

petent persons who hold a Certificate of Competency as a Mine Examiner under this Act, whose duty it shall be:—

(a) to fire all shots in the mine, and perform all other duties prescribed by any Special Rules;

(b) to make such inspections and carry on such other duties as to the presence of gas, ventilation, state of roof and sides, as are required by this Act and by any Special Rules.

(c) to have the general charge of the safety of the mine and the workmen, including the checking and recording of the number of persons under his charge as required by this Act and by any Special Rules.

(2) A Mine Examiner shall be required to devote his whole time to such duties as aforesaid, but the provisions shall not apply in the case of a Mine Examiner in

(a) any mine in which the total number of persons employed underground at one time does not exceed thirty, or,

(b) any mine exempted by the Deputy Inspector of the district, on account of the special circumstances of the mine.

(3) No person not employed as a Mine Examiner or Shot-firer in any mine previously to the first day of August, 1918, shall be employed or permitted to act as a Mine Examiner or Shot-firer, unless he is possessed of a Certificate of Competency as such, under this Act. Provided, however, that all persons who, on the passing of this Act, are the holders of a certificate of Mine Examiner or Shot-firer issued by any Board for the examination of workmen and who are now employed as Mine Examiners or Shot-firers, shall be granted a Certificate of Competency as Mine Examiner by the Commissioner upon the Manager of the mine in which such Mine Examiner or Shot-firer is employed, filing a certificate with the Commissioner that such Mine Examiner or Shot-firer is so employed in the mine as such, is a British subject, and has written or is competent to write in the English language a report of his examinations in the book kept for that purpose at the mine in which he is employed.

(4) That part of the mine assigned to a Mine Examiner shall not be of such a size as to prevent him from carrying out in a thorough manner the duties assigned to him.

Plans.

(3) The Owner, Agent or Manager shall before the 20th day of each of the months of January, April, July and October of each year furnish to the Commissioner a correct plan or tracing on a scale of not less than 400 feet to an inch of the workings up to the first day of the months above mentioned.

Use of Electricity.

36. (1) Electricity shall not be used in any part of a mine where, on account of the risk of explosion of gas or coal dust, the use of electricity would be dangerous to life, and if the owner of a mine, on being required by the Deputy Inspector not to use, or to desist from using, electricity in the mine or any part thereof, for the reasons aforesaid, refuses to do so, the question as to the application of this Section to the mine or part thereof shall be

settled in manner provided for settling disputes under Section 34 of this Act.

(2) If at any time in any place in the mine inflammable gas is found the electric current shall at once be cut off from all cables and other electrical apparatus in that place and shall not be switched on until the place is reported to be clear of gas and permission is given to switch on by the Manager. Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to any telephone or signalling wires or instruments as long as the conditions prescribed with reference to the installation and use of such wires and instruments are complied with, nor to any electric lamps of a type for the time being approved.

(3) When any question under this Section is to be settled in the manner hereinbefore provided, the Owner shall, pending the settlement of the question, comply with the requirements of the Deputy Inspector subject to an appeal to the Inspector.

Deputy Inspector.

(3) The Deputy Inspector shall visit every mine within his jurisdiction and every working part thereof, all underground travelling roads and all air courses including examination of stoppings at least once every month.

Payment of Wages.

(3) Every such employer shall without any order retain out of the wages or salary of any such employee any sums due by such employee in respect of the fees, or church or society dues,

to powder, coal, oil, rent, check-weigher's fees, etc. As will be noticed there is only one word changed in the foregoing sub section, the changing of the word may, in to shall, and that innocent looking change makes a wonderful alteration in the reading and the meaning of the sub-section, and indeed makes it high impossible to arrive at what the sub-section now means. Payments to a doctor should, we believe, be compulsory, but where there are three doctors, which? We are not so sure that payments to a church should be compulsory for a majority of the churches these days glory in being supported by voluntary contributions. And what is meant by "Society dues, Torrey Society, Rechabite, I. O. T., K. of C., K. of P., I. O. F., I. O. O. F., A. F. M., etc., etc? We wouldn't wonder if the A. M. W. is included. If the clause passes as it stands, the Record may make a few comments on the new way of securing the "closed shop."

When vertical timbers like piles, posts, and others supports are partly embedded in the ground they are likely to fail rapidly by decay at ground level, while the timber above and below that point remains sound. It is said that the decay can be greatly retarded and the life of the structure much prolonged by enclosing the timbers just above and below the ground level by sleeves filled with common salt.

The Rock Ornamental Company has been incorporated, with a capital of \$20,000, to engage in all business allied to the cement industry. The head office is in Quebec City.