made and floral tribute) were sent. The by Geo. Mitchell, M. P. P., R. L. Bor-funeral arrangements were carried out den, Mayor Crosby, W. E. MacLellan, Rev. W. J. Armitage, Geo. N. Morang,

Rev. Prest. Forrest and Hon, William Ross. The monument cost \$10,000, and was paid for chiefly by the provincial government, a popular subscription having realized about \$2,000. Phillipe

Hebert is the sculptor.

Skinner elected.

Parishes. ...

The nomination of Coun. Lowell as the electors for his nonination and the liberal standard bearer in the ap-closed with an expression of zeal for the city's interests. Geo. Robertson said that the press vacancy in the local legislature has not

Speaking to the Sun with reference

"The elections should have been torney general left it was decided to of responsible government is that vacbring the election on. The government ancies should be filled as soon after supporters wanted the election now they occur as the law will permit. The elections not taking place then for would be entailed in getting them to government in this county thought it the polls. There was no advantage in well, after the seat had been vacant delaying. The few days after Christ- for some time, to call a convention of mas are quiet and it was decided to representatives from the four parishes hold the contest then. That decision with a view to putting a candidate in was given to the public as soon as it the field. The convention was held the was arrived at, and no injustice was latter part of July, some five months done any one. Dr. Smith had as much after the vacancy occurred. It was right to be present at the convention largely attended and thoroughly repreand could as easily have been nominat- sentative. I am proud to say that I was honored with the unanimous nom-

ination of the convention, and since tion asked a grant of \$5,000. The gov- then have been looking forward to the ernment gave it to St. John. The time when the government should issue Champlain delegation also received a the writ and call upon the electors to grant of \$2,500. There was some oppo- decide whether they wish to still renent. I have been strongly of the opinion that this government has not

The Exhibition Association are going discharged its duties wisely or well, Australia in the early eighties, and for many years was a partner with J. b he has obtained a scholarship entitling trading.

D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., was called irrespective of their federal affiliations. elections were brought on sooner or He was confident that Mr. Skinner later I would have their support, as would be elected. Mr. Skinner had al- they believed the business of the proways stuck to the party, and they vince was being conducted in a most corrupt, incompetent and unconstitu-

should stick to him. He thought Mr. tional manner. While I have been be-Skinner would run a better election fore the constituency as the opposithan Dr. Smith. He was much taken tion candidate I have not thought it with Mr. Skinner's speech, but Mr. necessary or in good taste to trouble Robertson's was simply delightful. the electors further than to make a J. Fraser Gregory said no man was

personal canvass, which I have made more acceptable to him personally as complete as possible. Now that the than Mr. Skinner. He would like to see more merchants in politics than there date of the election has been semiofficially announced as December thir the audience with experiences of his tieth, it will be in order for our friends childhood days at Fredericton and his to organize in their respective parlocal house. His politics, he said, were I have every reason to believe will reawe in beholding the members of the the greatest good to St. John city and sult in my being returned as the representative for the constituency. "The season of the year is of cours

county. The local legislature is the younger brother of that at Ottawa, and we should support the second if we unfavorable for campaigning, but I have every faith in the determination, support the other. A man who votes earnestness and good will of my friends against one and for the other is not a in the parishes, who, regardless of sure thing and can't be depended upon. wind or weather, expect to go to the Richard O'Brien had come unprepolls to record their votes against the pared to speak. He had taken no part Tweedle government. in local politics for 20 years. He read "I believe they will leave no stone unturned to roll up good majorities in their respective localities.

for the candidate and the King.

ty-five years ago, and for some years

stead, where her father settled nearly a hundred years ago. Both she and her husband were teachers before their marriage, and Mr. Dobson, who was a man of unusual intellectual western states. Howe was a mining prospector and operator before he settled down to farming in Arizona. James is a building contractor, and has been mayor of Klowa, Kansas. trought on early last spring. My idea John is in business in Kansas. The daughters are Mrs. (Captain) Charles Hatfield of Port Greville, whose youngest son, A. S. Hatfield, resides in this city. The other is Mrs. Gowe of various reasons, the opponents of the West Gore, one of whose sons is a member of the staff of this paper. The only surviving sister of Mrs. Dobson is Mrs. J. W. Wood of Amherst. Mrs. Dobson, who had passed the age of ninety, was a lady of more than usual intellectual force and decision of character. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church, and was known the country round for her kindly disposition to ready helpfulness toward all who were in trouble. The burial took place at West Brook on Saturday.

was the eldest and the last survivor

but one of a family of eight sons and

daughters of James Jenks of West

Brook, at one time county land sur-

veyor. Previous to the death of her

husband, William Dobson, some twen-

ON A VISIT FROM TEXAS.

W. Lee Dingee of Dallas, Texas, is at the Royal. Mr. Dingee is a Gagetown boy, and will leave tomorrow to visit his friends at his old home for a few days. He represents a large Chicago firm and travels throughout the southwestern states. While he is in love with Texas, his advice to the young men of eastern Canada who want to expand and think there is not enough room in the effete east, is to go to western Canada, where the possibilities he thinks are greater than in any part of the United States. Mr. Dingee says the general impression which exists in eastern Canada that Texas is a wild and woolly country, and the people given to excessive indulgence in all kinds of dissipation, is erroneous. He says that three hundred counties in Texas have prohibitory laws. Mr. Dingee arrived in town yesterday from Boston.

ishes and prepare for the fight, which I have every reason to believe will re-

A. MCTAGGART, M. D., C. M. 75 Yonge Street, Toronto,

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in the morning papers that a convention was to be called, and he was therefore present. He hoped to see Mr.

"During the campaign the views of the party will be proclaimed by my The convention closed with cheers friends and myself, on the issues, and