

WASTING OUR RESOURCES.

After an extensive investigation of the country's natural resources, conducted in the West, at the instance of the government, Prof. J. A. Holmes, chief of the Technologic Bureau, of the Geological Survey has made an official statement warning the American people that the present prodigious waste of these resources must stop at once if the country is to continue to prosper.

Prof. Holmes declares that in the mining operations nearly half the total coal supply is being left underground; that water as a source of power is being wasted to the extent of millions of horse power, and that forest fires have burned more lumber than has been used in the building of homes or in the industries. Prof. Holmes says that the waste of coal is appalling.

At the present rate of increase in consumption, he says, the better part of the fuel supply of the country will be gone by the end of the present century, unless the proper steps are taken.

Will some of the papers, say the Morning Chronicle or the Sydney Post, who scout the idea that prohibition prohibits, kindly explain the following news item from the Sydney Record:—

"Drunkenness is on the increase at Sydney Mines since the expiration of the Scott Act and Inspector Lovell ceased operations, the average line-up in the police court during the past week being about a half dozen prisoners each morning charged with this offence."

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers announces in the current issue of the 'United Mine Workers Journal' that he will not be a candidate for reelection. He does not regard himself as well enough to attend properly to the office. Mr. Mitchell is expected to finish his present term, which will expire April 1st. next. Mr. Mitchell has been sickly for two or three years.

Mechanical appliances are now used in Britain for cleaning colliery tubs, which soon become caked with fine coal and dirt and have hitherto been cleaned by hand. The most expeditious device is a circular scraping tool worked by an electric motor, which cleans a tub in a minute. It is estimated that the total capital employed in British coal mines is fully \$500,000,000, and that the present wages annually paid amount to \$300,000,000.

The commission on Relief Societies and Old Age Pensions met in Springhill, Joggins and Chignecto last week and had also before them delegation from Minudie and Stratheona. At Joggins Minudie and Stratheona mines the men have Relief Societies supported without aid from either the employers or the government. They invoked the aid of the commission to put them on a similar footing with the other collieries. A committee of the Joggins men waited upon Mr. Mitchell of the Maritime Coal Ry. & Power Co.'s last week in reference to this matter. Mr. Mitchell agreed that as soon as the new slope was a producer to the extent of 200 tons a day, or perhaps before that time, the company would contribute.

Coal Shipments September 1907.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.

—Output and Shipments for September 1907.—

	—Output—	—Shipments—
Dominion No. 1	41 116	
Dominion No. 2	55 445	
Dominion No. 3	26 781	
Dominion No. 4	39 707	
Dominion No. 5	58 355	294 428
Dominion No. 6	18 536	
Dominion No. 8	19 697	
Dominion No. 9	28 780	
Dominion No.10	8 498	
	296 915	294 428
Shipments Sept. 1906		333 799
Decrease Sept. 1907		39 371
Shipments 9 months '07		2 404 649
" " '06		2 426 464
Decrease " '07		21 815

INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.

Shipments Sept. 1907	21 003
" " 1906	19 341
Increase " 1907	1 662
Shipments 9 mos 1907	202 574
" " 1906	209 946
Decrease " 1906	7 372

INVEENESS RAILWAY & COAL CO.

Shipments August 1907	22 422
" " 1906	22 763
Decrease " 1907	343
Shipments 9 mos. 1907	176 572
" " 9 " 1906	140 070
Increase 9 " 1907	36 502

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO.

Shipments Sept. 1907	60 355
" " 1906	68 664
Decrease " 1907	8 309
Shipments 9 mos 1907	465 240
" " 1906	480 141
Decrease " 1907	14 901

ACADIA COAL CO.

Shipments Sept. 1907	28 198
" " 1906	22 913
Increase " 1907	5 285
Shipments 9 mos 1907	230 243
" " 1906	192 168
Increase " 1907	38 075