

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

The fire section of Sydney No. 1 is being unwatered. There were only a few places affected.

At Sydney No. 1 considerable attention is being paid to the securing of increased ventilation.

Springhill is still enjoying a fair measure of prosperity; splendid weather, and—the criticisms of certain of the press.

The new lift of No. 3 mine, Springhill, is producing some excellent coal and steady progress is being made in developing it.

In a few weeks the Record hopes to be in a position to give some figures in reference to the Wabana ore areas of the N. S. S. & Coal Co., which will delight the hearts of those shareholders who held on.

The newest mining machine in use at Sydney No. 2 makes a cut 6 inches high, which takes out all the stone. The machine formerly used cut only about two inches. This did not take out all the stone parting.

The J. W. Cumming firm, of New Glasgow, who make a specialty of high grade mining tools are doing a fine business, and have orders booked sufficient to keep them busy until February. There are seventeen hands now employed.

With the laudable intention of keeping ground ahead, the management of the C. B. & C. Co. will at once prepare to sink No. 2 slope another lift of 700 ft. The seam to the deep is clean, high and regular, and of well known excellent quality.

It is possible gossips may be astray in saying that Mr. Fergie is to examine the properties in the 'Atlantic' group for the C. P. R. It is quite possible Mr. Fergie may be seen tramping the ground a mile or two back of Port Morien instead of on the opposite side.

The C. B. miners will please take notice that 'Canada' makes this short comment on the C. B. election. "Mr. Alex. Johnston who defeated Sir. Chas. Tupper twelve years ago, himself suffered defeat in the present campaign at the hands of J. W. Madden, SOCIALIST. The C. B. trades unionists are forewarned, let them pay heed.

Several steel experts from the United States visited the Dominion Steel plant lately, and they expressed surprise at the completeness of the works and the economical manner in which it is operated. In fact, the statement was made by one of the gentlemen from Pittsburgh that for size and equipment the plant of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company is one of the most modern on the continent. The presence of these experts from across the border has given rise to the rumor here, that an important deal is on the tapis, which will greatly benefit the local corporation financially.

It is reported that at least two parties are negotiating for the taking over of the Mabou Coal property, or rather a party is negotiating and another party is ready to bid if he fails. Meantime the present holders are footing the bills though the government is nominally in charge of the mine.

They are face to face with a geological problem at Inverness. The tunnel to tap the thirteen foot seam has been driven the distance at which the seam should have been encountered, but no thirteen foot seam is there. The question is: 'where is it.' The management have not given up hope of striking it, or finding its equivalents.

For the benefit of certain Sydney Miners sympathizers with the U. M. W. the Record gladly states that dull and all as the times are in Glasgow, the socialists were utterly routed at the late municipal elections. They were even routed at the meeting of the American Federation of Labor. Where will our C. B. friends go now?

Mr. Alexander Bigney, a miner, was lately accidentally killed in No. 3 mine Springhill, by a fall of coal. An informal meeting of the men of the section of the mine in which the deceased worked, resulted in the mines being idle the day of the funeral, which was very fairly attended by the workmen. The Orange society took charge of the body.

The Morning Chronicle in an attempt to palliate the conduct of certain Dalhousie students who tore down signs, and did other devilry on a night in Halifax lately, says they should not have been committed to jail as ordinary criminals. Perhaps the Chronicle will enter more fully into the reason, why. Indeed, it is possible there is more excuse for the untamed 'street arab' who thoughtlessly damages property, than for those who are supposed to have had and to have superior advantages.

In view of the statement, alleged to be correct, that the Dominion Steel Co. has not been ordering the anticipated monthly quantity of coal the following despatch from Sydney to Montreal is interesting:—"The plant of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. is being run to its fullest capacity in order to meet the increasing orders for rails, and other manufactured products, which are coming in from all parts of the world. The demand especially from foreign railway companies and corporations is beyond all expectations for this season of the year, and the management is considering the advisability of increasing the present day and night shifts so as to turn out as fast as possible the rails ordered. The output for November and December, according to calculations, is certain to break all previous records, and if the present rate of business continues the current fiscal year will prove a record breaker.