

will be employed in the mines, and the output is a serious one both for Conception Bay and the country in general. Some weeks ago over 200 men were paid off at Bell Island when one of the slopes closed down, and this additional curtailment of operations brings the total of those paid off within a month ors o, up to 500. The men affected by the previous close-down, belonged mostly to the mainland districts of Conception Bay, but it is understood that by the closing down of the second slope, a large number of permanent residents of the Island will be out of work.

Dear Sir-Will you please allow me space to record the death of our dear friend of this place, Bertha Harvey Sheppard, who departed this life on August 22nd, at the General Hospital, St. John's.

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the late George and Rebecca Tucker of Port de Grave, C.B.

summer and was taken to the General Hospital, St. John's for treatment. Shortly after she arrived in the city, however, she passed away, and was brought home again, and buried on August 26th, by the side of her oldest son. The funeral was largely attended.

three children, three sisters, and one brother: Mr. Sheppard wishes to thank all the people for their kindness shown his wife while she was ill, including the people of Leading Tickles, Point Leamington, and the crews of the Portia and Prospero and the doctors and the nurses of the hospital.

week.

Miss V. Snow, from Campbellton has replaced Miss D. Pennell as teacher here this year. Miss Pennell left for the United States in June. Rev. R. Atkinson is on the mission this year in place of Rev. E. Lacey,

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The Union of South Africa as a customer for American made goods is increasing in importance and is improving in character of trade, accord ing to Trade Commissioner Stevenson, of the Department of Commerce, who recently returned to this city after three years of service at Johannesburg.

While in pre-war days the American share of South Africa's imports

certain more inshore areas, particular ly in St. George's Bay and the east end of Prince Edward Island trawlers

