

## AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

Drive out the intruders.

Nova Scotia must not stand for even a mild form of Molly McGuire methods.

It must be brought home to the foreigners that Nova Scotia is not Colorado.

For the present the Record is inclined to let the 'strike' take its course. There can be only one end.

Part of the East side of Caledonia is working submarine. In about two years all the workings on this side will be under the water.

Caledonia mine, single shifted gives an average of about 1600 tons per day for a force of 580 men. This is considered a good output considering that Caledonia is becoming venerable through age.

Bridges have been formed at the several collieries of the N. S. Steel & Coal Co. to practice with the Draeger machine, so as to be ready for fire and explosion. The Draeger, in C. B. is not without its critics.

Sydney No. 2 is worked with the Little Hardy Mining machines. The mining is done in a band in the middle of the seam. There is thus no fine coal made, no dirt filled in the coal and no waste.

As the Coal Trade Journal says, "We have the real people in the trade, our advertisers can depend on that! And we have got the real people who work in the mine, many of whom will some day hold important positions in the trade.

The main deep at Dom. No. 6 is 200 feet under the ocean. There is one point in the mine which is 500 ft. under. In about a years time, if all goes well and a strike does not shut down the mine indefinitely the work of further sinking the slope will be begun. The slope will make in the direction of the Roost Head.

H. J. McCann, Supt. of Dom. Coal Co.'s stores, is one of the champion golf players of Cape Breton. In a race in a thunder shower the other day, from Reserve to Dominion, it was proven that when it came to horsemanship he could not hold the whip with Supt. McEachern. McCann blamed his defeat on the French trainer. He used golf language in criticising that unfortunate.

We have received the "Standard" issued for the first time in Glace Bay, 19th ult. The Standard is conservative in politics, and radical in its views regarding corporations, etc. The Record, as our readers well know, is strictly independent in politics and therefore has no use for political articles, grit or tory, but it will be glad to have from the 'Standard' or for that part from any paper, articles whose tendency will be to hasten moral and social reform.

The two slopes Dom. 14 and 15 are so close together that part of the plant of one, boilers, compressors etc, will be used for the other.

For the Victoria coal it is claimed that it makes no clinkers. It is a quick burner and an excellent steamer. Along with Sydney Mines coal, Victoria when worked some years ago was in good demand for bunkers.

Though No. 15 of the Dom. Coal Co's pits all but adjoins No. 14, the two slopes tap different seams of coal. The No. 15 slope is to be driven in the Lingam main seam, while 12 and 14 are driven in the Victoria seam.

No better praise could be given Mr. Maxwell and his staff at Dom. No. 1 than is given when it is said that the mine is doing better than ever. The output, according to the number of men at work is from 2100 to 2400. The number of men at work averages in the vicinity of 650. This pit is a wonderfully steady producer, and on that account is in favor with the higher officials. Mr. Maxwell has it may be a broad face, his smile is correspondingly broad. He gets on well with the men.

There have been a number of changes of managers of late. Wm. Wilson, formerly of the Hub, has gone to Maccan, and John Roy formerly of Mabou and Chignecto goes to the McKay. W. Maxwell of Dom. No. 12 and Ang. I. McDonald have gone West. Mr. Richardson of the North Atlantic Collieries Co. handed in his resignation a week or two ago. He is a young man, and desires a broader horizon than is afforded at Port Morien. It is said the Western fever has laid its hands on others, but whether it will be strong enough to carry them off time will tell.

The fuel inspector of the railway which is probably the largest consumer of coal in Canada, in conversation with the writer, the other day said that the coal now being sent to Montreal was very much superior to that sent a dozen years ago, and added, "You have some grand coals in C. B." I should just say we had, though their true value has never been fully appreciated. The remark of the Inspector bears out the often repeated assertion of the Record, that our coals are as good as the best, and those who use most know that best.

A Record representative, the other day, had the pleasure of a chat with Mr. Kirkby, the Inspector of the Dominion Coal Companies mines, in succession to Mr. Fergie. He is called the Company's 'Mining Engineer. Mr. Kirkby has a face that one takes too, his manner is not loud, his head gives not the slightest indication of swelling. An informal survey leaves the impression that this Scot is not of those who make it unpleasant for themselves and their associates, by trying to impress one with the belief that they know it all. That man is a lout who is not a learner.