CONFISCATED COAL IS NOT YET PAID FOR

C.N.R. Took over 10 Cars of Universal Coal Com. pany's Coal Last Winter, and Has Settled For Only 7 of Them .- Evidence Before Coal Commission

Coal Mine, situated about £7, 5s., 4p., yearly. Here at this mine witness said he is

trathcona.

Here at this mine witness said he is "Have you any suggestion to make pit-boss of the paid monthly instead of weekly as in as to how this car shortage might be eight miles from Strathcona. White Star Coal Mine, was first extended the old country. But at any time he avoided?" sary between an air-shaft and the amined. Has been in charge of the needed money he got an advance. He "Yes; I have studied the question, main shaft, Mr. Fraser stated that ployment at the White Star.

The mine employs about 20 men,

witness stated further. No powder would change the nine-hour system transportation?"

tons a day."

"Will your coal stand storing?" the hospital. But in regard to the tawa against the C. P. R. and C. mines?"
"No, it slacks. Unless kept in a compensation law, if it were in force N. R. We were told in reply that the "I end winter when there is less rain, it is possible to keep it longer"

How often are your men paid?" 'Any loss of time after pay-day by coal?"

mines in winter. Often they do not

concerning legislation benefit the miner?"

a ton for coal.'

Monday's Evidence.

seem to run satisfactorily now."
"Have you ever worked under the

n up to 100 tons a day."
'When do you expect to do that?" "By next September if we find it conditions in the mines."

The next witness called was Pat. who were to have been examined rick McManus, miner with the White were not present and the Commis-Star mine, since last January, He been mining for ten years in day at 10 o'clock. vicinity of Edmonton. Is now assistant pit-boss, directing one shaft.

"Have you any suggestion to make in regard to legislation that might of mines in general?"

at present, and consider it sufficient Mr. Hansom. has run as high as 125 tons a day.

"No, a permit."

pensation law, and how did it work?"
"I worked under it in Yorkshire and it worked well. There are mole accidents in the old country than accidents in the old country than "What does it cos in this part of Canada, and this lay delivered?" use of accident." ter it cost \$1.25. It raised then to "Did the law influence in any way \$1.50, and in the spring when the

"Yes, it seemed to work against roads were very bad, it cost \$2. Inc.
"Yes, it seemed to work against road is never very grad."
"What do you sell it at per ton?"
"What do you sell it at per ton?" "But are not young men always

taken in preference to older miners in the Old Country?"

Do you think the compensation would be any benefit to miners

after nine hours' work, did not look ond class certificate. There are also tired or complain of being so. The dozens of foreign men who are good tired or complain of being so. The dozens of foreign men who are good David Morris, pit-boss at the Stanstore the coal down the lines, we company at present less two tunnels practical miners, but who cannot pass dard Coal Co., for the past fourteen need to have a clear run." and are planning to sink another a written examination."

"Did you ship any coal last winter, and did you have any trouble with railway transportation?"

"Yes, the cars were sometimes standing here in the yards loaded for

weeks before they started. Mor over out the provinces?"
the company confiscated three cars "It probably would."
of our coal in the month of February. "The examination for fire the company confiscated three cars of our coal in the month of February. "The examination for fire-bosses One car that we loaded and shipped might best be entirely oral, that for on March 23rd was still in the yards pit-bosses partly oral and partly in on April 15th. It was confiscated by writing." on April 15th. It was confiscated by the railroad."

"Have you received compensation for this car yet?" "I have communicated with the avoided?"

To Avoid Car Shortage.

mine since February, 1905. At that also had a house cent free. On fur- and I find that one reason is because British Columbia's mining law pro-time qualifications were unnecessary, ther examination, witness testified he the grain trade and coal conflict with vided these should be at least thirty but in June, 1906, got provisional pa- favored the weekly payment, how each other, coming at the same time feet apart; but it probably would be pers. Had been mining eight or nine ever, as a general thing.

of the year. After conversations with better to have them sunk at a disyears in Alberta previous to his em
James W. Blain, one of the two railroad-men and from my own obser- tance of 100 feet." James W. Blain, one of the two railroad-men and from my own obserproprietors of the White Star coal believe that the coal might, mine, was next examined. The mine, be handled before the grain rush changes that might be made in the mine, was next examined. The mine, be handled before the grain rush changes that might be made in the mine, was next examined. The mine, be handled before the grain rush changes that might be made in the mining law to add to the safety of the present act the limit is 12.

