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TORONTO.

OPERATORS WILL PRESENT A TWO-YEAR PROPOSITION

Arbitration Plan They Will Offer Miners is for New Grievances Only.

New York, April 9.—At the joint conference of the sub-committees of the anthracite coal mine owners and their employees to be held here to-morrow, the operators will decline to accept the arbitration plan as presented last week by the mine workers, and will present a counter proposition, which, if agreed to by the miners, will bind each side for more than two years. The operators have been working on the new plan ever since the adjournment of the joint conference of last Saturday, and the inability of the presidents of the hard coal carrying railroads and companies to reach an agreement has caused a postponement of 24 hours of the conference scheduled for to-day. It is said that the offer involves an arbitration plan that will call for the settlement of only new grievances that may be after an impartial investigation found to exist. The operators maintain the position that miners have not called attention to anything that has not already been passed upon by the anthracite coal strike commission.

There is a strong impression among the miners' committee that the operators will propose that President Roosevelt be required to summon the strike commission to review the entire controversy.

The operators' representatives conferred to-day, and promise that unless something unforeseen should occur, they will be ready with their answer to the miners' arbitration plan to-morrow.

The reason given for the postponement was that the large coal companies desired to obtain the sentiment of all the independent operators before they drew up their formal answer. President Mitchell announced to-night that the last of the bituminous coal operators in the Pittsburgh district, who had held out against the 1903 wage agreement, signed the scale to-day.

This action, he said, clears up the Western Pennsylvania territory, and means that 40,000 men in that territory, who produce from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 tons of soft coal a year, will receive an increase of 5.55 per cent, in wages.

Gallantry Wins Canvasers

The gallantry of the Marquis of Graham in agreeing to contest the bye-election of Norfolk (England) at the by-election at the instance of Lady Mary Hamilton, has rallied the ladies in the constituency to his cause.

Lady Mary Hamilton, the Duchess of Hamilton, the Countess of Strathmore, and many other ladies who have influence in the division are gathering in parties of ladies, who will motor through the rural districts and smile on Hodge, and Mrs. Hodge as they benevolently.

Those ladies who profess Liberal opinions will not be outdone, and are working on unsparingly for Harold Pearson.

A very fine diamond of 43½ karats has been picked up at Hopetown, the drop on the Orange River, where diamonds were first discovered in South Africa, writes a South African correspondent.

The finder, a native, handed the gem to the local police, and, according to custom, it will be sold to the highest bidder. The sum realized goes to the Cape Exchequer, less 10 per cent, to the finder, who thus receives what to him will represent a substantial fortune.

Two years ago a native who made a similar find exchanged the stone to a trader for a mouth organ.

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

EPIDEMIC OF LAGRIFFE

Bracondale Factory Has Half of Its Employees on the Sick List at Present.

Toronto Junction, April 9.—The collegiate institute board met in regular session to-night and passed a resolution of condolence to Mr. Johnston, teacher at the institute, on the loss of his wife. Secretary Harris applied for an increase in salary and the matter was referred to the finance committee.

The management committee of the public school board met to-night and discussed the inefficiency of the Teachers' Act. A bonus of \$25 was granted Miss Miller of St. Clair-avenue School for extra work.

W. E. Roney delivered a lecture in Victoria Presbyterian Church to-night. Ab. Complin, who played with the Shamrocks in 1900, will again take part with the intermediate team this year.

The public school board will meet in regular session to-morrow night. A parlor meeting of the W.C.T.U. will be held at the home of Mrs. T. H. Ritchie, 75 Louisa-street, to-morrow night. A missionary program on lumber camps will be given.

James Butchart has returned from his month's trip to California and British Columbia.

The senior Shamrocks have received invitations to play in Newmarket and Brampton on May 24.

Jack Prince, 15 years of age, fell between two freight cars and broke his arm.

The two-day tournament of the Toronto Junior Golf Club, open to all, opened 9 o'clock Thursday morning of this week.

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There is considerable real estate changing hands here these days, and there will be a boom in building operations this spring. Mr. Crosey owns a residence on Bathurst-street for \$2400, and is to build two houses at once, near Hillcrest School. Wm. Greenside, a retired brickmaker, also owns a residence on St. Clair-avenue, and the Jones Bros., manufacturers of fire-proof brick, are to erect a plan and factory on Christie-street.

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