

AROUND THE COLIERIES.

As a result of the 'coal' trouble, the Dominion Steel Co. figure a loss of \$163,000.

In the contest for check-weighman at Caledonia last week the P.W.A. candidate won with flying colors.

It is maliciously reported that Peter Patterson is aspiring to the office of District President now held by Dan McDougall. The soul of Peter would scorn to act such a scurvy part.

Mr. Thos. Cantley, General Manager of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., is now in Wabana, laying out plans for extended development of the invaluable iron ore areas.

The body to which Mr. Jas. B. McLachlan belongs never heard of Nelson or his doctrine. He and his comrades gabble away about their rights, but never a whist from them as to their duty and their obligations.

Jas. B. McLachlan who assails the Grand Secy. is after all only a question mark among the miners of the Province. When they read his effusions they ask, 'What is it', and when they see him in the flesh, still the question is 'What is it'?

Another for state operation. The men employed in the six state match factories in France get \$1.35 for a nine hour day, with about ten percent in addition for benevolent purposes. The state, it seems after all is not a very generous paymaster. Corporation laborers in Nova Scotia are much better off in the way of wages.

In the Equity Lodge moneys injunction suit, the Secy. and Treas. of the lodge swore that the membership of the lodge is over 400. At the time the U. M. W. tried to break up the lodge the membership was only 280. On the night the vote was taken to disband there were only 121 members present. It is likely the judgment which has not yet been given out will be in favor of the P.W.A.

A mine examiner named Wm. Stevens and his assistant Tom Wood were killed by an explosion of gas in Chignecto mine early last Monday morning. Stevens was an examiner and had gone to examine the mine before the men began to go down as required by the Mines Act. The accident is a peculiar one seeing that the object of the men was to examine the mine for gas. How the accident occurred will never likely be known, as no one was there but the two victims. Very many years ago there was a serious accident at Chignecto, but if we remember rightly the men were killed by the foul gas from old workings. That is our recollection. The writer was at the inquest but it is so long ago that the facts have grown dim.

Mr. Morine who for the past few years has been manager and salesman of the Port Hood Coal Co. has left the position and Mr. Law, of Toronto fills the place.

For the five months ending May—days worked 112½—Sydney No. 5 raised 56,354 against 53,527 tons for 121½ days worked in these five months of 1909.

Sir Wm. Dawson reckoned that in 5000 odd feet of strata in the Pictou coal field there were 141 feet of coal. If that be so there are some seams yet to be sought after.

At Reserve there are about a hundred who were U. M. W. men. What they are now nobody can tell. In the meantime seventy-five out of the hundred are idle, and anxiously enquiring as to the contents of Mr. McCulloch's breast pocket.

It is said the Dominion Steel Co. will erect shortly, not necessarily in Sydney, a big nail and wire factory, so as to meet competition from any quarter. The works at Sydney are kept busy and all of the departments are making big outputs.

Ladysmith Lodge, P. W. A., Westville, will celebrate P. W. A. day which comes round on 2nd August, by an excursion to Glace Bay. A very favorable rate has been secured from the I. C. R., and the probability is that a great crowd will take in the proceedings.

The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. are putting up some big outputs. As high as 3,560 tons have been raised in a day. The worst of it is that this gain is not kept up. The idle time plays the mischief with maximum outputs. Up to date the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. is 65,000 tons ahead of the corresponding period of last year.

The importations into Quebec during May of bituminous slack were 4,262 tons and of round 20,622, a total of 24,883. Halifax imported a thousand tons of round, probably for the gas company. The following quantities of Anthracite were imported during May: Quebec 95,990; Nova Scotia 6,962; and New Brunswick 8,432, a total of 111,384 or taking both kinds of coal the total for May reaches 135,000. Our American cousins make a good thing out of Canada.

The London Gas and Light Co. a while ago made a contract for 800,000 tons of North of England coal. The price to be paid is 10/4½ or say \$2.51 c. b. Let this fact be noted by those who deafen one raving about cheap coal in other countries. The Dominion Coal Co., the only company, as yet, that could undertake to deliver so large a quantity, would willingly close a bargain at the same price. North of England and Cape Breton coals are similar in most respects.