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THOROUGHNESS.

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is very anxious to locate him. A Mrs. Burns of Halifax is also missing. Louise Weston, who arrived in Gloucester recently from Halifax, jumped from the third story of a boarding house last week. She was not severely hurt.

Among provincials in the city recently were the following: R. M. Leydon and Mrs. Leydon, I. Wheeler, R. O'Brien, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Miss Thompson, St. John; J. T. Hall, R. C. Graham, Truro; L. D. Davis, St. Stephen; R. Caldwell, Halifax. The spruce lumber market here is still very steady, with nine inch spruce firmest. Ten and 12 inch dimensions, by car, are at 90¢ to 92¢; 8 in. and under, \$19 to 20; 10 and 12-inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$20.50; merchantable boards, \$17. Large sized spruce timber by water, worth \$13.00 to \$15.00, ordinary, \$15 to 17.50; slabs, \$17, and planed coarse, \$15. Laths are very firm at \$3.40 to 3.45 for 1 5/8 in. and \$3.15 to 3.20 for 1 1/4 in. Cedar shingles are easy, but not notably lower. Extras, \$3.50 to 3.55 is still asked; \$3 for clears and \$3.50 for seconds.

Machined continue firm with the demand active at full quotations. Barrel fish are worth about \$20, with none landed from vessel. Codfish are firm and higher, large shore and Georges commanding \$8 to 8.50 among wholesalers, and \$ to 5.25 for medium. Barrel herring are also firm, with Nova Scotia split offering at \$6.75 to 7.00 for large and \$6.50 to 6 for medium. Canned lobsters are still in short supply and very firm, wholesalers asking \$2.50 to 2.75 for 1-lb. tins, and \$2.80 to 3 for 1 1/2-lb. flats. Live lobsters are quoted at 15¢ and boiled at 25 cents.

DIED IN MONCTON. Former Resident of St. John and An Old Conductor Called Away.

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 4.—Arthur Sewell, formerly of Moncton, but for some years past a resident of Kentville, N. S., died at that place on Nov. 4. There are no particulars at hand as to the cause of the death of the deceased. Mr. and Mrs. James Humphrey left on the maritime express this morning for Kentville and will bring the body to Moncton for interment. Deceased leaves three daughters, Mrs. James Humphrey, and Mrs. James Kelly of Moncton, and Miss Mary Sewell of St. John. The sons are Arthur and Harry of Moncton. Three younger children reside with their father in Kentville. Deceased lived in St. John for several years.

Beverly Smith, at one time conductor on the Moncton and Buctouche Railway, lately of the C. P. R., died this morning in this city from inflammation of the lungs. Deceased was about 45 years old and leaves a widow and four children.

MAINE TRAGEDY. Waterville Man Wounds His Wife and Then Kills Himself.

WATERVILLE, Me., Nov. 4.—Edward Dostie, aged 40, forced his wife into the home of his wife's father last night, and fired three shots at his wife as she lay in bed, two taking effect in her left leg and one in her right arm. He then fired a shot down through the top of his own head, the bullet going through the brain. He will die. She will probably recover. His wife and his wife had quarreled frequently and about a month ago had such a fierce row that Officer Libby was called and separated them. Mrs. Dostie then left her home and went to live with her father, Edward Dostie, where the shooting occurred.

THIRD. The adoption of a system by which coal shall be weighed and paid for by weight rather than by the minimum rate per ton to be six cents per ton. The demand is made on account of the following reasons:

1. Measurement by legal ton wherever practicable is the only honest and best system of measuring the earnings of mine workers.

2. When the operators sell or transport coal it is on the basis of a legal ton of 2,240 pounds.

3. The excess ton was originally intended to compensate the operator for the weight of the small sizes of coal which were then discarded, but which are now utilized and sold, and therefore there is no present necessity for the use of any other than the legal ton.

4. The adoption of this system would remove an incentive, both to the operator and the worker, to cheating and dishonesty, and would allow jealousy among the miners and present unjust discrimination and favoritism.

