

in influence and enterprise, at a rate commensurate with her magnificent resources, every attention should be paid, and every encouragement given, to the development of the iron ore and the steel industries. As soon as it has been demonstrated that we have vast and rich iron ore deposits, so soon shall we be able to look upon a prospect dazzling almost in its magnificence.

Often these days it is shouted Coal is King. If coal be King, then iron is his Consort, and if in romance the consort of a man or a king is styled his better half, may we not also say of iron, as the consort of coal, that it is its better half. It is admitted on all sides that this Canada of ours is fast making history. May we not be jealous over the part that Nova Scotia is to play in the making of the history.

If our great North-West is to be written of as the granary, if the North is to be spoken of as the emporium of her commerce, may we not seek for Nova Scotia the name of the workshop of Canada.

When the variety of her minerals are counted over, when the possibilities of her coal and iron fields are considered, we may well nigh be overwhelmed with the vastness of our opportunity, and the magnitude of our responsibility. But the greater the responsibility the greater the need of comprehensive and energetic action. If we stand still we will be derelict of our duty, and unworthy of our ancestry. I can only hope that the Government having put its hand to the plough will not turn back, but that encouraged by the approval of every patriotic Nova Scotian it will push forward until it is known what the future has in store for us as a centre of manufactures of iron and steel.

My argument summed up is that not in securing a market in Ontario: not in an effort to snatch a portion of the market in New England, but in promoting and fostering iron ore mining, and iron and steel manufactures generally, should we bend our best and intelligent energies. There is no market comparable with the home market.

In issue of March 8th. it was stated that when Mr. J. A. Sands returned from London to Chimney Corner he would bring with him a young Welshman as assistant manager. The young man is coming out but not in that capacity. All the miners and the mining officials to be employed at St. Rose will be drawn from Nova Scotia. The St. Rose people are at one with the RECORD in deeming it a mistake to introduce outside men as officials believing that to manage men properly one must understand local conditions.

Mr. Marshall, manager's instructor, has met with a hearty welcome from the Instructors and from the intending candidates in the districts, so far, visited. Mr. Marshall had a field day at Chignecto, Mr. Baird having on an idle day given them the bearings and the freedom of the slope. We are glad to hear that all the students Mr. Marshall has come in contact with are highly pleased with his mode of instruction.

When the shearing machines are introduced in the collieries of the Dom. Copl Co. the centre of the room will be sheared only. This will necessitate two shots. It is claimed that the coal after being sheared and blown in this fashion comes down in a solid piece. The ordinary individual would have thought that blowing a fast side would tend to make a certain amount of slack coal.

The Dom. Coal Co's collieries should be good by May 1st. for about the following outputs daily.

No. 1	2500
" 2	2400
" 3	1600
Caledonia	2200
Reserve	3000
International	1000
Hub	1000
No. 9	1300
15000 or 360,000 tons	
per month	

Mr. William M. Moran has been appointed Sales Agent of the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock, Limited, Montreal, for the Maritime Provinces with his office at Halifax, N. S. He is a graduate of Washington University, Mechanical Engineering, and during the past fifteen years has been engaged in electrical and railroad work. He has been connected with the Brush Electric Company, the Edison Electric Company and latterly was Chief Engineer for Townsend and Reed, of Chicago, one of the largest railroad contracting firms in the United States.

In 1901 when the men at Springhill asked for a 12 per cent advance, Mr. Cowans the manager asked for and was granted three months to consider the request on the condition that the advance if agreed to was to apply from the date of the request. When Mr. Cowans in February requested the men to concede to a reduction of 12 per cent the lodge asked for three months to consider the proposition. This after much discussion was granted, but whether on the understanding that the reduction if enforced in May should apply from Feb'y. is not known. Not likely however as the men would hold to what they have as regards wages paid.

Canada is seemingly still an unknown quantity to many people across the line. A member of the American Society of C. E.'s has issued a book with the title "The story of American coals". It had been well for his reputation had he omitted all reference to Canada, as he evidently is in utter ignorance of her affairs. Here is the one reference he makes to Canadian coals and it is a corker and no mistake:—

"Canada is devoid of any traces of the coal measures, and presents a remarkable contrast to the regions by which it is surrounded. Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia contain the north easterly extension of the great American fields. But as far as yet known the coal measures are more interesting to the geologist than to the economist."

In the absence of the editor a number of recently issued catalogues were received; all full of interesting information and which may be had free on application. These catalogues are issued by the Canada Foundry Co., Allis-Chalmers Co., Sullivan Machinery Co., Canada Rand Drill Co., and Jeffrey Mfg. Co., whose respective addresses may be found in our advertising columns.

If the government dredge is put to work early in Mabou harbor, the Mabou Coal Co. will enter the list of provincial coal shippers this year. The Record trusts that the dredge may be set to work as soon as the ice is broken up.