

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

R. Robertson, it is said, has resigned the position of superintendent of the Hub Colliery. Mr. Wm. Wilson, lately coal inspector is to succeed him.

It is stated that Mr. J. R. Blackett, formerly auditor of the Dom. Coal Co. will take the position of comptroller for the North Atlantic Collieries Co. at Port Morien.

The output of pig iron at Sydney Mines for October was 5,755, as against 5,490 tons in Sept. an increase of 265 tons. During October the open hearth furnaces produced 6,986 tons, an increase of 1476 tons over the September output which was 5,510 tons. At the coke ovens 8,771 tons of coke were turned out, as against 7,608 tons in September, an increase for October of 1,164 tons.

In our issue of Oct. 23rd. referring to the meeting of the Old Age Pension Com. at Joggins it was stated: "At Joggins, Minudie and Stratheona Mines the men have Relief Societies supported without aid from the employers or the government." The statement so far as Minudie mine is concerned is incorrect. Just how the name Minudie was mentioned it is hard at this time to understand as there was no delegation present from that mine. Since the organization of the Minudie Relief Society in April 1903 it has received aid from both company and government. At the present time the society is in a healthy condition with a nice little sum in bank to its credit.

It is now believed that the Dominion Coal Co. will be 250,000 tons short in its contract deliveries to Montreal this season. This may mean that the company must provide for shipments via Portland in the winter season. The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. is some 10,000 tons short in deliveries to Montreal, or rather will be when navigation closes. Arrangements have been made to send this quantity via Portland at a rate almost as favorable as if the coal had been shipped direct.

In justice to Tom Blackwood, let it be said that he is in favor and not opposed to a pension fund, and though he did say that after pay day sickness was prevalent in mining localities he did not say it maliciously. If Tom has made one Westville miner take a square look at the situation he has accomplished something, by his remark. The Record is not afraid to express the hope that soon it will be able to say that after pay sickness is no more prevalent at the mines than at Trenton or other centres of industry.

The Cape Breton papers went into raptures over the big output of October. The output was not as good by 8000 tons as that for Oct. '06, while the shipments are about 30,000 tons behind. November and December should show big increases in shipments over the corresponding months of last year. The Record will be disappointed with less shipments for Nov. than 300,000 tons. This refers to the Dom. Coal Co.



A TWENTY-FIVE TON ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE.

The accompanying illustration shows a view of a 25 ton switching locomotive built by the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio for use in handling freight cars for the Cerveceria Brewery of Monterey, Mexico. This style locomotive takes the same electrical equipment as the mine type, the only changes being in the side and frames and the addition of a platform and suitable cab to accommodate the conditions incident to surface work. The motors are of the water proof steel frame type having drum wound armatures, laminated pole pieces, oil lubrication with auxiliary grease boxes and liberal wearing surfaces.

These locomotives are built in sizes from 10 to 30 tons with two motors, and in larger sizes with three and four motors, arranged with rigid frame or with double trucks having flexible wheel base, depending entirely on the conditions.