

coal mining counties, and the number of employees, etc.:

PICTOU CO.

NAME OF COMPANY	Amount paid in Wages.	Total Supplies.	Total wages and Supplies.	No. of Employee's	Number dependant on Employee's	Dependant on Coal Mining	Pop. of Towns	Popul. Appreciably Benefitted
Acadia Coal Company..	\$ 702 000			1 445	6 000	7 000		
Intercolonial Coal Co.,	490 681			970	3 000	4 000		
Marsh Colliery	60 000			90	250	250		
Totals	1 252 816	319 466	1 571 282	2 505	9 250	11 250	14 000	20 000

CUMB. CO.

Cumb. Ry. & Coal Co.	884 000			1 600	5 000	6 500	6 500	18 000
Mar. C. R. & P. Co.								
Minudia Company	166 000			450	1 500	2 500	3 000	3 500
Strathcona and others								
Totals	1 050 000	167 000	1 217 000	2 050	6 500	9 000	9 500	21 500

C. B. COUNTY.

Dominion Coal Coy	3 750 000			8 300	21 000	25 000	40 000	40 000
Nova Scotia S & C Co.	1 050 000			2 300	11 000	15 000	20 000	20 000
Other Collieries	150 000			350	1 200	1 500	2 000	2 000
Totals	4 950 000	1 358 000	6 308 000	10 950	33 200	41 500	62 000	62 000

INVERNESS CO.

Inverness Coal Coy.	464 000			908	1500	3000	5 000	22 000
Other Collieries	150 000			350	900	1200		
Totals	614 000	194 500	808 000	1258	2400	4200		
New Collieries	24 000	75 000	99 000					

GRAND TOTAL.

Wages.....	\$ 7,800,000
Wages and Supplies.....	10,003,000
No. of Employees.....	16,750
Dependants on Employees.....	57,350
Dependant on Coal Mining.....	125,000
Population appreciably benefited.....	175,000

In Cumberland County the amount paid out in wages is equal to \$29.00 per head of the population as at last census, or taking wages and supplies \$34.00 per head.

Pictou County \$37.00 and \$45.00 respectively.

Cape Breton \$100.00 and \$128.00 respectively.

Inverness Co. \$25.00 and \$33.00 respectively.

Taking the population of the four mining counties at 143,000 and the wages paid at \$7,500,000 we have an amount, paid out in wages alone, equal to \$53.00 a head. Taking the population at 500,000 and the amount disbursed by the coal companies for wages and supplies at \$10,000,000 we have twenty dollars for every man woman and child in the province.

The subject permits of variety and extent of treatment.

There are many phases of it that I have skipped over lest I should weary you. I think however that I have said sufficient to convince our legislators that the best way to settle our vacant farms, induce population, and supply a profitable market is to forward in every possible legitimate way, the exploitation of the grand mineral resources of the province.

The Dom. Iron. & Steel Co. is sparing for time while the Dom. Coal Co. is eager for action.

President Coll impressed upon the members of the mining society the advisability of increasing the membership and extending the scope of the usefulness of the society. The suggestion led to an interesting discussion, the outcome of which may be the establishment of branch societies in the larger of the colliery or other mining districts. The fee chargeable to members of the branches will be less than that at present. It is suggested that the "allied industries" should have a larger representation in the society. A special session of the society will be held during the summer to discuss this matter.

A prominent Socialist seriously described the other evening at a public hall how the future Utopia intends to deal with the un-employable class. The "work shy" is to be placed in cell with a machine of some kind. By this it is hoped that his labor will be turned to some account—when he feels inclined to work. Facing him will be an appetising dinner and "the wherewithal to wash it down," all duty protected by an iron grille. A register will mark time on the volume of work done, and when the four hours' minimum is reached the grille opens automatically and, well, there you have it!