

PROTECTION OF MINERS.

I PLEDGE THE PEOPLE'S PARTY TO A STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS REGULATING MINING AND THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES, so as to guard against accidents, and the enactment of more stringent mining laws where such may be found necessary. Last winter a series of fatal accidents occurred in some of our mines, and it was suggested that the explosives used might be the cause of these, whereupon it was announced that the Government intended laying the matter before the Imperial authorities, with a view to having tests of the explosives made, but if such was done, the result of the investigation was certainly never made public.

AN INDUSTRIAL POLICY.

The natural complement of a fishery, mineral, and agricultural policy should be an industrial policy and the local manufacturing concerns in this Colony are an object lesson of what it is possible to accomplish in this respect by judicious fostering and encouragement.

It will be my special aim to promote other similar industries in our midst, and in that way afford employment to our people and keep them at home, thus preventing the tide of emigration which is draining away the life blood of the Colony, its young men and women—and also the loss to our people of the millions of dollars sent away to purchase commodities which

might be produced within our borders. Such a policy would include encouragement to ship building and kindred industries.

COAL AND PEAT.

THE SERIOUS SITUATION CREATED BY THE PRESENT PRICE OF COAL is so far-reaching, touching as it does every fireside in the colony, as well as every industry, that it has become a national grievance. Coal in Sydney to-day sells as low as \$3.00 a ton, yet it costs our people in many settlements in the colony as high as \$7.20 a ton, though a cargo of English household coal was brought across the Atlantic, a distance of two thousand miles, and sold in St. John's recently for \$5.90 a ton. A means must be found for effecting a reduction in the price of coal, and, if elected, we shall take steps to bring about such a result. We also propose to set on foot a thorough scientific examination of our coal fields and peat areas, so that either, or both, may be at once developed in such a way as to provide an alternative against imported coal for the use of our people.

TRADESMEN AND LABORERS.

I propose the enactment of a measure to give TRADE AND LABOR UNIONS in this Colony the same legal status that they occupy in Great Britain. At the present time in Newfoundland the funds of Labor Unions can be attached for the acts and indebtedness of individual members. The