

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

There are about 175,000 tons in the bank now at Dom. No. 2.

The water in the old part of International mine is very heavy.

There is some ice on the C. B. coast but open water can be seen outside.

The output at Dom. No. 1 is steadily increasing. On one day lately 1275 of the big boxes were hoisted.

About 30 miners arrived here recently from the old country. They are a very respectable looking lot of men.

The output of Reserve is still showing up and likely will for a while yet. The Reserve is a grand old mine.

The output from the Harbor seam, C. B. increased considerably of late, and things are going well under Mr. Beaton.

International is almost a new mine, with a new endless haulage and a new self-acting incline working all very successfully.

The new Northey Pump at International has been started and has relieved the management of a great lot of worry over the water problem.

Development work at Dom. No. 6 is going on rapidly. Rooms are now being broken off to be ready when the bank head is finished.

The new Supt. of Construction, Mr. Paul von Aueberg is getting a move on and as there is plenty to do he will not likely be lonesome.

The longwall at the Emery, Reserve, is doing very well although a rather close fall took place recently, showing that packs must be kept close up to face.

Dom. No. 1 haulage gear has had a complete new set of driving shafts put in and is now in good condition for the seasons work. The compressors are receiving a general repairing. The steam plant is the best the company has.

Everything appears to be rushing at Dom. No. 2. There is talk of two more air motors for underground haulage. The engines, boilers, and all the power plant is in good condition, and this colliery should give an excellent account of itself the coming season.

The new houses both at the Hub and Dom. No. 1 are fast appearing. Already eight or ten can be counted at each colliery. They are not exactly massive looking. It is not known whether the company are building them on their own hook or whether they are the choice of some of the workmen. Every day men can be seen in the different colliery offices looking over the different plans laid down by the company.

About fifty Old Country miners arrived in Glace Bay last week and obtained employment at International and Reserve.

Drunkiness appears to be on the increase about the C. B. mines—the days following last pay day being a record in this regard.

Two Mumford boilers are being erected at No. 3. They are intended to furnish power for fan engine, heat wash house etc.

In Dom. No. 3 the ventilation has been greatly improved since changing the air current and cleaning out the air courses.

F. L. Franklyn, Vice Pres., and J. Reid Wilson Mgn. Director of the D. C. Co. are in Glace Bay this week going over plans for summer.

The Compressor which broke down some time ago at the Hub is repaired, but Dom. No. 2 has still to furnish compressed air to keep up the required pressure.

Rather extensive repairs to the large haulage engine at Dom. No. 1, on the surface has been effected, chiefly on account of the breaking of the 10" steel shaft in one of the bull wheels.

Alfred Burchell, lately asst. Supt. of the Dom. Co.'s stores is now in business for himself in Glace Bay. Alf. is a bright chap and should succeed.

The manager of Reserve mine says he can now understand what it must have been to start Dom. No. 2. He has now under way a new bank head, a new shaft, boilers and compressors, etc.

The endless haulage at Dom. No. 3 has been extended another lift, and by relaying the curves and keeping the track and pit tubs in good condition it is found to work better than expected.

Everything is going smoothly at Caledonia mine and the output is good, but more compressed air power is needed badly as shearing can not be done in many cases, the pressure being too low.

The output of Dom. No. 2 is continuing good, and when the shipping season commences it should increase considerably as by that time much work now being done in the pit will be finished.

The new picking belt at the Hub is being pushed rapidly and the output is increasing. The erection of the new boiler is also being pushed and when completed will put the plant in prime shape.

Work on the new electric power house foundations at Dom. No. 2 is progressing rapidly, but there will not be any power transmitted from that point for the early part of this season as it will not be ready.