

shots are to be fired ascertain from the engineman that the kibble or bucket is in proper position and that he is ready at once to draw away on receipt of the signals to do so; he shall then signal to the bottom of the shaft to this effect.

184. The charge man in each shaft shall have full charge of the sinking operations, and shall once in every shift, or oftener if necessary, examine the sides of the shaft and pluck any loose stones, and if anything is unsafe, stop sinking until it is made secure, and shall after such examination make a true report of the condition of the pit in a book provided for that purpose, and shall sign the same.

185. The chargeman at the bottom of the pit shall see that the kibbles or buckets are so filled that the filling, when it consists of brick or other small material, shall be below the level of the top of the kibble or bucket, and he shall also see that the stones are properly packed; that no stones or loose materials are sticking to the bottom; that all tools, gear and timber are properly stowed or secured, and that the kibbles or buckets are put in a line with the rope and properly steadied before being sent away.

186. The chargeman shall not allow any shot to be fired except under his supervision, not until the kibble or bucket is conveniently placed and a signal has been received from the surface that the engineman is in perfect readiness to draw away.

187. The chargeman after every cessation of work, whether caused by the withdrawal of the