

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

Repairs are being made to the travelling way at Dom. No. 3 Colliery.

Mabou Colliery is getting under way again and is over its financial difficulties.

Electric pumps have proved very successful in Cape Breton mines. According to their size they perform a great amount of work.

Some very large falls were encountered in Hub Colliery, which goes to prove the disastrous effect of water upon the hardest strata.

A trotting park is being built at Dom. No. 2, and bye and bye Sydney won't be in it. Norman in any class.

Everything is running smoothly at Dominion No. 1 Colliery and outputs fairly good. Several falls has of late somewhat interfered with the days work. The Russian loaders are all gone and no regrets are expressed over their departure.

Inverness Colliery stands first in the province this year in increased output. To give all the credit to Manager Benton would be giving him more than his share, but if harmony between a manager and his men stands for the best results then Inverness is an example.

Dominion No. 5 is now showing some of the good old time outputs, the new bank head and machinery is working well and the look of the mine has very much improved this year. The Emery is making progress slowly but surely as much time was required to get the bottom roads and the rope haulage into shape.

Things are running well at Dom. No. 6, and the coal is good. Underground Manager McDonald is thinking of going west on a trip. Many visitors are seeing this now famous mine, and are expressing themselves as pleased with what they see. To say that the miners are in sympathy with the law suit in Sydney and the statements made as to the quality of their coal is not stating all the truth. One is reminded of the Tom Lawsons stories re the Phalen seam.

Messrs Allan, Whyte & Co., Clyde Patent Wire Rope Works, Rutherglen, Glasgow, have just completed the manufacture of three large winding ropes for the East Rand Proprietary Mines, Ltd., South Africa. The Ropes, which in the aggregate measure 15,000 and weigh 20 tons, are made on the taper principle to meet the problem of wind-inspected during manufacture by Mr. N. Wilson, Consulting Mechanical Engineer for the Group, who is at present in this country. Messrs Allan, Whyte & Co. also made some little time ago three lengths for the Jupiter Gold Mining Co., Ltd., South Africa, on same principle and which weighed fully 6 1-2 tons each,

This new mine—Dom. No. 10—is now running smoothly with its new haulage, and good coal is coming out.

The Hub has the appearance of a modern colliery again with its new bankhead and colliery buildings. Coal is expected to be raised sometime during this month.

Dominion No. 8 colliery is doing good work as in olden times. The motor at the water shaft was burnt out and caused a lot of delay in getting the water out.

Pressure in Dominion No. 4 is better now as the pumping is not heavy. How long this will last depends largely on the state of the weather. The mine is more affected by rain falls than is generally supposed.

Dominion No. 3 is showing best of any as regards output per man. The mine is in good condition and everything running well. Of course No. 3 is the model mine, and is to be the pattern for all future collieries. The days of the large colliery idea are past.

A shortage of loaders is seriously handicapping output from narrow work in Dominion No. 2. There is not a loader in the south side and when machine runners have to cut the coal and load it as well, there is not much coming out.

An unfortunate accident took place lately at Dominion No. 9 colliery, causing the death of one of the old respected citizens, John McMullen, he was at his work as shiftman, when a stone fell on him causing his death.

Possibly no more able successor to the late Dr. Gilpin could have been selected than Hiram Donkin. With his large experience in building Railways, Piers, etc., and in managing coal mines Mr. Donkin is well equipped for the position of Deputy Commissioner of Mines and Railways or him. By the miners of Cape Breton he has always been held in the highest respect, who look upon his appointment to the mines department with a great degree of pleasure. They feel that mining matters will be in the hands of a sound, practical man of business, who understands the importance of the coal industry as well as the problems presently surrounding it. From what we know of him no parsimony will be permitted to stand in the way of the able administration of the affairs of his department. We are pleased to note the selection of Mr. Rob. Anderson as assistant to Mr. Donkin, which in itself means that the local government have chosen the present for changes much needed in the mining department.