

faction expressed at the prevailing peace, it might be well to ask the Premier of the Province and the Commissioner of Mines if it is their intention to endeavor to make the present peace permanent by insisting that any alien order before doing business in Nova Scotia must be incorporated according to the law of Nova Scotia, just as our own P. W. A. is.

a nice visit with Sir. D. D. Mann and Lady Mann a month ago on their way North from California. He is recovering from the effects of the operation and is nearly as well as ever. . . . My lum is still reeking and doing well too. Hope yours is doing as well or better if possible. Don't forget to keep on sending me your paper. I enjoy it for the good horse sense it always contains."

The provincial legislative programme for the present session includes the abolition of the present Board of Examiners for granting certificates to candidates for positions in the coal mines, and the substitution of a new board. It is satisfactory to know that the government is at last moving in such direction. Years ago it was pointed out in these columns that the composition of the board was unsatisfactory and not in accordance even with statute. Besides written there, perhaps, should be oral answers to questions. No doubt, in some cases the success of candidates was due to a system of cramming. Whether candidates had the "pith of the matter" in them no steps were taken to ascertain. Questions at times can be answered by rule, the while the candidate does not fully understand why the rule applies. It should not be a difficult matter to organize a Board against which the charge of partiality could not lie. The examiners should not know the names of the writers of the papers until after the awards had been made.

While the stand taken by the RECORD, on the U. M. W. has alienated a few, it has made its old friends stauncher than ever, as witness voices from far and near:

"Do you know when I commenced taking your paper" asked Geo. Hale of Westville, and answering his own question, said, "Thirty-two years ago. And Donald Nicholson of Port Morien makes a similar statement.

Scott, a New Aberdonian, says: "Must have the RECORD at all costs."

And Rogers, another New Aberdonian, says: "I consider the RECORD the most reliable paper in Nova Scotia, indeed in Canada."

McDonald of Bridgeport, one of a numerous clan writes: "Remind me occasionally; inclined to forget. Find full amount. Don't grudge it a bit."

A Springhill veteran of the late seventies from Victoria, B. C.: "Find express order. I am glad the P. W. A. keeps clear of the American dynamiters, who make trouble wherever they go."

Many of the friends of Mr. J. L. Brass, formerly General Manager of the Inverness mines, will be glad to learn from the following extract received by the editor, not marked private, that he is well and successful: "... Find postal order. I sincerely hope it finds you and yours in the full enjoyment of good health and happiness. When your bill reached me it caused me to think of the hard winters in Nova Scotia as compared with this country of Southern California, at this season, with the oranges ripe on the trees, the flowers in bloom, and the beaches full of people enjoying sea bathing in the warm sunshine. Up North in the State of Washington we have a good deal of rain and cold weather, so I simply ran off for a month or so to enjoy the change and it is certainly very agreeable. I had

Coal Shipments January, 1912.

—DOMINION COAL CO., LTD.—

Output and Shipments for January 1912.

	—Output—	—Shipments—
Dominion No. 1	49 217	
Dominion No. 2	51 365	
Dominion No. 3	8 361	
Dominion No. 4	33 070	
Dominion No. 5	19 229	
Dominion No. 6	12 337	
Dominion No. 7	12 485	
Dominion No. 8	10 919	186 340
Dominion No. 9	27 162	
Dominion No. 10	12 391	
Dominion No. 12	21 654	
Dominion No. 14	12 091	
Dominion No. 15	5 681	
Dominion No. 16	4 127	
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Shipments Jan.	1912	186 340
Shipments "	1911	200 921
Decrease "	1912	14 581

—SPRINGHILL—

Shipments Jan'y	1912	28 732
" "	1911	6 619
Increase "	1912	22 113

—INVERNESS RY & COAL CO.—

Shipments Jan'y	1912	22 679
" "	1911	19 476
Increase "	1912	3 203

—ACADIA COAL CO.—

Shipments Jan'y.	1912	30 964
" "	1911	30 247
Increase "	1912	717

—NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO., LTD.

Shipments Jan'y.	1912	43 196
" "	1911	32 281
Increase "	1912	10 915

—INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.—

Shipments Jan'y.	1912	17 572
" "	1911	20 775
Decrease "	1912	3 203