

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

The N. S. S. & Coal Co. are having two steamers built of a cargo carrying capacity of over 12,000 tons.

The freight of coal to Mon'treal in the big coal carriers is less than half the cost of carrying it to Halifax.

Some folks in Halifax would like to mulct Milner and Buckley in the costs in the Coal conspiracy case, but the fact that one cannot take the breaks off a hielan-man stays proceedings.

It is reported that the North Atlantic Collieries Co. has sold their full output of screened coal for the ensuing season to the Dominion Coal Co., or probably to the merger.

Some twenty tons of Blockhouse coal were sent recently to Sydney Mines to have its coking properties fairly tested. It is understood that should the coke prove satisfactory the Dominion Coal Co. may make an offer for the property.

The North Atlantic Collieries Co. have entered into an agreement with the Dominion Coal Co., whereby the former have secured control of the land portion of the Gowie seam. This should cause increased activity in shipments from Morien.

Mr. T. J. Brown, General Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., went successfully through an operation for Appendicitis last week. His host of friends will be glad to know that Tom is acting up to his motto, 'a little better every day.'

Mr. Thos. Cantley of the N. S. S. & Coal Co., appeared before the Legislative Council Bills Committee last week in defence of the bill to amend the act incorporating the Nova Scotia Steel and Iron Co., and amending acts. Mr. Lovatt appeared on behalf of Mr. Forget and Mr. McConnell of Montreal, and asked for a postponement of the hearing as Messrs Forget and Greenshields were on their way to Halifax. It was hinted that these gentlemen could be heard before the Assembly's committee. Mr. Lovatt opposed the amendments to the bill on the ground that they infringed on the rights of shareholders. Mr. Rogers and Mr. T. Cantley defended the proposed amendments and demonstrated their necessity. Mr. Cantley made a splendid advocate. He pleaded so well and so eloquently that had the bill asked that speculators, big or small, should be excluded from the directorate, it would almost have been granted. Mr. Cantley made an able defence of the directors from the charge of being 'slow'. He demonstrated that the progress made by the Company since 1900, was not only satisfactory, but phenomenal. Mr. Cantley's earnestness, and evident truthfulness enlisted the sympathies of every member of committee. The members of committee learned some things about Nova Scotia's pioneer and chief industry that they previously had no knowledge of. Mr. Cantley's able address emphasized what has been frequently said of him, namely, that he is a splendid all round man.

After this, if an individual or a corporation want to open a coal mine, he or it or they must submit plans of intended operations to the Department of Mines. This will perhaps have a tendency to prevent fiascos of the Broughton type.

Two weeks ago Mr. Lithgow informed the RECORD that the N. S. S. & Coal Co. would ship their first cargo of coal of the season for the St. Lawrence on Tuesday, 5th. inst., and Mr. Sedgwick, the energetic transportation agent, did not belie his confreres words. To ship coal for the St. Lawrence on the 5th. April is a thing that does not happen every year; it is a record.

No better illustration of the possibility of some workmen to live long on wind has ever been furnished, than that offered by the U. M. W. The leaders at intervals blow off hot air and their followers feed on it. The receivers of this hot air, like the Draeger apparatus, need frequent replenishing, and they get it and will so long as they are willing to take it and Dan to blow it.

Certain of the U. M. W. seem to draw satisfaction from the fact that the coal banks at the stations in C. B. are not of the diminutions of former years. They cannot truly draw any consolation from this fact. The reason of the smallness of the banks of coal is due to the fact that the past winter has been a most exceptional one. More coal was shipped by water in January and February than in any previous year. Better for the companies to ship than to bank. There has been no strike at Sydney Mines and yet the bank is the smallest in years—the coal having been shipped.

Coal Shipments March, 1910

—DOMINION COAL CO., LTD.—

—Output and Shipments for Feby. 1910—

	—Output—	—Shipments—
Dominion No. 1	42 810	
Dominion No. 2	42 560	
Dominion No. 3	16 361	
Dominion No. 4	24 521	
Dominion No. 5	27 757	
Dominion No. 7	5 565	
Dominion No. 8	9 733	159 841
Dominion No. 9	17 237	
Dominion No 10	11 464	
Dominion No 12	4 193	
Dominion No 14	1 976	
Dominion No. 15	335	
	204 521	159 841
Shipments Feby. 1909.....		128 101
Increase " 1910.....		31 740
Shipments 2 mos. 1910.....		342 252
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Increase 2 " 1910.....		94 021