pose a man engages to take say 5000 worth or de-bentures payably in thirty monthly instalments, and accept his interposition in a larger. For the U. M. W. suppose that after the first payment or any subsequent leaders to accept any concession secured by the P. W. payments, before the expiry of the time for man pay. At would be equivalent to acknowledging that the ament, the debenture holder dies, the company pays vent of the foreign order to Nova Scotia was a hideous all instalments due and hands over to the widow, or and astounding blunder. The U. M. Wis, declared the mother, or, as the case may be, a fully paid e.r. loudly that in coming to Nova Scotia they came as a literate to began as applicable or sail as also about the control of the foreign of the control of the tificate to keep or exchange or sell as she chooses. without which few men may hope to make a start on never do, and lo and behold the strong society is in This scheme should certainly be an incentive to thrift the road to a competence in this world. Of course the socialists will pooh pooh the scheme as they do all schemes of amelioration of the lot of the toilers, There is no hope for extreme socialism if workmen become contented and presperous, therefore they consider it necessary for the purposes of their propoganda that men be kept discontented and sour. The details of Mr. Plummer's scheme are not yet to hand. It is to be hoped that they will prove so inviting that there will be a big rush for debentures, not because the company may thereby be benefited but from the hope that it prove highly beneficial and helpful to the workmen.

On the Friday before election, the Eastern Chronicle had an article which I must admit was a masterpiece of veiled sarcasm. So adroitly was it worded that any U. M. W. sympathizer, remaining in Picton County, could roll it as a sweet morsel under his tongue, and all the P. W. A. men could shout "good for The article had reference to the end of the U. M. W. based at Springmin. The Curonicle appared correct in saying she never bought an ounce of teat balm to the wounds of the U. M. W.s. by saying that and a farmer might be speaking by the book if he said the Company, sympathizing with the hardships the hencer sold a pound of turnips or a pint of oats, men had undergone, should not have insisted on the when actually from the sale of these products he obten per cent, reduction. That is strictly strict conp. tained the chief part of his hving. Or course the contribution advice, the turning of the other cheek also. But operators, when the conservatives were in power, never it is an advice beyond poor human corporation nature. sent a pound of coal to Montreal. It would not have Had the company not insisted on the ten per cent. reduction, the U. M. W. leaders would have gone howling through the land claiming to have won a glorious for two good and sufficient reasons. First it could not waive the reduction and continue working at a profit and second, it could not ignore it and hope for discipline and peace in the future. Had the intimated reduction been wholly departed from then the men at the other collieries might laugh when any measure of discipline was proposed. They could say, 'another Springhill bluff. There will be no cessation of needless and useless strikes unless there is some way of bringing the folly home to those who incite and abett The reduction was not in the way of retribution; it was exemplary, and preventive, the two chief must have sent them hopping. the P. W. A. use its best efforts to have the ten per cent. reduction cancelled. This would be, with a venfully use you. In one sense it might be heaping coals thing to repeat to a mainland audience. Expediency geance, doing good to those who hate you and despiteof fire on the heads of their bitter enemies. is not the way the U. M. W's. would take it. would squirm as if kettles of boiling water were being poured over them. Why, man, did'nt four of the leaders write to the Herald saying that the insinuation that John Moffatt had anything to do with the reduc-

further than that of the big company across the line, tion being only ten and not fifteen per cent, was wholly the carries with it a novel system of insurance. Suppose a man engages to take say \$300 worth of degood offices in a small matter, is it likely they would be a small matter, is it likely they would be a small matter. cessions which a weak society like the P. W. A. could the dust, crying 'done for', 'done for', while the P. W. A. is on top, complete masters of the situation.

. One would'nt credit the member in the federal parliament for Picton with being a joker. He is that and when he lets himself go, he can spin a striking yarn with a solemn face. Prior to the local election day he gravely told a New Glasgow and a Stellarton audience, and there was no one to say him 'nay', that not a pound of coal had gone to Montreal when the tories were in power. I read this statement first in the Eastern Chronicle and laughed at the reporter, and I laughed at 'Neds' fervor when told later that he had made the self same statement in Stellarton. I did not solve the riddle until it dawned upon me that our gifted friend was making a play upon a word, the word 'pound'. Great joke altogether, Why, of course we did'nt send a pound of coal in the same sense as a heavy smoker would say he never bought a cents worth of tobacco, or a heavy tea drinker an ounce of tea. My guid wife might be literally correct in saying she never bought an ounce of tea; tained the chief part of his living. Of course the coal or in a 5,000 ton steamer. For that reason they never the the land claiming to have won a glorious sent a pound. They preferred, and wisely, to send if the company simply could not withdraw by the ton. The funny thing is that the audience victory. The company simply come not withdraw by the ron. The funny thing is that the another from the position taken at the beginning of the strike did nt see the joke, and that no one attempted to shout 'chestnuts', 'rats', or 'foxes'. It was just a capital little joke, but was nt it just a trifle risky. tory followed, good old Ned would have had a bad five minutes of it, that is, if the tory knew anything about coal-an unusual thing for a tory I admit. back in 1880 when the tories were in power, in the local, Nova Scotia sent about thirty per cent. of its coal production to Quebec province, and in 1895, when the tories were the 'ins' at Ottawa, some 40 per cent. of Nova Scotia's production went to P. Q., and I am doubtful if that per centage has been maintained from 1896 up to the present. Perhaps the joke was a joint production as Mr. McDonald read a letter he received tion; it was exemplary, and preventive, the two chief 1890 up to the first McDonald read a letter he received objects of discipline. Having applied salve, friend production as Mr. McDonald read a letter he received Fraser then gives the U. M. W. leaders a jab that from Mr. Dick. 'Sandy' could'nt live unless he was must have sent them hopping. It is suggested that afforded opportunity to even up things. No man liverage that the many could be a smalle to Mr. McDonald in the producing can hold a candle to Mr. McDonald in the production of letters and telegrams on nomination day. One thing that Mr. Dick said in his letter was a risky

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