The men working on the surface get "In the present act the limit is 12." two shifts. The he said, is leased from the C. P. R. comes on. In this case, we would mining law to add to the safety of depth of the coal seam is five feet, by paying a royalty of ten cents a suggest to our customers down the miners?" eight inches. The top is of hard ton. "Yes, r depth of the coal seam is five feet, by paying a royalty of ten cents a suggest to our customers down the eight inches. The top is of hard clay and requires close timbering.

The main tunnel of the mine runs in 250 feet, with other tunnels running from it and rooms from these. The mine property extends over three quarter sections.

The mine property extends over three siding. It costs now \$2.50 to haul a the late summer there were many quarter sections.

What wages do you pay?"

"We pay \$3 a day for working in farmers' the surgest to our customers down the miners?"

"Yes, a number," the witness residing the surgest to our customers down the miners?"

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"Yes, a number," the witness responds to the mine \$2.50 to \$3."

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"It's development?"

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"We pay \$3 a day for working in farmers' teams, it costs 75 cents to with coal. If the rates on coal were by fire-bosses, while the men are at lowered for the time, and these cars work as is done in the British law that the company stored little coal. "We pay \$3 a day for working in farmers' teams, it costs 75 cents to the mine. When we are rooming we pay by contract—30 cents a car, and it takes about four cars to a ton of coal hauled into Strathcona and it takes about four cars to a ton of coal hauled into Strathcona and it takes about four cars to a ton of coal hauled into Strathcona and it takes about four cars to a ton of coal hauled into Strathcona and it takes about four cars to a ton of coal hauled into Strathcona and it takes about four cars to a ton of coal hauled into Strathcona and it takes about four cars to a ton of coal hauled into Strathcona and it takes about four cars to a ton of coal hauled into Strathcona and legister. The men do their own sold?"

with coal. If the rates on coal were by fire-posses, while the mine are at that the company stored little coal, arrange the law in this respect.

"Yes."

"What do you think of the eight about 17 per cent, of moisture. He about 17 per cent, of moisture. He about 17 per cent, of moisture. He about 18 belows bound to the coal could be got out. So many bad accidents occur through the that the company stored little coal, arrange the law in this respect."

"Yes."

"What do you think of the eight about 17 per cent, of moisture. He about 17 per cent, of moisture. He "Have you any further suggestion away from the mines."

is used in the mine. Open lights are on which your men work now?"

"Yes, the road has a right to recomused in the mines. Some are much used always.

"No. I think nine hours makes a pense the shippers, if the cars are demore dangerous than others. It might work is the output of your mine?" good day's work. In winter when layed and business affected. Again, be well to enact, too, that in all mines "Now it is about 25 tons daily, the mine is in full operation, the if a train gets stuck in snow en route, where safety lamps must be used, the The largest output was 1,600 tons for men all do contract work and their the road should wire immediately shot should be fired only by qualified last December, averaging about 60 hours are what they make them."

The largest output was 1,600 tons for men all do contract work and their the road should wire immediately shot should be fired only by qualified to the shipper and to the consignee persons. In some mines it would be turs are what they make them." to the shipper and to the consignee persons. In some mines it would be "Would you favor a compensation as to whereabouts. We have found wisest to prevent all shot-firing until that it is very tedious trying to trace the men are withdrawn," "About nine hours—not any more "No, but I would strongly favor cars through the office here or at Win- "What mines would necessitate this and sometimes less. They have a full insurance and I am now consulting nipeg. We also object to the differ-precaution?" ur for dinner." insurance companies to get a rate ent treatment meted out to us and to "Those in which the 'What does it cost to mine your for the men. I would like to see it grain dealers. The latter are supplied sidered it necessary." arranged for miners as it is for rail- with doors free of charge. We have Mr. Fraser was of the opinion that "It costs \$2.50 to mine a ton and road-men. Last winter I arranged to get lumber from the mills , and the law permitting only 5 pounds of 1.00 to haul a ton to the railway, with Strathcona Hospital to take in board up the doors, and board be- powder in the mine at a time was doubt if we could get teams now any of our men who were sick, and tween the slats of cattle cars when apt to hamper the work. Sometin to deliver it at the railway for \$1 a \$1 a month was deducted from their we use these. We lodged a complaint more was necessary or convenient." wages. Four or five were treated in with the Railway Commission at Ot-

> had to pay \$2,000 or so compensation Alberta mines, and mould not well be and Bankhead four times. "What do you charge now for mines that if a spur line were built mines?" in to the mine we would not have "The I

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"How long do you think it would down the C. N. R. as far as Hu foolishly. Our men are mostly hold- output, but do not think it advisable ing down homesteads and work in the to increase the output just now."

