

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

Springhill had a hot time of it the last week in July—Many were glad to go below to get cooled off.

Owing to lack of space some further editorial notes bearing on coal mining etc. in Inverness are held over till next issue; also other matter.

A new carpenters and machine shop has been added to the other additions of the surface plant at Reserve. The compressor lately erected is running along very smoothly.

The Emery shaft struck coal at Reserve at the depth of 165 feet. When completed the Emery coal will have a separate outlet, which will be more direct than at present.

* Mr. Jos. Broad, a young English miner, was struck by the trip and severely injured while on his way home from work in the No. 2 mine, Springhill. Amputation of an arm may be necessary.

That is rather a big order for men which the Inverness Ry. and Coal Co. calls for in another column. Inverness must be going to do some big shunts soon. It was thought Inverness was doing well, it seemingly means to do a great deal better.

The last large iron smoke stack at No. 2 mine, Springhill, has been pulled down. A large brick one is being built and is going up rapidly. The brick chimneys are really the more substantial looking. Springhill ought to have the best, and it generally gets it.

Every wardrobe in the new wash house at Reserve colliery was taken up in one evening. The wash house is 60 x 30 having 164 lockers with hot and cold water taps. The building is certainly up to date, but with a few shower baths it would be still more modern.

There was a much better showing at Springhill the last half of July than for the first half. That little unpleasantness with the boys is responsible. Their pretensions and attitude would have been ludicrous, had it not been that the loss of work to the majority was a serious matter, and the boys seemed to realize this at the end.

The corporation of Fredericton, N. B., has awarded to Allis-Chalmers-Bullock, Limited, Montreal, the contract for the municipal pumping engine. It will consist of an "Allis" high duty, horizontal, double acting, crank and flywheel plunger pump, driven by a cross-compound "Reynolds"-Corliss Engine. The pump will have a capacity of 1,500,000 gallons for ordinary service and of 4,000, for fire service. Both pump and Engine will be built at the works of Allis-Chalmers-Bullock, Limited, in Montreal.

The lower lift of No. 5 slope, Springhill, as it is now proved, is apparently below all faults in the seam, as the levels have been run for long distances to the west, through faultless coal as to quality; faultless ground as to grade, a uniform pitch of 24 degrees being maintained, and faultless as to roof and pavement, both being of a hard clayey slate.

The No. 2 sinking, Springhill, which was partly submerged for a few weeks is now pumped out, and the work of development will go rapidly on. Connection between No. 5 and No. 2 slopes will be made in the near future. Some grading will be necessary toward the lower lift in No. 2 before hoisting begins in the regular way, but considerable coal will be taken out while grading is being done.

When new shafts are being sunk; compressors of a large type erected, with boiler power added for their use; new buildings for sundry purposes built; baukheads enlarged and modernized, such as has been done at Reserve colliery, one can readily conclude that a new policy is being carried out, and the policy that of working out all the workable seams underlying the Phenix. There are many seams, so the future will have a great story to tell.

Great preparations are being made in Springhill to celebrate the natal day of the P. W. A. There is an enthusiasm not common of late years. The many late years of great prosperity have given some life to the society. A sign of the times is that the officials of the various departments have been invited to participate. This is indication that a better feeling exists between the men and the management than of yore. Long may it continue.

Instructors and pupils of the Springhill Mining School are very well pleased with the result of the late examinations for mine officials. It is realized that there is no royal road to learning, and that only by hard, persistent, study is it possible to obtain an education. Whoever the kicker is that was referred to in last issue of the Record he should as others have done before him, bow to the inevitable, and 'go for it again' He will eventually win out.

The Cumberland Railway & Coal Co. is about to build a trestle and culm bins of several thousand tons capacity, with the necessary quick loading chutes. It is situated north of No. 3 mine and is well located for its purpose. It will be equipped with the best machinery adapted for the purpose, in the shape of conveyors etc. It promises to be quite an addition to the surface plant of the works.