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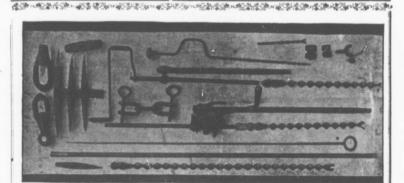
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Titanium in steel is very rarely met with, it is doubtful if any firm at the present time makes a steel of this character. Titanium is one of the most difficult metals to deal with on account of its high melting point. It occurs in many makes of pig iron, but its practical value in connection with steel has yet to be found.—S. A. of Mining.



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PROVINCIAL EXAMINATIONS, 1906:

MECHANICS.-MANAGERS.

Ques. 1 .- Area of Piston equals 260 Square inches; work performed in one stroke equals 31,200 foot pounds; length of stroke 3 feet. Find mean pressure of steam acting on the Piston per square inch of area.

Ans. 1—Area of piston = 263 sq. inches.
P eq. U eq. 31200 eq. 40 lbs. pressure per sq. inch. a 1 260 × 3

Ques 2 .- A mine is arranged with three shafts, which are respectively 50, 60, and 70 fathoms deep, Water is pumped from these levels, viz., from the first 20 cubic feet, from the second 30 cubic feet, and from the third 50 cubic feet per minute. Find the H. P. of engine that would be requisite.

Ans. 2-I would have all the water led into the deep shaft and pumped from there with one engine. Therefore we have 20 + 30 + 50 = 100 cubic ft. to be pumped. $100 \times 62.5 = 6250$, Taking deepest shaft we have

70 \times 6 429 feet. $420 \times 6250 = 2625000$. Allow $\frac{1}{2}$ for slip of pump = 3281250. Allow $\frac{1}{2}$ more for friction of machinery, etc., we have $4921875 \div$

Ques. 3-A sinking pit is 100 fathoms deep, and the average diameter is 15 feet. The water is standing 60 fathoms up the shafts; feeders are 212 gallons per minute. In how many hours and minutes can the pit be pumped dry with a 14" set stroke 8 feet, and making 7 strokes per minute,

Ans. 3—15x15x.7854x60x6x6.25 = 397608.85 gallons of water in shaft.

14x14x.034 = 373,184 gallons lifted by pump per minute. Then 373.184 - 212 = 161.184 gallons gained by pump 397608.75 Therefore 41 hrs. 6 min. 48sec

161. 184x60 Ques. 4-Explain and show by a sketch the effect of

over-heating the plates of a boiler; also enumerate the principal causes of Boiler explosions.

Ans. 4-Over-heating may be caused by low water or by incrustation. When the plate is covered with a heavy scale the heat is not carried away by the water fast enough to prevent a rise of temperature, becomes red hot and soft and yields to the steam pres-The plate sure, forming a pocket as shown in sketch.

A boiler explosion can be caused only by over pressure of steam, either the boiler is not strong enough to carry its ordinary working pressure or else for some reason the pressure has been allowed to rise above the usual point. In the first case the boiler may be too weak for the working pressure because: (1) It is poorly designed; (2) The material or workmanship may be poor;

ment, such as letting cold water come in contact with hot plates or blowing the boiler off hot and then quickly filling it with cold water. When the pressure rises above the usual point that the safety valve is supposed to be set for the fault is probably due to the sticking or

overweighing of the safety valve. Some very disastrous explosions have been caused by closing a stop-valve between the safety valve and boiler while cleaning the latter and then forgetting to onen it again. It cannot be urged too strongly that a stop valve should never be placed between the safety valve and boiler. Low water may cause explosions in internally fired boilers but will rarely cause externally fired boilers to explode.

Ques. 5-What Horse Power will be required to haul up a slope 600 yards long, dipping 6" per yard, 800 tons of coal in 9 hours, making proper allowance for the friction of the machinery, the friction of cars being 1-60, Cars to contain one ton of coal; empty car weighing 1/2 ton. Give description of engine; size of cylinders; length of stroke; steam pressure per sq. inch. of time for changing at top and bottom,

Ans, 5-We will first find the force in pounds to haul 1 ton up the incline. Thus $2440 \times 6 \div 36 = 373$ lbs. due to gravity. Total weight of coal and cars eq. 800 + 400 eq. 1200 tons. : 1200 × 373 eq. 447630 lbs. Add 1-60 for friction of cars we have 447600 ÷ 60 eq. 7460 + 447600 eq. 455060 lbs. Total time in minutes eq 60 x 9 eq 540 minutes. changing. 540-180 eq. 360, actual time of hoisting. 540÷3 eq 180, total time for Taking the modulus of engine as .7 we have

H. P. eq, 455060 x 600 x 3 eq. 98.5, or say an engine of

100 H. P. To get the size of engine I will use formula 100 x 126050 eq. 17.3 or say 18 inches. 40 x 30 x 2

Diameter of piston 18 inches. Length of stroke 36 inches, connecting 3 times length of stroke or 9 foot crank would be half the length of stroke or 18 inches.

(3) The boiler becomes weakened by corrosion; (4) The steam engines (1) The high pressure or non-condensor may have been weakened by reckless manages sing engine. (2) The low pressure or condensing en-

A SHORT CUT TO GEORGIAN BAY.

gine. (3) The compound engine-and give your opinion as to the relative economy and practical applicability

of each of the three classes. Ans. 6-The high pressure or non-condensing engine is that type of engine that takes its steam at a high boiler pressure and exhausts it into the atmosphere. They are the most simplest type of engine of all the form of steam engines now in use. They are generally of the common slide valve type. Steam enters the cylinder at boiler pressure and follows the piston about half the stroke and is then cut off, after which expansion takes place and forces the piston the remainder of stroke. They are the cheapes- type oi engine in the first cost and take up very small floor space for their Horse Power. They are not economical on steam and where fuel is scarce and expensive they are not commendable.