"Did you have any trouble in the commission mines?" "Have the coal-dealers of this dis- appointed by the government to extheir wages for two or three trict made any arrangement as to amine into all accidents rather than fixing the price of coal?"

a compensation law. He would sugring the price of coal?" a compensation law. He would sug-"There is a kind of tacit under- gest a miner paying a deposit of \$25 would standing that they are to get \$4.50 derstanding?"
"About last December,"

A period of clever and quizzical injured man \$20. cross-examination of the witness by The witness further testified this the Chief Justice drew from him a mine had also arranged to have medi-"Yes, if the accident?"

"Yes, if the accident had been the meeting of five or six coal dealcaused through any negligence or fault of the owner."

"Is your mine capable of much more development?"

"Is your mine account of the witness and two othe the Chief Justice drew from him a mine had also arranged to have medi-discounted, but definite account of cal attendance supplied to the men the meeting of five or six coal deal-during the winter \$1 a month being ings of the coal dealers since?" ed. For this "We met once to consider sanitary was charged.

Returning to the matter of car sup-Mr. Fraser and other witnesses ply during the winter, Mr. Denman gave evidence that he was refused the use of boxed-up empty flat cars that were being sent south by the C. N. R. sion adjourned its session until Monto get coal at mines in Southern Alberta. The witness had wanted to ship coal down in the empty cars. Wages are \$3 a day, working about nine hours each day.

At yesterday afternoon's session of A complaint was further made that the Coal Commission, the first wit-some railroad officials were personally interested in mines and that their interested in mines, and that their mines at Morinville could get a supness examined was J. J. Denman,

Inspector of Mines Testifies. testified that the company employs The next witness called before the now fifteen to twenty men, and in the "Have you a certificate?" he was winter 40 men. The output at pres- commission was Norman Fraser, inent is 40 to 50 tons per day, but it spector of coal mines for the province of Alberta. In October, 1906, he re- off for lunch. Mr. Edwin Carpenter was next called. "Why has the output been lessenced. He has been a miner in the ed?" he was asked. "Owing to the lack of demand, and with an assistant in the country south

White Star coal mine since last No-vember. Had mined since he was thirteen in England and Wales.

"Do you think the age limit should be made more than thirteen?"

"Yes, I think a boy should be fifteen before he begins."

The witness stated that his wages now were \$3 a day. He preferred to do contract work, when his wages averaged about \$4.50.

He preferred the eight-hour day system under which he had worked as long as ten hours a could not meet the request to had worked as long as ten hours a could not meet the request to have a spur of 2½ and worked in British elegation. The wind and with an assistant in the country south of High River. He stated that he stated that he spring. The coal mined by the company and had eleven years of mining experience.

"How many mines are there in the province?"

"There are 132 mines, about 70 in operation, and of these only 16 province over 100 tons a day. These last of the various miners regarding to supply the roal strict there is only one mine the country south of High River. He stated that he had had eleven years of mining experience.

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could not meet the request to have daily.

"What does it cost you to have it visional permits issued. This is done much means.

The association tried once to put in sections until the examinations have been held. We could not hold Norman, miner with the Standard examinations here this winter, as Coal Co. He began to work in mines less than \$1.50, and it stayed at that.

Public Has Objected to Price.

"Has the public objected to the ster's refused absolutely to work for price you set on coal last winter?"

Yes." "Up to a certain period last win-

they are the heavi to the people. At present the miners other man in the district with a sec- accident himself.

"In regard to the accident at the

The evidence given on Saturday before the Coal Commission was from the employers and proprietor of the (\$500), taken when he was 28, he paid but without success, so far."

"I have communicated with the "In a number of ways. If a watchman had been employed he would have seen the fire at its start. In most mines, real collisions was from the employers and proprietor of the (\$500), taken when he was 28, he paid but without success, so far." not allowed to eat their meals in the "Have you any suggestion to make engine room, or even enter it." Examined upon the distance nec

"The mine is well ventilated, the "Would you favor any law that to make concerning this matter of these stated further. No powder would change the nine-hour system transportation?"

"Those in which the inspector con-

"How often do you visit the

"I endeavor to visit them all about very good shed and away from the here and an operator of one of these C. P. R. had a total of 1,933 coal cars six times a year. Since November 1 air it dries out a great deal. In the small mines in Edmonton district which were mostly used by Southern have visited each mine at Canmore for accidents in one year, he would withdrawn from that section. I "How long would it take to make Universal Coal Co., which handles have little left."

