

## AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

Mr. Jas. Connors has been appointed a checkweighman at the Reserve. The 'Victoria' miners will be pleased at Mr. Connors' promotion.

In turning out 7,966 tons of rods last month, the Dominion Steel Co. eclipsed the record made by the rod mill of the American Steel & Wire Co. of Waukegan, Ill., in 1900, which was 6384 tons.

The heavy frost of last week has closed navigation in Sydney Harbor. The N. S. S. & Coal Co. have two steamers loaded, ready for a dash to St. John and St. Johns, should a favorable wind cause a break up.

The time is about up for a meeting of the directors of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Coy. They probably will meet in Montreal next week. It would not surprise the RECORD if some announcement were then made as to payment of a dividend on the common.

They must be very hard to please in the matter of powder for colliery work on the other side, as on the permitted list the British Secretary of State has no fewer than fifty eight different kinds of explosives, all claiming to be free from danger in their use.

The many friends of Mr. J. R. Blackett, auditor for the Dom. Coal Co., will hear with much regret of his resignation. Mr. Blackett has been for a long time connected with colliery clerical work. When Senator McKeen ran the Caledonia Colliery Mr. Blackett was his confidential clerk.

A feeder of water was lately struck in the East levels of the Joggins Mines. This must cause the management much worry, as in all conscience there were a sufficient number of feeders on hand without any addition to their number. Perhaps this one was sent to try the resourcefulness of the new manager.

At long last sufficient water has been let into the Hub colliery to drown the fire area. The work of flooding took considerably longer than those not on the ground had expected. Pumping is now in order, and it is looked for that the management will strive to make a record. Pumping the Hub should be child's play as compared with the unwatering of Dom. No. 1.

It took the men at Sydney No. 3 three days to settle the little trouble among themselves, and it took the management other three days to do some house cleaning. It was stated that cessation of work on the part of the men, was to induce some 150 men to join the union. The union men effected their purpose at a cost of say \$6000 or say \$40,00 for each man 'induced' to join through the stoppage. Towards this loss the "non-union" men contributed \$1125, and the union men \$3725, roughly speaking.

### Coal Shipments January, 1907.

#### DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.

##### —Output and Shipments for January, 1907.—

	—Output—	—Shipments—
Dominion No. 1	48 119	
Dominion No. 2	52 145	
Dominion No. 3	29 410	
Dominion No. 4	45 363	
Dominion No. 5	52 886	234 167
Dominion No. 6	16 524	
Dominion No. 8	19 839	
Dominion No. 9	30 001	
	308 367	
Shipments January 1907		162 922
" " 1906		188 439
Increase " 1907		25 517

#### ACADIA COAL CO.

Shipments January 1907	26 228
" " 1906	20 615
Increase " 1907	5 613

#### CUMBERLAND RY. & COAL CO.

Shipments January 1907	22 247
" " 1906	45 636
Increase " 1907	23 389

#### INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.

Shipments January 1907	23 734
" " 1906	24 310
Increase " 1907	576

#### NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO.

Shipments January 1907	39 726
" " 1906	45 117
Increase " 1907	5 391

#### CANADA COALS & RAILWAY CO.

Shipments January 1907	3 105
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#### INVERNESS RAILWAY & COAL CO.

Shipments January 1907	15 935
" " 1906	5 827
Increase January 1907	10 108