

# AROUND THE COLLIERIES

A new pump is being installed in Dominion No. 22 the water having been sufficiently lowered to get the pump into position.

The endless rope haulage work going on in Dominion No. 9 will be completed in three months. It will take coal from the whole mine and will greatly benefit the coal output of that mine.

Dominion No. 1, the best colliery the company ever had, is doing well, although getting shortened up for places. The output is not only steady, but large, considering the worked-out condition of the mine. To have a steady output of 1300 tons per day is going some for No. 1.

A new engine is being set up at the new shaft near Dominion No. 2 for the purpose of hoisting the material while the shaft is going down. It will be ready in two weeks and the real work of sinking will then begin. The concrete work of the shaft has been completed and the sinking and hoisting of material is being done by hand.

Dominion No. 2 is increasing its output and meeting the cry for increased outputs. The splendid coal field seemingly ahead is very encouraging and leads one to believe that the low seams will give good results long after the larger ones have been worked out, which is yet many years off.

The contention is made, by The Eastern Chronicle, that the strike at the steel works could have been prevented. So it could have an unselfish course on the part of the higher paid men been pursued. The same authority adds "The laborer has been the underdog in the fight." He is not now in all cases, if the term labor be used instead of laborer. For the past few years the employer has been the under dog and the Chronicle's sympathy should now be extended to him, and no doubt it would, had he not sworn with a great oath "labor, right or wrong."

The Springhill Record which, being published in a mining town, ought to know better, republishes J. B. McLaughlin's or some other A. M. W. official's fake yarn about the length of some of the Sydney Mines workings:

"In a previous issue of this newspaper it was shown that the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia has granted concessions to large corporations, which in the light of the requirements of today, have converted large areas of coal into non-productive and idle wastes. A correspondent of a Halifax newspaper informed the public that the employees of a certain mine in Cape Breton walked daily past miles of coal of the very best quality, belonging to a certain company, in order to gain access to the coal situated in the areas of a rival company."

Birch Grove collieries are keeping up a steady output. These coal areas are more extensive than at first calculated. While the basin is shallow the widening out of the seams was an agreeable surprise to all interested.

The Eastern Chronicle says: "There is more than one way to prevent strikes." "Sure's death," grant their every demand, and the trick is done. But hold, that would do far more than end strikes, it would strangle industry.

The south side of Dominion No. 2 is to have an endless haulage system equal to the north side of the mine. Under the present condition of labor it will take almost a year to complete this work. The success of the system of haulage already put in justifies the change being made.

The temporary bankhead at Dominion No. 14 is serving its purpose well, but signs of the new one appearing are wanting. The want of material and of labor is no doubt the cause of the standstill at this mine as No. 14 is one of the best on the Waterford side.

Dominion No. 6 is in splendid coal at the face of the deeps. The coal is clean and high and is much better in quality than nearer the rise. This is an indication that all the impure coal is towards the Caledonian district and the further seawards the mine goes the better the coal gets.

As the editor of The Record may give expression to his views on 'recognition,' in connection with an intended publication, the only reference to this question at this time will be to say that the Miners' Union got all the recognition they wanted, without any demand that 'representatives' of labor, that is outside parties, not employees, be recognized. On one occasion the Grand Secretary of the P. W. A. was 'recognized,' as he was interviewing the weigh scales at the Albion, by the General Manager, who got word and came prowling around. The recognition was emphatic, the G. M. using strong language. No strike followed.

The Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Commissioner of Mines, if he were a vain fellow might exclaim, after reading the closing words of the following paragraph "Where I lead others follow:"

A Bill has been introduced by the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords to limit the right to a jury in certain civil trials, to raise the age limit for jury service from 60 to 65, and to enable coroner's inquests to be held without a jury except in cases of murder or manslaughter.

But The Record asks him "When is the new law to come in force? Inquests are still being held in the old way."