

Coal Shipments October 1907.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.

—Output and Shipments for October 1907.—

	—Output—	—Shipments—
Dominion No. 1	51 448	
Dominion No. 2	64 477	
Dominion No. 3	30 344	
Dominion No. 4	50 803	
Dominion No. 5	60 791	306 108
Dominion No. 6	19 794	
Dominion No. 8	20 406	
Dominion No. 9	36 435	
Dominion No. 10	7 952	
	<u>342 453</u>	<u>306 108</u>
Shipments Oct. 1906		337 139
Decrease Oct 1907		31 031
Shipments 10 months '07		2 710 757
" " '06		2 763 603
Decrease " '07		52 846

INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.

Shipments Oct. 1907	19 973
" " 1906	26 518
Decrease " 1907	6 545
Shipments 10 mos 1907	222 547
" " 1906	236 464
Decrease " 1906	13 917

INVERNESS RAILWAY & COAL CO.

Shipments Oct 1907	22 275
" " 1906	27 452
Decrease " 1907	5 177
Shipments 10 mos. 1907	198 847
" " 1906	167 522
Increase " 1907	31 325

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO.

Shipments Oct. 1907	53 510
" " 1906	63 285
Decrease " 1907	9 775
Shipments 10 mos 1907	518 750
" " 1906	543 426
Decrease " 1907	24 676

ACADIA COAL CO.

Shipments Oct. 1907	31 987
" " 1906	27 222
Increase " 1907	4 765
Shipments 10 mos 1907	262 230
" " 1906	219 390
Increase " 1907	42 840

And now they have it that a 5 foot seam of coal had been found in Antigonish and that that thickness of seam is to be exceeded after a little exploration has been done. This is not the first time coal has been discovered and yet not found in Antigonish. In Rutherford the Inspectors time it was discovered, and then fifteen or twenty years ago prospector McBean got it in seams of several thicknesses, and others than McBean got it, yet did not. The writer got it too, but it was not the right thickness. Is it to be hoped the present find is valuable.

If the Dominion Coal Co. does not finally succeed in putting the right men in the right places it will not be for the want of trying. New officers have been lately created, viz., assistant mine inspectors and assistant district mechanical superintendents. Mr. R. J. Bell formerly of Port Hood has been appointed one of the latter having charge of No. 2 and No. 4. Mr. Maxwell is reported to take charge of No. 2 and No. 9. Bart Connors takes charge of International which he refused on a former occasion. Bart is a splendid mine man. The other changes outside the office staff are too numerous to mention.

The Acadia Coal Co. is the only one among the large coal producers which shows an increase in shipments for October. The decreases of the Dom. Coal Co., the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. and the Intercolonial Coal Co. total 91,000 tons odd, and if 94,000 tons be added as the probable loss to the Cumberland Railway & Coal Co. through the strike, the total shortage of four companies is 185,000 tons. To offset this the Acadia shows a gain of 42,000 and the Inverness Ry. & Coal Co. of 31,000, a total of 73,000, leaving a net loss of 112,000 tons. Unless the companies do exceedingly well for Nov. and Dec. this loss cannot be overcome.

After a rather costly strike the Springhill miners went back to work ten days ago. The men so far as we can gather went back as they came out. The management was the only party who came out of the combat with colors flying. Through thick and thin it had but one text and stolidly stuck to it. The company's slogan, was "The decision of the arbitrators and that alone." The miners were badly advised by their local leaders in coming out; the mechanics were not justified in the position they took, for the clause in the Act enforcing a penalty and forfeiture of certificate for leaving work without 14 days notice was only taken out on the distinct understanding that the machinists would not again be called out 'in sympathy'; the politicians by interfering, in the judgement of some, only by their action prolonged the strike, and Judge Graham made a fearful mess by giving diverse renderings of his decision. Those who were with him at the convocation said he interpreted his decision as Mr. Pipes had done, and then he went back on Pipes and the P. W. A. generally. Among those who came out of the affair without great honor was McKenzie King. Smart fellow though he is, he cannot bluff Nova Scotians. It is to be hoped that all parties, profiting by experience, may long work on in harmony.