

The two boilers are being put up to furnish power to drive the fan at Dom. No. 3. This is to save compressed air and not because air was unsuccessful.

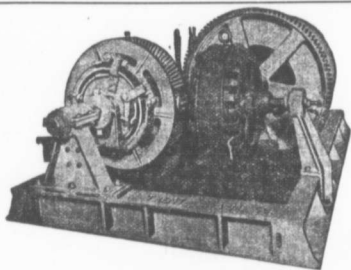
Dr. Jakeman, Veterinary Surgeon, of Halifax, has settled permanently at Glace Bay to take over the care of the 600 horses in the Dominion Coal Co's mines.

The Committee of Managers of the Dominion Coal Co's collieries are making their quarterly inspection of the underground and surface fire apparatus of the Co.

MINERS AND THE TRUCK ACT

The House of Lords recently gave an important decision under the Truck Act. A number of men in the employment of North's Navigation Collieries in December, 1903, absented themselves from work in breach of their contract. They were summoned, and each man was ordered to pay the mine owners £1 10s, compensation in three fortnightly instalments. These instalments were afterwards deducted from the men's wages, and such deductions they declared was a breach of the Truck Act, which provides that wages must be paid in coin of the realm.

The Court of Appeal held that the deductions were legal, the judges being of opinion that they did not come under the Truck Act. From this decision the men appealed to the higher tribunal. The Lord Chancellor, in giving judgment, said the Act distinctly stipulated that the entire wages earned by a workman must be paid in coin. These deductions were therefore illegal, and the decision of the Court of Appeal must be reversed. The appeal must be allowed with costs.



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