

iel McDougall of this October is not the Daniel McDougall of June and July last, 'not by a long chalk.'

The Daniel of June and July last was proud and puffed up; he of October is meek and modest, simple floor and water, void of barm or baking powder.

Dan does not now care for recognition; in July he demanded it, wanted it in the worst sort of way.

In October Daniel asks the company to receive a committee of its employees, that is ALL THE RECOGNITION we have asked for.

Let us see. For lack of space we content ourselves with one or two sentences in a letter to the General Manager of the Coal Company dated Glace Bay, June 23rd, '09.

"You are respectfully invited to attend a conference of the REPRESENTATIVES of the operators and MINERS of Nova Scotia to be held in the city of Sydney on Friday, July 2nd, at 2 P. M. at Y. M. C. A. hall."

"The object of this meeting would be to discuss the situation and to endeavor to arrive at an understanding that would be mutually beneficial to the mine owners and mine workers of the province of Nova Scotia."

This is signed by Daniel McDougall, PRESIDENT of District No. 26, U. M. W. of AMERICA.

Is there a word about 'committee of employees'? Not one. There is, rather, on the face of it, a big order for recognition, and of a very broad kind at that.

Subsequently on July the third Daniel McDougall, PRESIDENT of District No. 26, U. M. W. of AMERICA wrote:—

"So far We have been unable to arrange a meeting between your company and our Executive. We are now addressing this 1st request to you that you meet US on Monday the 5th. inst. to discuss the matters of difference between your company and ourselves, and try if possible to reach some permanent understanding. We are anxious that you should comply with our request, in order that trouble may be averted, and we shall be glad to meet your convenience in regard to the place and hour of meeting."

We shall be obliged however to act on the instructions given at our convention yesterday, and unless you agree to meet us before 2 P. M. Monday afternoon the inevitable result will follow that our members will cease work on the 6th. of July A. D. '09."

The foregoing is no demand for recognition, is it not? Oh, no, its as plain as A. B. C. that it is merely a demand that a committee of employees be received; so plainly worded that a runner may read.

Who are the 'We'? Dan. McDougall, PRESIDENT, et al U. M. W. officials, not employees of the company.

Who are our EXECUTIVE? Dan. McDougall, President, and not an employee. Joe Moss, of Springhill, a checkweigher there, and a man of 'weight.' J. B. McLaughlan, of Sydney Mines, another non employee. J. D. McLennan, a here awa, there awa, and not an employee, and last Calvin Ward, registered as from Springhill.

A nice committee of employees, certainly?

Who is Mr. Duggan asked to meet?

Us.

And who are 'us'? No committee of employees for sure, but as Judge Leet might say, catspaws of foreign officials,

And who are 'ourselves'?

The five gentlemen already named with other invited guests, among them certain officials of a foreign order, and who by the severest stretch of imagination cannot be made to assume the semblance of a committee of the Dominion Coal Co's employees.

Never asked for recognition!!! only that a committee of employees be received!!!

Recognition most certainly was asked for, and never a word said about receiving a committee of employees.

Of course Dan and his associates, his executive and the whole box and dice of them cannot be received for the reason that they are not a committee of D. C. Co's employees, and in all human probability never will be.

Coal Shipments September 1909

INVERNESS RAILWAY & COAL CO.			
Shipments	Sept	1909	17 154
"	"	1908	20 487
Decrease	"	1909	3 333
Shipments	9 mos.	1909	162 590
"	9	1908	192 730
Decrease	9	1909	30 140

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO.			
Shipments	Sept	1909	98 808
"	"	1908	56 367
Increase	"	1909	42 501
Shipments	9 mos.	1909	558 199
"	9	1908	481 011
Increase	9	1909	77 188

ACADIA COAL CO.			
Shipments	Sept	1909	25 048
"	"	1908	25 133
Decrease	"	1909	85
Shipments	9 mos.	1909	199 952
"	9	1908	239 087
Decrease	9	1909	39 135

INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.			
Shipments	Sept	1909	27 208
"	"	1908	20 628
Increase	"	1909	6 580
Shipments	9 mos.	1909	180 811
"	9	1908	191 902
Decrease	9	1909	11 181

matter of fact. At a number of the Clyde watering places, castle building competitions are extensively advertised. These attract crowds of children, and, of course, crowds of elderly folk. No designs are furnished. Each competitor furnishes his own design and works it out in his own way. The word 'castle' is used in a very broad sense and includes a lion, or a lamb, a horse or a heifer, as well as a house. I have no doubt, judging from their productions, that many of these small competitors are big builders in embryo. There are also beauty competitions with handsome presents to the successful ones. Baby beauty shows are bad enough, but when it comes to grown up women entering into competition as to their looks, I feel a something, I cannot well describe, part wonder, part pity, and part contempt.