

## AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

A brakeman in trying to jump on a moving train of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. missed his footing, fell, and the two hind cars ran over him severing both legs above the knee.

To the Truro Sun Mr. Peterson said that the C. B. locals had added greatly to their membership since the strike was called off. Some have joined may be in the hope of learning the terms of settlement. By and by when they learn that there was no agreement and no settlement of any kind the locals will know them no more for ever.

Stephen B. McNeil, Grand Master P. W. A., spent the best part of a week in Pictou County. He had a splendid meeting with Ladysmith Lodge, Westville, which is in a fine healthy condition. On Thursday he met with Buller Lodge, Stellarton, which has been in a comatose state for some time back and succeeded in waking it up and in putting fresh life into it.

The shipments of slack coal from Nova Scotia to Boston are growing less year by year. The Free Coal League must be turning in its grave as it learns of the diminishing figures month by month. For the five months ending May 125,000 tons only were shipped, as against 196,000 for the five months of 1909. A decrease of 70,000 tons in the period stated is ominous for the reciprocity idea.

While one of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co.'s locomotives was proceeding full speed to No. 4 colliery the driver and fireman noticed a child on the track. The train could not be stopped before it reached the child. The brakes were applied, Moore, the fireman rushed to the cow catcher and just as the engine reached the infant stooped forward, grabbed it and landed it safely on the engine. For their presence of mind and for the bravery of the fireman Supt. Brown presented the men with a set of pipes and said some very generous things as to their exemplary deed.

Sydney No. 5 has been smashing all records in June. On the 9th. of June 1041 boxes yielding 731 tons of coal were hoisted by 4.20 o'clock. The average is now 600 tons or over, a splendid showing for a re-opened mine. The coal to the rise of the main level on the North side has been extracted. From that section there are pillars to extract which will furnish work for a season. There is a piece of solid coal in advance of what is known as Sullivan's level. This block contains two years work. No pillars can be extracted here. The South side of the pit has very good coal of fair thickness. The drawback is the roof which is tender. The prospects are good for several years work in the old Queen pit under careful management. Mr. Robt. Robertson is in charge, and has added to his reputation as a mine man.

There will be no increase in 'Scotia' dividend for three months at any rate. This we hinted last issue. The Montreal Star says that the dividends on 'Scotia' have been very erratic; six per cent. one year nothing the next, then six then nothing and lastly four. That is correct, and just to avoid the recurrence of such irregularities the directors are holding back any increase until they see they can maintain it for an indefinite period. Better a steady dividend of four per cent. than an intermittent one of six. One thing that can be said of the present directorate of 'Scotia' is that it is not too proud to profit by experience. As was stated in last issue those who have patience and hold on will be well rewarded.

The U. M. W. leaders can be depended upon to contradict each other when occasion arises. For instance James McLaughlin says in the Socialist Review, "sheer necessity forced them (the N. S. miners) to appeal to the United Mine Workers to come over and organize them into a district of that body." In opposition to this we have the declaration of ex vice president McCulloch who candidly declared that the U. M. W. sent a delegate or commissioner of the organization to Nova Scotia in 1905 with the object of capturing the miners and drawing them away from their allegiance to the P. W. A. McCulloch speaks the truth. There came a delegate year after year, sometimes to get a word in at Grand Council, and at another time to harangue a crowd at Caledonia.

Times up, and more. In thirty-five days McCulloch was to make public the contents of the agreement made between the Dominion Coal Company and the International officers of the U. M. W.—Dan. was shamefully left out of the conference. As yet no one has seen the alleged agreement nor a copy. The C. B. members who have been deluded so long may be content to go it blind a while longer but the public think they have some say in the matter and are solid in the demand for a translation of the agreement if McCulloch is afraid to let it out of his hands. Let the agreement be made public. There are some people now saying that the ex Vice Pres. takes after the common fathers of most of the leaders of the U. M. W.; but the RECORD gives him one more chance.

### THE MOST PERFECT PUMP.

The heart is the most perfect pumping machine in the world. No inventor has ever surpassed it, and none ever will. It is a double-acting pump, and for its size is more powerful by a thousand per cent than any made by engineers. Not only this, but nature has provided it with the most perfect oiling machine imaginable. But the heart and the lungs—the latter the most perfect air-pump and bellows ever devised—are surrounded by a double sac. Between the thin layers there is placed an inexhaustible quantity of lubricating material, which enables these two organs to go on ceaselessly without intermission from sixty to a hundred years.