Should like to say in regard to our a thorough inspection of these the output of a mine near Humber-

"We charge \$5 a ton now for coal to pay \$2 a ton to have it hauled to oughly examined in five days. Can-output last winter was about sixty "We charge \$5 a ton now for coal to pay \$2 a ton to nave it hauled to oughly examined in nive days. Can "No, nothing to speak of. And we delivered: It is cheaper if people town. Fifty cents would cover our more mine would probably take seven tons, running to eighty tons some days."

days. He shipped coal to all points days."

Tuesday's Evidence. An interesting feature of the eviwhen he brought a complaint before dence given before the Coal Commis- December we had no trouble with the coal commission Joseph Milner, effort might be made this commission, to ensure good faith sion this forenoon was the testimony ceDember we had no trouble with mine operator, of Milner Company & class of certificates for the province, "When did they arrive at this unretanding?"

"About last December,"

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"This commission, to ensure good laber as sion this forenoon was the testimony of Mr. Francis L. Otter, manager of dent occurring in his mine last winter, Mr. Denman voluntarily paid the Universal Coal Co., with regard ter, Mr. Denman voluntarily paid the difficulties of transportation and heading of the coal at an ex-

ast winter in shipping coal.

The other witnesses examined were

Examined as to the lations between

Wages Average \$4.

Devitt, who is employed by the Stan- from the road, although he drew dard Coal Co. The mine employs more than once upon the head office about 45 men. He stated that the mine paid 50 cents for each car, and rooming in contract work.

In all not been able to get competency. It was all though he drew mines would accommodate seven mines, that could produce 100 tons each daily. Without this spur mine paid 50 cents for each car, and a real mines move than 50 tons will be produced for the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered it likely that not more than 50 tons will be produced to the considered to the considered it likely that not the considered it likely that not the considered it likely that not the

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"We work about eight hours a day, way would not let us know they had from 8 a.m. to 4.30, with a half hour confiscated the ars until some weeks "Is the ventilation good?"

had worked as long as ten hours a day. Coming out to this country he had hoped not to go mining again, but he had to.

"How much does it cost to produce "Was Increase a Coincidence?"

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"How much does it cost to produce we give one a provincial cert no pit-bosses with provincial certification of the men had prominer coming to Edmonton without "No, except the price of teaming ton?"

first-class certificates. There is one the miner was felt to have caused the cars it would greatly facilitate matother man in the district with a sec- accident himself.

The could get a regular supply of the

Approved Raising Age Limit.

ning since he was thirteen years of age, when he began in Sco H approved of a higher age limit, however, for boys to en'er m. Des. "What is your output?"

"Sixty or seventy tons at present. has run to seventy-five tons daily."
"Do you find any difficulty in get-"No, there are always plenty to be had."

The witness testified that his experience led him to believe that eight Strathcona Coal company's mine, how hours was the proper length of a might such an accident have been working day, and that a man averaged as much work in eight hour days

> Superintendent's Evidence. The next witness called was Robert a Livingstone, superintendent of the all the profit on the coal." Standard Coal Co., since last March. "I have not inspected t Had been employed ten years in the consider Frank mine would not take ory rather than practice. Lethbridge mines, and previously in less than a week. After the inspect ified to be 65 to 70 tons.

"Do you contemplate increasing the mine's output?"

did not approve of the eight hour law bia law on the eight hours bank to from bank to bank, as the men lost bank is not at bottom a good law. It a way of giving compensation to mintime going to and from, and it meant makes no exceptions. It is too consimply so much coal lost. "Have you found that the mines The witness expressed his belief in lose much time after payday?"

days after each pay day to get the daily. mine back to its usual force. Here The subject of the compensation act after each pay day, out of a day shift being brought before the witness for of twenty-two men, about four or five an opinion, he remarked that it was miss a day's work." "Do you believe the compensation law desirable?"

"I do not believe the company the rules and gets hurt?" he was ought to pay for all accidents, be-asked. cause frequently accidents are caused "I de ance of some sort might be as well in use at Canmore regarding the care the government?"

"It might be, and a board its working as a compensation of powder?"

C. N. R. Confiscated Coal. "The Bankhead mine could be thor- fied that the mine's average daily

"Did you have any trouble in ting cars? "Yes, there were times when I could not get cars-between December and February. We started to ship in to the difficulties of transportation ond handling of the coal at an expense of 50c a ton."

men's comfort in every way considered. For this a sum of \$4 per week was charged.

without consulting him, and shipped them to outside points. Some of these have been paid for by the condent. The first witness called was J. J. had not been able to get compensation two and a half miles into Clover Bar in December, and could get no trace more than 50 tons will be produced from each daily.

