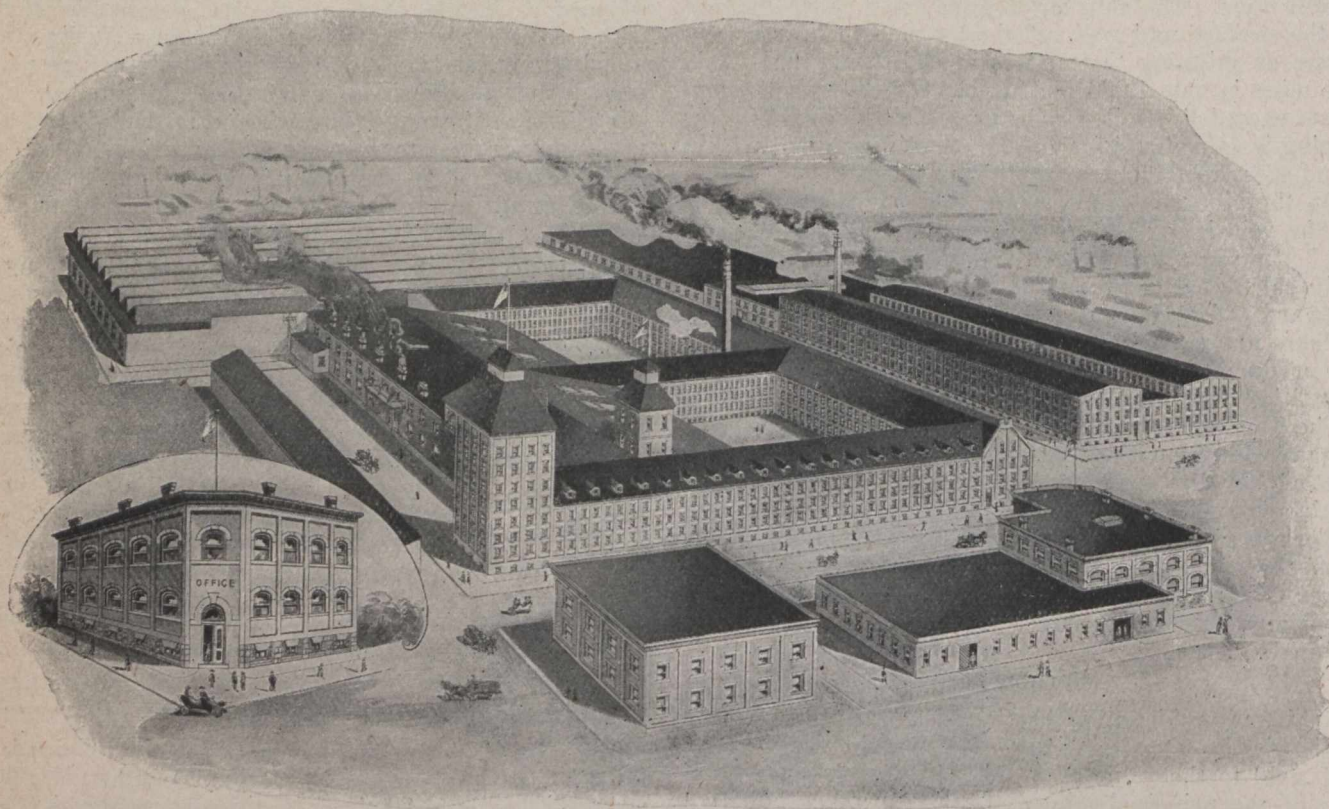


to meet any demands that may be made upon them for all grades of wire cloth for years to come.

The old weaving mill on Napier street is to be added to the wire mill, as the increase in the weaving plant will require so much more wire. The space between the old weaving mill and the wire mill on Napier street has been built up and the cleaning room for the wire mill containing all modern improvements is installed here.

poses, car ventilators, etc. They make steel wire rope for passenger and freight elevators, derrick, and contractors' use, mining purposes and transmission of power, perforated sheet metals in brass, copper, steel and iron for grist mill machinery, burning purposes, grain cleaning machinery, etc. Cimped steel wire bonding for concrete work. They issue catalogues for the different branches of their business.



The firm report business quite brisk, especially in special weaving, to which they are devoting much time, attention and enterprise in installing looms to weave cloth of all degrees of weight and fineness of mesh.

Besides manufacture of wire this firm makes all kinds of wire cloth from the heaviest used for such as locomotive stacks, refuse burners for saw mills, to fine wire cloth for flour mills, office window blinds, mining pur-

Some years ago the firm found that its shipments to the Eastern Provinces were becoming so great that it was almost impossible to supply the demand from the head office, so a branch was opened at 422 and 424 St. Paul street, Montreal, under the management of J. H. Hanson. Still the trade increased, so that two years ago it was found necessary to take in the premises adjoining to provide room for the stock.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

NOVA SCOTIA.

GLACE BAY.—At their meeting in New Glasgow, on the 27th December, the Grand Council of the P. W. A. decided to ask the Minister of Labor to appoint a Board of Conciliation and Investigation, under the Lemieux Act, in the matter of the new schedule of rates that the Dominion Coal Company have announced their intention of putting into effect. The application to the Minister of Labor was despatched on the 31st December accompanied by a statutory declaration by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the P. W. A., that failing the appointment of a Board, a strike will take place if the Coal Company persists in paying the revised rates. To-day, the 3rd January, the Coal Company have posted notices at all their mines giving the new rates for mining and the new price for workmen's coal, which become effective on Monday, the 6th January. The new schedule gives an increase to every class of workmen employed at the mines

with the exception of the men working in pillars and the machine men in narrow work. This latter class is a particularly well paid one, as the leading work is usually given to good men. The new rate for pillars, although reduced, is still a good one, and there will not be any difficulty in getting men, because the pillar men will still be able to earn higher wages than his fellow in rooms. The Coal Company are making it very clear that they intend to stick to their original promise that the new schedule should involve no reduction in the aggregate wages, and the whole of the money gained by the company through the cut in the pillar rate and the increased price of workmen's coal is to be given back to other classes of men, namely day laborers, mechanics and loaders. Indeed the net result of the schedule will be an increased payroll for the mines as a whole. The Coal Company state very definitely that the pillar rate is one which they refuse to discuss. After careful investigation and consideration they have come to the