5. The change of present system to the one asked for would prove a strong factor in all cases of discontent among the mine workers.

FOURTH. The incorporation to an agreement between the United Mine Workers of America and the Anthracite Coal Company of the wages which shall be paid and the conditions of employment which shall obtain, together with satisfactory methods for the adjustment of grievances which may arise from time to time to the end that strikes and lockouts may be unnecessary. In support of this demand we submit the following reasons:

1. The anthracite mine workers should be compelled to make up any agreement annually, but should have the right to form such organization and choose such agents and officers as they desire to act collectively instead of individually when they deem that their best interests are subserved thereby.

2. Agreements between employers and

THE MINERS

Full Text of Their Contentions and Demands.

As Presented to the Anthracite Coal Commission for its Consideration.

HAZELTON, Pa., Nov. 4.—The statement of the anthracite mine workers' case, which was filed with the strike commission on Saturday night was made public today. Copies of the statement have been furnished to the operators, who will reply in three or four days. The miners' statement in full is as follows:

To the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission: We, the undersigned, representing the operators of the anthracite coal fields in the following demands which were formulated by the Shamokin convention, March 18 to 24, and for the enforcement of which the strike was inaugurated.

FIRST. An increase of 20 per cent. on the price paid during the year 1901 to employees performing contract or piece work. This demand is made on account of the following reasons:

1. The present rate of wages is much lower than the rate of wages paid in the bituminous coal fields for substantially similar work.

2. The present rate of wages is lower than is paid in other occupations requiring equal skill and training.

3. The average annual earnings in the anthracite coal fields are much less than the average annual earnings in the bituminous coal fields for substantially similar work.

4. The average annual earnings in the anthracite coal fields are much less than the average earnings for occupations requiring less skill and training.

5. The rate of wages in the anthracite coal fields is insufficient to compensate the mine workers in view of the dangerous character of their occupation in relation to accidents, the liability to serious and permanent disability, and the fact that the average life incident to this employment.

6. The annual earnings of the mine workers are insufficient to maintain the American standard of living.

7. The increased cost of living has made it impossible to maintain a fair standard of life upon the basis of present wages, and has not only prevented the mine workers from securing any benefit from increased prosperity, but has made their condition poorer on account of their having to pay for the necessities of life.

8. The wages of the anthracite mine workers are so low that their children are prematurely forced into the schools and mills instead of being supported and educated upon the earnings of their parents.

9. Wages are below the fair and just earnings of the mine workers in this industry.

SECOND. A reduction of 20 per cent. in the hours of labor without any reduction of earnings for all employees paid by the day, hour or week.

The second demand is similar to the first, in that it is designed to increase the hourly rate of wages of the mine workers, and has not only prevented the first demand from being applied to the second. In addition thereto we submit the following:

1. Shorter hours improve the physical and mental conditions of the workers.

2. Shorter hours increase the intensity and efficiency of labor.

3. The tendency of national and state government to encourage the production generally is towards shorter hours.

4. A working day of eight hours is entirely long for the best interests of the working men and of the community.

THIRD. The adoption of a system by which coal shall be weighed and paid for by weight rather than by the minimum rate per ton to be six cents per ton. The demand is made on account of the following reasons:

1. Measurement by legal ton wherever practicable is the only honest and best system of measuring the earnings of mine workers.

2. When the operators sell or transport coal it is on the basis of a legal ton of 2,240 pounds.

3. The excess ton was originally intended to compensate the operator for the weight of the small sizes of coal which were then discarded, but which are now utilized and sold, and therefore there is no present necessity for the use of any other than the legal ton.

4. The adoption of this system would remove an incentive, both to the operator and the worker, to cheating and dishonesty, and would allow jealousy among the miners and present unjust discrimination and favoritism.

5. The change of present system to the one asked for would prove a strong factor in all cases of discontent among the mine workers.