

favor of reciprocity. That's clear and it's better, and we must accept it, though we fear we are blind as before. Perhaps the blindness belongs elsewhere, and possibly the RECORD detected the unconscious bias which the Journal fails to perceive. Further it is told us that the statement that a few American immigrants and half a score of small colliery men were raising all the fuss, 'carries its own reputation'. All right; we consent to be corrected and to place the number of small colliery men at nine instead of ten, but we urge in extenuation of our error, that the nine make every bit as much noise as if there were really ten. The RECORD's references to the Journal, we are told, with dignified men, can be overlooked. Just so, but not so when our unsanctified pen takes upon its polluted point to write the sacred name "Canadian Mining Institute". We dared to smile at the suggestion that that comprehensive society should settle the point as to reciprocity in coal. How dared we grin? It is a non-partisan society and so cosmopolitan that even Nova Scotians had a large representation in the Council. To have a large representation in the Council does not appear to us to be of so much consequence as to have weight in its Councils, and Nova Scotia never had that, and it is not to be expected she should, as Westerners were always in a majority. The Journal says there are no cliques in the Institute. Of course not, and yet but a little time ago billet-ballot-doux, red, pink, green, black were flying over the land. These may not have emanated from cliques, but from those who had a liking for the seemingly most fashionable of South American pleasantries. In its own place the Mining Institute is all right, if it only knew it

- Rubs by Rambler.

In its New Years salutation to the RECORD the Eastern Chronicle asks why the RECORD does not go for Messrs Tanner and Baillie who are perambulating through Guysboro County telling the simple minded that to the high price of coal is due the collapse of gold mining in that county, and we are asked to inform the miners of Westville of their mis-conduct. We offer a reason or two and hope some one of them will be a full and satisfactory answer. 1st. We have not had time to read one of Mr. Tanner's new edition of letters to Premier Murray in the Herald, let alone what the Standard says he is saying in Guysboro. 2nd. If Tanner and Baillie are promulgating heresy in that County we leave them to the tender mercies of the E. C. who can wallop them all right. 3rd. We think we noticed that the Chronicle had taken them to task, so hesitated to interfere. 4th. The Standard does not come to this office so have not lately seen nor read a copy of it, and therefore know nothing about the doings or sayings of Tanner and Baillie in Guysboro beyond, as stated, what we think we noticed in the E. C. and, were not in a position to make the requisite allowance for bias, that is to say, we could not tell how much was pure fact and how much political fiction. To say that dear coal ruined the gold industry is not original with the two gentlemen named. It was the pet assertion of Stuart of Truro, until he was squelched at a Mining Society meeting

and by the Mining Record. If Tanner or Baillie repeat the statement in Pictou County the miners will give them answer.

There are one or two things in connection with the stand some Nova Scotians take in reference to reciprocity that we do not affect to understand. For instance we are told, that if lumber were admitted free into the United States, our lumbermen would be largely benefited. Why do not the Americans admit it free in face of the assertion that their forests have become depleted and of the cry for the conservation of their natural resources, principally the products of the forest. How must have our lumber. And the same as regards fish. We are told that Gloucester, their great fishing port is decadent. The Gloucester fleet of fishermen it is asserted are being driven off the sea. At the same time the Lunenburg fleet is being largely added to. It does appear a little strange that many are deploring the depletion of Nova Scotia's forests, while some are soliciting for free access of lumber to the United States, for the good of the province. Depletion is bad; greater depletion is good?

A correspondent presently in the United States, who knows the great interest the RECORD has in the U. M. W.'s, sends the following clipping which will not be pleasant reading for the coterie who manage to live on the fat things of the land without doing a decent day's work. According to a confidential letter received by a local official of the The United Mine Workers from a man high in the organization, T. L. Lewis has been defeated for re-election as national president by at least fifty-nine thousand votes.

The actual result of the election, however, is not to be known before January 17, when the national convention will be held at Columbus, O. Mr. Lewis since the voting has announced several times the fact that he is confident of his re-election, but judging from the tone of the letter that came into this city he is a badly defeated man.

When the local man who is known to thousands of the mine workers was asked what brought about the defeat of Mr. Lewis he announced that it was in a way due to his treatment of John Mitchell and other mine workers. Mitchell and Lewis it is claimed have differed in regard to the manner in which the organization should be conducted and friends of Mitchell determined to administer a rebuke to Lewis and take him from the head of the organization.

Every local union will send representation to the national convention which will be held at Columbus and a big fight is expected before the Lewis forces will concede their defeat.

THE COAL TRADE 1910

(Mr. Drummond in Herald)

When the history of the coal trade for 1910 comes to be written the following may be classed as incidents: The complete surrender of the U. M. W. strikers at Glace Bay after a long and a worse than fruitless fight. The continuation, by the foreign order, of the strike at Springhill.

The futile attempt to compel Vice-President McCulloch to produce the document which, in a moment of excitement, he alleged was hidden in his breast pocket.