

## AROUND THE COLIERIES.

\* It is expected that Dom. No. 12 will soon be producing a 1000 tons a day.

Rough and ready people may now have some excuse for swe—saying "by George".

Operations at Birch Grove, Port Morien, are soon to begin, by the Dominion Coal Co.

According to the Herald the foreign order have a few more mouths to fill at Springhill.

The feeling in business circles in Montreal is decidedly in opposition to reciprocity with the U. S.

And now it is reported that they have found cannel coal in Ontario. Pooh! it has often been found in Nova Scotia.

The new bankhead at Dom. No. 4 is all but completed. It is a model of simplicity combined with strength. It is well arranged also.

We have met a number of people of hitherto unimpeachable honesty and of irreproachable character generally, who brazenly declare, without the tinge of a blush, that they saw the comet.

The Colonial Coal Co. have begun shipments from their mine on the Little Bras D'Or. Steamers of moderate capacity can be loaded at the company's pier. The coal mine is situated at perhaps one of the most picturesque spots in C. B.

The Dominion Coal Co. will build a large number of houses for the workmen at the new collieries Dom. Nos. 12, 14 and 16. A village is expected to rise up in this locality within the next five years which may prove a rival to Glace Bay.

The U. M. W's. were circulating the report that the men at Dom. No. 1 who had proven their loyalty during the strike were going over in a body to the foreign order. The belief is growing that if the U. M. W. officials ever speak the truth it is only by accident. The U. M. W. at this moment is in very bad odor in C. B.

Mr. Peter Christianson, one of the D. C. Cos. superintendents of mines leaves on June 1st. for the west, where he goes to fill a position at the instance of Mr. Charles Fergie. Very many will be sorry to lose Peter; none more so than the Record which has followed Peter from the start in his upward flight.

A meeting of the directors of the Strathcona Coal Co. was held at the offices of the Company at Moncton ten days ago to decide as to what action shall be taken looking to a resumption of operations at the mine. It is possible the work may be restarted this summer. One of the seams prospected last year may be opened up.

A miner named Laundry was killed by a fall of stone while at the face in the Joggins mines a week ago.

Several coal areas which formerly belonged to the estate of E. B. Gray, and which adjoined areas presently being worked have been acquired by the Acadia Coal Co.

Dominion No. 3 has been running for some time on double shift. The other collieries are filling up fast, some of them to overflowing.

The report that Maxwell, of Dom. No. 1, was leaving the Dominion Coal Co. is not correct. He will be back in about six weeks from a well earned holiday.

Cosgrove, the labor candidate, who is determined to contribute a hundred dollars to the Sheriff Harris election fund, continues bravely to plod his weary way. His pluck is admirable if not his discretion.

Mr. Alex. McDonald, Supt. of Caledonia, has been appointed to the position of District Superintendent in lieu of Mr. Christianson, who goes out West at the invitation of Mr. Fergie. Mr. McDonald has had a long and varied experience, knows all the ropes, and should make a first class inspector.

The U. M. W. officials are telling the innocents of Cumberlond Co. that the U. M. W. is progressing nicely in Pictou Co. Yes there're wearin' "well-awa". At a meeting in Stellarton ten days ago an audience of 17 way drummed up, consisting of four visitors from Westville, one Stellarton man and a number of inquisitive Stellarton boys. Nothing doing.

The mining rates for No. 12 were fixed the other day by the Company and the P. W. A. The balance system is in vogue; the miners mine and have the coal filled into boxes and the boxes pushed by their loaders for 56 cts. per ton. This is a decent rate and it is considered the miners will do well at it more especially as the coal has not to be sheared as in other mines. This agreement as to wages gives the P. W. A. a nice start in the Lingan district.

A large party of miners, British and Belgian, arrived in Halifax a fortnight ago. They came out to work for the Dominion Coal Co., but owing to the strike being called off, they were not needed. This was explained to them. Some thirty skilled miners elected to go to Springhill and about seventy-five to Port Morien. Some would go nowhere but to Glace Bay. There were four conspicuous red tie men in the bunch who were not pressed to go anywhere. Many more than the number that arrived had started to come, but on the Carthagenian being towed back to Britain, after her mishap, they refused to continue the voyage and stayed behind. There is a scarcity of men at a number of the collieries, and more arrivals might be welcomed.