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tion this journal.**MINING SOCIETY OF NOVA
SCOTIA.**

The annual meeting of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia was held in Halifax on the 10th inst., the president, Mr. W. L. Libbey in the chair. We are glad to note from the secretary's report that the finances and general condition of the society are in a satisfactory state. As is natural, the president, in his annual address, dwelt at length upon the mineral prospects of the province, so much in evidence at the present time. He said: "The quantity, quality and availability of coal and iron are questions which weigh against the destiny of nations. Already the products of our matchless coal fields are reckoned in one of the greatest economic questions of the age—that of fuel—and the certainty of iron production is a coming event which casts a most portentous shadow. Our gold output is furnishing an increasing addition annually to the least evanescent form of worldly wealth. On every hand scientific development is taking the place of aimless wandering in recovering earth's treasures, trained thinkers are superceding brute force, and perfected machinery is putting out of sight the rude appliances of the past." The gold mining industry was, he believed, in a more healthful state than ever before. Each year saw an increasing amount of legitimate development work done. The vital necessity of creating ore reserves was being forced on operators, and the altogether wasteful and vicious system of at once taking out every pound of ore uncovered was being slowly but surely relegated to the past. Mr. Libbey then made an argument for the creation of a government assay office with a department for the collation and dissemination of reliable information and statistics as to the metalliferous resources of Nova Scotia. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, W. L. Libbey, (re-elected); vice-presidents, George W. Stuart, A. A. Haymond and A. McNeil; secretary-treasurer, H. M. Wylde; auditor, J. H. Austen; council, F. H. Mason, B. C. Wilson, J. G. McNulty, J. H. Austen, B. F. Pearson, M. R. Morrow, J. G. Rutherford, Charles Archibald and Fred. Tay.

MESSRS. W. J. CONNOR & BROS., are contemplating the establishment of a stove and agricultural implement warehouse in Owen Sound, and have asked what inducements would be offered.

CANADIAN Pacific telegraph reports estimate that the increase in wheat acreage in Manitoba, as shown by the seeding operations, which are now in full swing, will be about 10 per cent. over that of last year.

THE Toronto Railway Company's receipts for March show an increase of \$7,410.13, as compared with the corresponding period last year. The city's percentage of the receipts amounted to \$10,015.41. In addition to this, the company paid the mileage rental for the quarter ending 31st of March, amounting to \$16,000.

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