

# AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

Mr. P. Christianson had to succumb to la-grippe for a week or so. He is again on duty at Glace Bay.

It is said that Sydney No 2 may start up again in the spring. That will depend largely on the sales outlook.

The No. 3 slope men Springhill, are beginning to envy the No. 2 slope men, as the lion's share of the work falls to the latter.

The output of the Albion has been curtailed of late and will be affected for some time by the loss of one of the balances.

The answer to the cap pieces question in last issue of the RECORD is 301. Mr. L. G. Hargreaves of Springhill, sent first correct answer.

As expected January coal trade does not make a good showing. The stormy weather interfered to some extent with operations.

A large number of people in Springhill are suffering from La grippe; a thousand or more according to the M. D's being laid up at the one time.

On the 31st. Jany. the No. 2 Allan shaft was down 636 ft. and the No. 1 about 575. The No. 1 only went 36 ft. in Jany. which is certainly not rapid sinking.

The talk of a coal famine on the railways last week must have been an exaggeration as the railway people had given some of the operators a short time previously to understand that the sheds were well stocked.

The new lodgement of No. 2 slope, Springhill is about completed. A new pump will be installed at once which will pump to the 2400 ft. lift. Sinking will be continued below the 3200 ft., and another lift of 700 feet reached.

The General Manager of the Springhill collieries has now another assistant. He began duty on the 28th ult. True, he is a very little chap, but spunky, and not likely to keep quiet if things don't go to his liking. He will be known on the staff as Cowans, Junior.

The spare drums of the haulage plant of No. 2 slope Springhill, will be utilized to clean up the formerly submerged but now dry workings west of the 3200 ft. lift. Coal will also be hoisted by this means, and landed at the 2400 ft. lift until the main slope is put in position to hoist from this lower lift. This will greatly facilitate the work of cleaning up west section of pumped out district.

Mr. Alexander McEachern was waited upon last Thursday evening by committees representing the officials and the employees of the Harbor seam of Dom. No. 2 colliery, who presented him with a substantial purse of gold. The presentation was accompanied by an illuminated framed address on which were embellished photographs of Mr. and Mrs. McEachern, and views showing the bankhead of the Dom. No. 2 colliery when Mr. McEachern took charge, and another showing it as it is to-day. There was another presentation a day after.

Construction work is still proceeding at Dom. No. 2 but gradually it is nearing completion. By the first of May the colliery should be in a good shape for large outputs.

Mr. J. T. Burchell of the Gowrie & Blockhouse Company, has left for Britain, presumably for Newcastle—on Tyne, where Mr. C. Ochiltree MacDonald, of Halifax, went also the other day.

The snow storm of last week interfered greatly with the working of the mainland collieries. Consumers in the near bye towns complain that they cannot get Acadia Coal as quickly as they would like.

The managers of the several collieries of the Dominion Coal Co. have formed themselves into a Salvage Brigade with the object of getting better acquainted with each others underground workings, devising best means of action in cases of accidents, and using their knowledge combined in cases of emergencies.

Mr. King, superintendent of the Dominion Coal Co's mines, is devoting considerable time to a thorough examination of the several collieries. He visits every part. This is just what the superintendents want, as there is nothing like a heart to heart talk on the premises.

Mr. Hewett of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, was in Glace Bay lately in connection with a site for the new public building to be erected. Of course no hint was given as to any likely location. Several of the landed people would like to sell to so generous and sure pay a customer.

John T. McDonald, aged 20, driver in No. 10 East Level, Dom. No. 3, was killed on Friday 27th. Jan., by a fall of stone. He was one of the colliery's best boys. Ralph and Richard Bramwell, two English lads, were hurt at the same time, the latter's arm being broken. The box jumped the track, and knocked out some props.

There must have been some big surprises in mining circles in Cape Breton of late if the reports in the papers are to be relied upon. It is said Mr. Rob. Anderson, formerly of the Dom. Coal Coy's staff, lately with the Bithulthie people, is to take charge at Broughton; that Mr. Thos. Bown has resigned Dom. No. 6. and is to be succeeded by Robert Robertson formerly of Sydney Mines. James Ross is in Mexico, sure.

The members of the Society of Civil Engineers to the number of 150, visited the new works of Allis-Chalmers Bullock Limited, Montreal, on Jan. 25th. They expressed surprise at the progress of the Company, and at the amount and character of electrical work under construction. They were given an interesting demonstration on the construction and operation of drills, coal cutters and compressors. On leaving each member was presented with a handsome leather card-case as souvenir of the visit.