

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

The number of business places in the New Waterford district amount in all to seventy-five.

The new haulage house at No. 14 Colliery is ready and work on the installation of an electric hoist is proceeding.

Grand Secretary Moffatt was in Halifax last week on the case of the Grand Council vs Pioneer lodge. Judgement was reserved.

The combined output of the Lingan district amounts to 3000 tons daily, but this will be largely exceeded when the shipping season opens.

A steel frame bankhouse approach to No. 14 bankhead has just been finished. This is a landing three hundred feet long from which the boxes are taken to the bank by continuously operating car hauls.

The auxiliary electric plant, consisting of 275 k. w. Westinghouse field generator, run by a vertical Robb engine 17 inch. x 25 inch., and to be used in case of accident to the main transmission line, is about ready to start. This plant is situated at No. 15 Colliery.

The remarkable feature about some of the New Waterford collieries is that they were equipped for an average output of about 1200 tons per day, but we learn that this will be surpassed next summer by No. 12 and possibly No. 14 Collieries.

The deeps of Dominion No. 12 and 14 are down a distance of 3400 and 2800 feet respectfully. To prevent accidents and delays from stone falling on the slope, the loose stone is being dropped until the hard strata is reached.

The cold weather prevailing since the 1st. of Jan. while favorable to a large consumption of coal has been a handicap to the iron and steel business. With the milder weather soon due it is expected there will be an increased demand for many kinds of steel products at better prices.

No. 15 deeps are down about 2200 feet. All the permanent buildings except the warehouse have been erected. The new bankhead is well underway and should be completed about the opening of navigation. A temporary screening plant for screening the bank coal has been built on the old bank-head used for development work in the early stages of the opening up of the mine.

Dominion No. 16 Colliery may have an output of 600 tons by the middle of May. This is remarkable as work on the Colliery only began on Feb. 17th. 1911. The slopes are down a distance of over 1500 ft., with an angle of about 20 degrees. As yet there are no permanent surface buildings at this Colliery and a temporary screen has been erected to take care of the coal.

In drawing pillars in the Dominion Collieries, where gas is found or strongly suspected, the use of explosives is prohibited by the Company and the maul and wedge used in getting coal.

The Dominion and the Nova Scotia Collieries had a better month in February and were not interfered with so much by weather conditions. Work will no doubt keep good for the rest of the year.

John C. Nicholson, of Dominion, an official of the Dominion Coal Co., was married last week and left to him for some time. John is popular in the place, being for years mining Instructor. His friends wish him happiness in his new life.

Imports of American coal into Montreal for Dec. last were of Anthracite 76,187, of bituminous coal 23,596, and of bituminous dust, 21,846. The total imports into Quebec and points east, of the two kinds of coal, were 138,416 tons, for Dec. 1911.

Four of the directors of the Aclalia Coal Co'y visited the collieries last week. The main purpose of the visit was to place themselves in a position to be able to give a comprehensive report of the progress being made, to the meeting of company held this week.

The main haulage roads are being put in at Dominion No. 21 and good progress is being made on the surface plant. The back slope of Dominion No. 22 is down 150 feet. The coal looks good and there is no falling stone in the slope. It can be kept up with timber. The coal is 5 foot 6 inches thick.

The Italian Co-operative Store at No. 14 is well underway and a similar one will be erected at No. 12. These stores will be run on the same plan as that of Dominion No. 1. They tend to promote thrift among the members. When these stores are completed, there will be in all nine co-operative stores at the Dominion Collieries.

The net increase in shipments of the larger coal companies Jan'y 1911, over Jan'y 1910 was 6059 tons. The net increase for Jan'y 1912 over Jan'y 1911 is 12,938, so, notwithstanding the severe weather, Jan'y of this year has done better than Jan'y of last. The complaint of some of the coal companies is that they cannot get cars. In three of the coal producing districts there were increases and in three decreases, in Jan'y of this year.

A power plant capable of supplying power to the whole of the New Waterford district is being erected at New Waterford Lake, and consists of 500 h. p. boilers and two 2000 k. w. generators. Building is 60 x 80 feet. It is much larger than stated by us some time ago, but it is being built with a view to providing all the electric power for the district, so that if necessary the power now being supplied from No. 2 Colliery can be applied to other parts of the Dominion Collieries.