

is a rod away from the other fellow, and the result is we have two corner posts in there. I bought my surface rights on the original survey, and since then we have added a roadway to the public, and there are various improvements which make the surface rights worth something. Now the whole thing is a rod out. And another thing up here a little further, I found some property which I think is quite valuable and the vein on one survey runs exactly on the outcroppings of it—it runs exactly on the dividing line between the vacant areas over here and the other properties. Now I would like to know where we are at without going into court.

ALEX. MCNEIL—If you include the whole Province we will know where we stand.

H. S. POOLE—I always flattered myself that I took one step that was good when I got the Government of the day (1874) to put in iron or stone permanent corner posts to coal areas. That suggestion was acted on and there has been no litigation since. But there have been some areas overlooked and stone posts have not yet been put in.

ANNUAL MEETING.

GEO. W. STUART—I would also move that the Committees appointed this morning to meet the Government be empowered to arrange with the executive of this Society with respect to the date of the next annual meeting.

CHARLES STARR—I second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

PIT HORSES NEEDED.

Mr. POOLE called attention to a matter that should interest our horse-breeders and farmers. He said he desired to remind the society of the increasing demand for pit horses and the difficulty that increased as years roll on of procuring horses of suitable size and weight for use underground. Hitherto the provincial breeder had tended to produce either heavy animals for draft purposes or light-limbed stock for speed and action; and in these directions he had been encouraged by the general demand, by local agricultural societies and the prize lists at exhibitions. At the last meeting he Mr. Poole had brought up this matter and now suggested that the society express its views in a resolution that would call the attention of breeders of horses and others interested to this growing demand for a type of animal not hitherto receiving special consideration. In the past the average farmers' horse was undersized and hardly any difficulty was experienced in obtaining animals that suited in our coal pits. Now the tendency of the young farmer is towards the sulky and a trotter, to the progeny of pampered pedigree stock, very often to merely crossing the weeds left unold and accentuating the weaknesses of both parents. His horse is now softer than of old and less able to withstand the hardships, wet, cold, poor feed and neglect that the native endured with comparative impunity. The tendency of the exhibition horse is to limbs of length, a characteristic of no inconvenience on the surface where barn doors can be made of any size and the vault of heaven has a roof high enough to be out of the way; not so in the majority of our pits where the coal roof and the timbers inserted for protection restrict the height. What is wanted, Mr. Poole thought, for the average coal pit is neither beauty of form nor speed, but a horse that is low set, has weight, and has a quick walk. To advertise the type of horse required, perhaps this society would consider the desirability of offering a prize at the forthcoming exhibition in 1902.

Mr. POOLE moved, seconded by Charles Fergie, that a prize be offered. The motion on being put was passed unanimously.



ANNUAL MEETINGS.

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GOVERNMENT AID TO MINING.

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COMPRESSED AIR.

By Mr. W. L. SANDERS, New York, N.Y.

COLLIERY VENTILATION.

By Mr. CHARLES FERGIE, M.E., Westville, N.S.

POWER DRILLS.

By Mr. C. C. HANSEN, Montreal, Que.

HAULAGE.

By Mr. WM. BLAKEMORE, M.E., Montreal, Que.

PUMPING.

By Mr. JOHN P. NORTHEY, Toronto, Ont.

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