

ACADIA COAL CO.

Shipments	Jany. 1908	29 433
"	Jany. 1907	26 238
Increase	Jany. 1908	3 205

INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.

Shipments	Jany. 1908	24 948
"	Jany. 1907	23 734
Increase	Jany. 1908	1 214

A lamentable accident occurred in Port Hood mine last Friday morning as the pitmen were preparing to start work, whereby ten men, named Mal. Beaton, Jno. A. Campbell, Wm. McKenzie, Allan McDonald and Lm. Gillis, all of Port Hood and Duncan McDonald of Glencoe and four Bulgarians, making ten in all, were instantly killed. A coroner's jury began sitting on Monday afternoon, when no doubt the cause of the accident, as yet unexplained, may be ascertained. It was stated in the press that the accident may have been caused by powder or dynamite. Not at all likely, otherwise the accident would be unique in the annals of coal mining on this continent. The law permits only 5 lbs. of powder to a place. There are instances in N. S. where a cartridge and a keg of powder had been exploded without fatal results, and we know of no fatal accident from the explosion of a can of loose powder, though many accidents have taken place. Cans have been exploded in the hands of miners without fatal results. The explosion of a keg of powder on one occasion killed a man, in the eighties or prior to that time.

One effect of the Port Hood explosion will likely be a change in the law in the granting of certificates.

ing for Glamorgan, has made eloquent appeals to the men on the question of the provision of baths and drying rooms at the mine, and has been warmly thanked, and has always received the unanimous approval of his audience. From the point of view of health and comfort it is an ideal system, in no place more so than in this country, where we get without doubt more than our proper proportion of wet weather. From the moral point of view, it is excellent, and some day in the not very distant future we shall look back with shame and disgust at the foolish and degrading custom that once existed of bathing in the so-called privacy of the family kitchen. Common sense is certainly on the side of the proposed new system, and it is to be hoped that the year 1908 will see it become an accomplished fact at more than one of our large South Wales collieries.

Blasting work should be carried out with the least possible risk of danger without reducing the effect of every explosion, these two considerations being of first importance. It is therefore necessary, for the safety of workmen, to be able to ignite a charge from a great distance, and to have complete control of the exact moment for the explosion; this, however, not always possible with a system of ignition not using electricity.

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS
CANADA.

Intercolonial Railway

NOTICE RE LEASING OF OLD CAR AND WORK SHOPS
MONTON, N. B.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, marked "Tender for leasing car and workshops," will be received until 16 o'clock of the FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1908, for the acquiring under lease, of the car and work shops with Railway sidings, (at Moncton, N. B.), as designated on any to be seen at the office of the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the office of the General Manager of the Intercolonial Railway, Moncton; the lease to be granted subject to covee together with the general terms and conditions in such cases, the following:—

1.—Term 21 years rental named, with right of renewal for second term at such rental and upon such conditions as the Governor in Council may then determine.

2.—Occupation and use to be bona fide for an industry that will yield a reasonably steady traffic for the railway, the character and prospective output of which industry to be designated in tender and the operation of which to be commenced within one year from date of Leasee acquiring property.

3.—That yearly operation shall be of such an extent as to continuously employ not less than 300 employees.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque for \$10,000.00 payable to the order of the Minister of Railways and Canals to be held by the Department, in case of the successful tenderer, until the time as the then lessee has duly intimated on the premises for the operation of the work to be carried on under lease, machinery in value to the sum covered by said cheque, of which value the Minister, before said shall be the sole judge and at which time to be duly returned to the Lessee by the Department.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By order L. K. JONES, Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, January 7th. 1908.
Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

BATHS FOR COLLIERY WORKMEN.

The annual visits paid to Continental mines by South Wales mining students are bearing fruit. These men cannot continue to view with indifference the admirable arrangements of washing and drying rooms found at all of the Westphalian Mines. The advantages of the system are manifold, and the students, on returning once more to the circle of their friends, do not forget to point out these advantages, and thus gradually and unostentatiously perform yeoman service in assisting to stifle any unreasonable objections that may arise, and prepare their fellow-workmen to become converts to a new custom, which appears to them at once startling and novel. At one time it was feared that the great objection to its introduction into South Wales would come from the workmen themselves. Recent developments have, however, proved these fears to be groundless, and it would appear that the men would be only too pleased to welcome the proposed new system, and pay their portion towards its installation. Mr. Henry Davies, Director of Min-