

Drummond, vice-president; and J. B. Lermont, treasurer. The directors elected were F. Fairman, James Phymister, A. C. Leslie and Wm. McMaster. The matter of discrimination in freight rates was discussed and a commission was appointed to confer with the different railways. A better classification of articles of hardware was again considered. The Government's classification of small hardware imports has been a serious menace to the trade. One article, such as shears or scissors, for instance, may be under a half dozen different classifications, and can be placed in any one of these classes by the inspectors, thus being subject to variable duties and discriminations.

THE *Truro Sun* says. A project is on foot to transfer Rhodes, Curry & Company's car works from Amherst to Halifax. Some parties have offered a free site of twelve acres of land near the city. The Dominion Coal Company has offered a supply of coal at a low rate for a term of years, and the Peoples' Heat and Gas Company offer gas at a nominal rate to furnish power. The *Amherst Press* interviewed Rhodes & Curry in reference to the reported proposition to remove the Rhodes-Curry works to Halifax. Neither gentleman said that anything formal had been done in the matter. The Dominion Coal Company have large interests in the capital, and the offer that is spoken of would represent about \$100,000 in land and remission in taxes, water and power. As considerable stock of the Rhodes-Curry company is held in Halifax, it may be that the promoters of the scheme for removal will try to secure a controlling interest by buying all stock that is on the market and so vote for removal. At present the scheme is nothing more than talk.

THE New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway Company has been united with the Nova Scotia Steel Company, and the combination promises to be the most successful joint stock venture Nova Scotia has ever seen. The company is supplied with an admirable Bessemer pig from its furnace at Ferrona. The possibility of lengthening the run of this furnace on steel material is itself an item of economy, rendered feasible by the growth of the steel works. After a long period of idleness, the Londonderry works are into blast again, and, it is reported, are contemplating the reopening of their roller mill. The large contract secured by this company for the pipes of the new gas company in Halifax will keep their foundry running for some time. The charcoal furnace at Bridgeville, Pictou county, was run for about a month, but, however, the price of charcoal pig has not recovered itself sufficiently to permit of their continuous operation. The Torbrook mine has been running steadily, with a total output of 9,940 tons, divided between Londonderry and Ferrona. The vein worked at this mine improves in depth, in quality and thickness, and has been found to extend about three-quarters of a mile to the westward of the present works. The Nova Scotia Steel Company have suspended operations at their Arisaig mines, having discovered a deposit of iron ore of a high grade at Bell Island, near St. John's, Nfld., which they are opening for shipment next spring. The production of pig iron stands as follows for the twelve months ended September 30th, 1895, although the output is more truly for the last six months of that period:

	Tons.
Pictou Charcoal Iron Company	323
Nova Scotia Steel Company.....	17,321
Londonderry Iron Company.. ..	11,446

Total

29,090
Returns so far show that during the year there were 79,636 tons of ore mined, of which amount the charcoal company, in addition to 589 tons melted, mined and sold 7,541 tons. There were 36,532 tons of coke reported from the Pictou coal mines and the Ferrona furnace, and about 25,050 tons of limestone quarried.

J. P. MACDONALD, who died at Stratford, Ont., on the 3rd inst., aged 68, was head of the old firm of Macdonald, McPherson & Co., which was established there in 1876. In 1892 he became manager of the North American Mill Building Co., which position he soon resigned, owing to ill health.

J. A. GARIEPY, superintendent of the Longueuil, Que., aqueduct, died last month, at the age of 64. The deceased, before taking this place, had been thirty years in the service of the Grand Trunk, and was one of the best engine drivers on the line. On one occasion, says the *Witness*, when he noticed a child on the track, he with characteristic coolness and courage, reversed his engine, and leaving the box reached the cow-catcher just in time to catch the child and snatch it from death. Mr. Gariepy was also the engineer in charge of the locomotive when the Prince of Wales proceeded in a special train to make the solemn inauguration of the Victoria Bridge, in 1860.

Mining Matters.

THE daily output of coal from the Lethbridge mines is now 650 tons.

COAL shipped from Parrsboro, N.S., during the past year amounted to 120,000 tons.

It is claimed that \$200,000 a month is paid out in wages in the mining towns in southern Kootenay.

A TRIAL shipment of British Columbia silver ore will shortly be made to England for refining there.

THE citizens of Kingsville, Ont., have voted by a majority of 146 to take the gas supply of the town into their own hands.

BRITISH COLUMBIA mining papers are calling attention to the oil and gas finds in the Flathead Valley in the East Kootenay region.

HALIFAX, N.S., reports are to the effect that a valuable find of gold has been made on the farm of the Rev. Lee, near Mount Hope asylum.

THE chlorination plant at Cariboo, B.C., upon which the British Columbia Government spent \$20,000, is said to be falling into decay.

THE *Calgary Tribune* says that a seam of coal three feet thick was struck, at a depth of 265 ft., recently, in boring an artesian well at Maple Creek.

WORKMEN have been engaged for some time in putting in the new roasting and chlorination plant in the mining laboratory in the Kingston School of Mines.

THE new gas well put down at Welland, Ont., for J. Reeb, by Carmody Bros. has turned out a gusher, and Mr. Reeb now has a daily output from his wells of 2,000,000 feet.

AT the School of Mines, Kingston, Ont., lately, \$190 was extracted from a ton of ore from a mine in Rathbun township, near Mattawa, Ont., belonging to the Crystal Gold Mining Co.

DR. ROBT. BELL, of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, Ont., the other day read a paper on "Proofs of the rising of the land around Hudson Bay," at the meeting of the Geological Society of America at Philadelphia.

W. J. GRAHAM, Edmonton, Alberta, reports having struck a five-foot seam of excellent coal. It is in a lower stratum than that in which the other mines in the Edmonton district occur and can be taken out in large blocks.

THE recent sale of the plumbago mine in Renfrew, Ont., to an Ottawa firm, has stimulated the interest of the people there in mining. James Bailey has lately opened a vein of black lead about six miles from Renfrew, which is said to be very valuable.

NATURAL gas is not hard to find in the township of Tilbury East, Ont. It was discovered to be issuing from the ground without a well of any kind having been sunk on the farm of McNerney Bros., near Quinn, Tilbury East.

THE copper deposits at River St. John and Cariboo, N.S., are likely to be developed before long, as United States capitalists, among them H. M. Whitney, of the Dominion Coal Co., are said to be taking the matter up.

A CONGRATULATORY letter to George A. Spotswood, M.E., of Kingston, from the Newfoundland Oil Company, says that in the first of the series of wells located by him for the company, oil was struck at a depth of nearly 900 feet.

ED. FEARON, M.L.A., has, we understand, a boring machine at work in the Cypress Hills, Man., ascertaining the depths, etc., of the body of manganese ore found there last summer. If the prospects pan out as well as the surface indications promise, it is said that arrangements will likely be made to work the mine in the spring.

MESSRS. McDougall and Gillies, M.P.'s, and Messrs. Gragg and Hyell of the Coxheath copper mines, interviewed eight Dominion Ministers last month, and urged that a bounty be granted on the higher grades of copper produced in Canada, it being the intention of this company to erect smelting works. They have already expended \$400,000 in mining.

J. W. McRAE, Hector McRae, George P. Brophy, John Brophy and S. H. Flemming, Ottawa, have purchased a plumbago property situated about eight miles from Calabogie, and about thirteen miles from Renfrew, Ont. The find is thought to be very valuable. The vein is 7 to 12 yards wide and 64 feet deep, and almost pure plumbago. It has been traced for about 300 yards to a point where it dips under the lake.