"The wages run from \$3.50 to \$4.50; of it. It was confiscated. There were averaging about \$4. Payments are made fortnightly," he said.

"Where is the coal of your mine word." The wages run from \$3.50 to \$4.50; of it. It was confiscated. There were from each daily.

"Where was application made for this spur line?" "The contractors, Messrs: Hobson and Albertson, take out the coal and the owners nay them \$1.25 for min-

> this connection?" "One difficulty was that the railafter they had done so."

"This method of transportation "Sometimes it is; occasionally it is would spoil your dealing?"
not. It is dependent upon the wea"Yes, a number of orders were cancelled, especially from points where there was other competition." "Do you pay for the output of the

mine at the mine, and haul it your-"What does it cost you at the

"Two dollars a ton, screened coal." "What is the expense of hauling?" "It costs us now \$2 a ton for hauling. In the winter it cost \$1.50. Are you president of the Coal Deal-

here next winter, and as they cannot ceive?'

Reciprocal Demurrage "Have you any suggestions to make that would facilitate you getting your cars more promptly. reciprocal

That would help us greatly." "If the roads have not sufficient rolling stock, it should be their first aim to get a supply before next win-"Is there anything further you can

suggest in the interests of the coal-"Yes, if this Commission could ed in any way by the compensation make the railroads pay up more promptly for any cars of coal they confiscate, it would be helpful. All we could do was to put the matter in solicitor's hands, and that ate up sufficiently studied the law in force

Ohio. The output of the mine he testion the report also takes a little compensation were drawn out over time.' "Have you any objection to putting wearied of the effort to follow it.

up your report in a public place for miners to read?"

country where the cars are so heavy. better age would be 16. This gives time for the boys to get a basis of education. "Are there many boys under 16 at work in Alberta mines?'

think that is very young in this

"Very few." "Then it is a good time now to

doubtless very pleasing to the miners. "Is it fair that operators should pay compensation to a man who violates

"I do not think it is. If there is by the negligence of the men or their such a law it should not be for one should have compensation. should be fair to both parties. Insur"What do you think of the system

about men bringing powder in to the Francis L. Otter, manager of the mine in manure, and then forgetting ing it go to court and be subject to it. The manure rises to a high temthe output of a mine near Humber-stone, next gave evidence. He testiin Canmore mine, where there is arbitration very strong ventilation and sweep of air .there is likelihood of the powder freezing unless brought in som such concerning legislation about mines? days."

days. He shipped coal to all points cover. Then there is the danger attendant upon thawing out the powder, tendant upon thawing out the powder, small mines producing only ten or get which makes it very advisable not to fifteen tons a day and employing two let the powder freeze. The session adjourned until ten necessary. There should also be more

o'clock this morning. At vesterday afternoon's session of Bush, Clover Bar, was the first wit- as men who might be quite

ness called. tent to run mines in the Edmonton
He testified that he was a member district might not be able to run a of the association of coal dealers, mine down in Southern Alberta which spent its time and combined where the conditions are quite difenergies, according to the witness's ferent. evidence, in a discussion of the diffi- "What class of miners usually culties of tearring and transportation. out certificates in this province?" "You agreed to make the price of coal \$4.50 per ton?"

raise the price if the railroads had given the dealers spur lines to their mines."
Examined further upon this point three still unpaid for, and the witness Mr. Milner stated that a spur line

moved. When they did move the cars "I do not know. Mr. Dennial and the owners pay it usually took a menth to get them Mr. Hobson moved most actively in ing it."

"Who are the owners?"

"Yes, pretty well. It does not stack much." "There are about four or five peo-"Then do you not think that a stor-

age system similar to the elevator plan would be of advantage, to keep lieve Mr. Morris' brother is secretary the mine more regularly at work." "I do not know. I have never figured out the matter." "What do you sell your coal at in

the city?"
"Four dollars and a half." What do you charge for coal at the mine?"
"Two dollars and a half per ton

coal from the mine to the city?"
"Two dollars a ton." Asked if he had any general remarks to make upon the coal trade, the witness replied that the coal dealers' difficulties were largely a question of transportation. Even in ing the coal from the mine to the city some of the mines near the city had having the shafts built farther an advantage of \$1 a ton over the

"How much did your coal cost delivered in the city last winter?' Three dollars and a quarter a "Has the public objected to the

saminations here this winter, as road were very bad, it cost \$2. The there were not enough applications in Scotland when he was twelve years to work in mines and it at per ton?"

