

AROUND THE COLIERIES.

The New Waterford district continues a very busy place, and mining affairs are very active.

All the coal hoisted at Dom. No's. 15 and 16 will be banked until such time as the bank-heads are completed.

A new coal chute has been erected at Dom. No. 1 colliery, which will be helpful to the coal haulers supplying the town.

Pumping, hoisting, and ventilating, which are now done by electric motors, are giving the plant at the Joggins increased efficiency.

Alex. S. McNeil, Manager of Dom. No. 2, Phalen, has gone to Springhill with Supt. Maxwell, and will look over the works up there, both inside and out.

The new fan at Dom. No. 16, lately installed, travels at the rate of 340 revolutions per minute. It is what is known as a high speed fan. It is driven by electricity, the power being furnished from No. 2 colliery.

It is being demonstrated that when Samuel Gompers snapped his fingers and said the McNamara confessions would have no effect upon unionism, he was a long way off. It has had the effect of opening the eyes of Canadian workmen to the perils of being affiliated with American unions.

The thought that the British Liberal government is in a hot corner causes intense grief to the Halifax Herald and keeps its whole staff awake at nights. When the Herald sent the British government its advertising rates card, it would have been politic for Mr. Asquith to have given the matter liberal consideration.

The new P. W. A. hall being built by "Ironsides" Lodge at New Aberdeen is completed and is a very substantial building. It is centrally located and very suitable for lodge meetings. There are four lodges at New Aberdeen, all of them P. W. A. lodges, that will occupy the building. The lower part will be occupied by the Co-operative store, which will form a branch of the flourishing Glace Bay store. The building is certainly a creditable one and shows that the P. W. A. in the New Aberdeen district is very much alive.

The latest census figures put Nova Scotia in a much more favorable light than did the earlier. During the ten years the increase is about ten per cent. All the mining counties show gains. Cape Breton South shows a line increase, and thanks to increased industrial activity in Pictou County, there is an increase and not a decrease this time. It is safe to say that but for the increases in the mining districts, the showing for Nova Scotia would have been much less favorable. It is something strange that it should have taken six months after the census was taken to have the population of Canada with some exactness.

Dom. No. 15 deeps are down 2,000 feet and the third set of levels broken off.

A large hotel for the accommodation of single men working at Nos. 14 and 15 collieries, is being constructed.

The main deeps of Dom. No. 16 are down thirteen hundred feet and the second set of levels broken off. This is what we call going some, as No. 16 is a colliery about one year old.

The fact that the government has extended coastal privileges to foreign vessels for a further term of two years affords proof that the agitation for its withdrawal was premature, not to say causeless and annoying.

A writer of some pretention informs the Dominion that the large sums of money spent by the east in the development of the west was just money invested. May be so, but isn't it time the directors ceased from passing dividends.

The new bank-head being built at Dom. No. 15, also a commodious wash-house, a comfortable office, a carpenter shop and a machine shop, lamp house and warehouses are nearly all completed. The buildings are all lighted by electricity and when the yards are put in shape, this colliery will present a very up-to-date appearance.

Dom. Nos. 12 and 14 collieries are doing splendidly, each holding its record well above the 1200 ton mark. It will be remembered that the collieries of the New Waterford district were to be equipped for an average output of 1200 tons per day as experience had taught the mining men of Cape Breton that moderate outputs under certain conditions were more profitable than large outputs.

The shipments of Cape Breton slack coal to Everett—to the New England States—to which, according to some, Nova Scotia sends large quantities of 'coal',—continue to show a steady decline, bearing out the RECORD's assertion that the shipments to Everett were a diminishing quantity. For November the shipments were 3,250 tons less than in November, 1910, and for the eleven months of this year 35,923 tons than for last year.

Nova Scotia's foremost makers of all kinds of mining tools, J. W. Cumming & Son, of New Glasgow, report that the year just closing has been a busy and a successful one. The RECORD is pleased to be assured of this, though nothing else was to be expected. Quality tells, and the quality of the various implements turned out by this firm have won a high reputation from Vancouver to the Little Bras D'Or. Mr. Cumming, the head of the firm, is so well pleased with the patronage he has received, that he desires the RECORD to thank all his patrons for their continued and extended support. The business of this firm is bound to show a steady growth.