"What do you sell it at per ton?"

"Four olars and \$4.50. The coal series and \$4.50. The coal selling at \$4 is not very much selling at \$4 is not very much selling at \$4 is not very much servened."

"Wages Average \$4 for 9 Hours.

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"What wages and selling at \$4 is not very much selling at \$4 is not very long ago that the man working nine hours—7 to 12 and 10 to \$5.50 the witness was opposed to the witness was opposed to the period of the servened of the public has any sites than \$1.50, and it stayed at that.

"Yes."

"Yes."

"Ou you think the public has any sight to raise an outcry here against the price of coal "think they have no right."

"But it is not very long ago that of the work and in the end only lose money by the unsettled worked eight hours a day, and contract averaged \$4 to \$5 a day. How many mines are being run to stay underground.

"How many mines are being run to \$4.50. The coal was selling at \$2.50 in \$6.01 and the vas twelve years to boys were high."

"But it is not very long ago that of the work by of coal at the mines and the sumplies make a difference now in the expense of produce the town, and these mines are now winter. The other mines raised to being satisfactory; but in the interests of the coal dealer?"

"Every maine except two the Mors—The other mines and the sumplies many mines are being run to stay underground.

"The commission adjourned until the winters when the winters were high."

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day in the winter time. Carelessness Causes Accidents n mines the witness expressed his beief that 99 out of every 100 miners were hurt by their own careless

'I believe no company would de liberately run a man into danger," added. The witness then cited a couple of instances in this district in the past three years in which miners had de liberately endangered and lost their dency to carelessness would be affect to the compensation law. He had not in British Columbia to know whether "I have not inspected there, but I or not it benefitted the miner in the noted whether or not the cases for

years in the courts, and the miner Ex-Inspector Testifies Evidence was next given by Frank Smith, ex-inspector of mines in Alberta, from which position he resigned last September. He is temporarily managing the Morinville mines. For seven years he had been inspector of mines for the Northwest Territor-He had then jurisdiction over all the mines, but two asisstants were appointed in the early part of 1906. The official report made by Mr Smith for 1905 and 1906 was brought on the table, and investigation made into the number and nature of acci dents occurring in the mines during that period. There had been 67 ac cidents, of which two he felt sure

were due only to the carelessness of the men injured. "What means would you suggest as ers injured in accidents?" "Where the unions are well organized a certain sum might be kept out se much time after payday?"

the benefits accruing to the miner of the men's wages for insurance, "In Lethbridge it took about three from a regular time for luncheon of accident where discally a set the delivered of accident and a set the delivered of accident accident and a set the delivered of accident and a set the delivered of accident accident accident and a set the delivered of accident acci that the injured man was to blame. the union should pay the compensation. Where the company was shown to have been responsible for the accident the company pelled to pay. If the blame were mutual then the company and union

> any case the miner and his family "Do you think that the matter could be more easily dealt with by arbitration might adjust the claims I think this would be better than havappeal as it is at present. The claim could then be decided upon the evi-

Pit Boss Not Necessary. "Have you any suggestion to make "I consider that in the case of these

freedom for the inspector in regard The witness also suggested that an

"What class of miners usually take "I have found them a very capable and intelligent class of men, anxious

"Yes, but we would not have to to push themselves forward." Morinville Books Submitted. The books of the Morinville mines sion by Mr. Smith and examined. It earnings of the men was about \$4.25. The men are paid 30 cents a car, avercoal. For those who board at the company's boarding-house, they are

"I do not know. Mr. Denman and Albertson, take out the coal and the owners pay them \$1.25 for min-

"There are about four or five peo-

Who are the officers?" and Mr. R. Secord, I understand, is one of the directors. The mine-oper ators pay a royalty to the owner of

"Is that a satisfactory way of mining-having so many groups of peo-ple interested?" "No, it is not the most satisfactory system." "What does it cost to haul your between the owners and the men em-"It is not best to have anyone

ployed?' "What would you suggest as a means of averting that disaster at "That mine and all other mines draw- should have fire appliances." "Would there be greater safety in apart?'

William Edward Sver and James Sutherland, miners with the Morinville Mining Company, next gave evidence, both expressing themselve as strongly in favor of the eight hour law and the compensation act. James Sutherland stated that the reason many miners do not stay long

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