The low pressure or condensing engine.—The steam enters the cylinder at a very low pressure, consequently they require a very large cumbersome cylinder. are worked with a condenser and vacuum pump which causes the engine to exhaust into a vacuum which gives them the benefit of the atmospheric pressure behind the cylinder. They were the first type of engine made and are not in very much demand at the present time as they their Horse Power and they are also an expensive en-

The compound engine is a combination of the high and low pressure engines. They have a high and low pressure cylinder which can be either tandem or compound. Steam enters the high pressure cylinder at high boiler pressure and performs its work there in the same way as in the high pressure engine, but instead of exhausting into the atmosphere the steam leaves the high pressure cylinder into a receiver, then the low pressure cylinder takes it from there and uses up the rest of enenergy stored up in the steam and if there is a condenser or vacuum pump it is still better. It is a very economical engine on steam and if cross compound is very steady running.

Ques. 7-How many Horse Power would be required to raise 3800 cubic feet of water per hour from a mine 1000 feet deep? Calculate size of engine and pump suitable for doing this work, allowing one-fourth for slip

Ans 7-3800 - 60 eq. 63.33 cubic ft. nearly per min. 63.33 x 62.5 eq, 3958.125 x 1000 eq. 3958125 add 1 for slip of pump we have 4947656.250.

Then add 1/2 for friction on engine, etc., we will then have 7421484 375 urits + 33100 eq. 224.89 Horse Power.
Using formula D eq. 3 F GOEAT X L. N = 63.33

eq. 8.773 or say to inches.

To get the total pressure on water end we have 9.9732 x .7854 eq. 75.014 x 1000 x .43 ex. 32256.02 add ated. 1/2 for friction we have 48384.030 lbs., total pressure of Then 48384.03 + 40 eq. 1209.6 area of steam cylinder, prosperity of South Staffordshire and East Worcester-Then $\sqrt[2]{\frac{1209}{.7854}}$ eq 39.2 inches.

Size of pump will be 10 inches; Length of stroke 3 feet; Strokes per minute, 30; Size of steam cylinder 40 inches.

There is a fair prospect of the contemplated electric line between Montreal and Midland soon being materialized. This matter took Sir Adolphe Caron and Senator Domville to England this past summer, where they ft und the British capitalists favorably disposed in regard to the scheme. As matters are going now, Ontario will soon be a net work of electric wires—there are so many new lines building, notably, the Windsor-Chatham and Then there is the huge new plant St Mary's Embro. of The Ontario Power Co, at Niagara, whose new steel tower lines are a new feature in the landscape in the vicinity of Niagara. The additions now being made by The Canadian Westinghouse Company will make The Ontario Power Company's generating plant the most extensive in the country. If this Montreal-Midland line goes through, a quick means of transportation will be given the wheat of the West. It will mean a complete revolution in the shipping of this greatest of Canadian exports.

To prove the minerals on Balbirnie and Wemyss esare cumbersome and take up too much floor space for tate, a deep bore is in progress at Blackbridge, on the Orr, between Thornton and Cameron Bridge, Scotland. For all practical purpos s so far as mining science and resources of this generation go, the bore has long ceased to be of any value to Wemyss estate. The dip of the minerals means that a seam found at 300 fathoms at the Orr might be 400 or 500 a mile south. however, form a valuable proof of the workable minerals on Balbinie. To-day the bore is 580 fathoms. The deepest shaft in Fife, the Mary pit at Loct ore, is 331 fathoms, and much beyond that modern engineers would not care to ask any company to launch the capital necessary to sink the shaft.

> On the 28th ult., the miners engaged at Lord Dudley's Baggeridge Wood sinkings, on the fringe of the Black Country, near Wolverhampton, struck a some-what flattened seam of the famous "ten yard coal" of South Staffordshire, at a depth of 556 yards. The seam is 20 feet thick, of superior quality, and inexhaustible for many years to come. Sinking operations have ex tended over a period of nearly ten years; thousands of bounds have been spent. The discovery has verified the predictions of Professor Lapworth and other eminent geologists respecting the existence of coal measures under the sandstone of the South Staffordshire coal field. Machinery embracing every modern improvement is to be installed. When the colliery is in full working order a daily output of two to three thousand tons is anticip-Whilst sinking, miners also discovered valuable deposits of iron ore, equal to the best Cumberland hem-Taking an effective steam pressure of 40 lbs, atite. The two discoveries will restore the commercial

AHEAD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The investigations of the police, following on the discovery of extensive gold stealing in Western Australia, have revealed a far reaching system of audacious rob-bery. The losses of the Golden Mile have probably internal heat. They have existed at all times, reached a million a year, but the thieves will have to and may be seen in every stage of decay. In dopt new methods it they want to continue their profitsome cases only portions of their lava beds remain. able trade. Gold is now unsaleable in Western Australian.

ia except through recognized channels. who stopped the robberies in Kalgoorlie has been conducting investigations in the Eastern States, and told a Melbourne reporter that he was himself astounded at the magnitude of the gold thefts, and that he was still being met with some tresh and astonishing facts concerning them. There was one instance he mentioned of a quantity of seven tons of concentrates that had been illicitly obtained, and wnich had been dealt with by the buyer, who roughly extracted a very big profit from them, and then sent them to smelting works in the Eastern States, where they yielded £40,000 worth of gold. The detective found that Western Australia gold was reaching Victoria in considerable amounts. In Bendigo, he stated, he found that one gold buyer had bought during the last three years about 2,330 oz, that was set down as coming from Western Australia. course" he . aid, "this gold may have been honestly ob tained, but it seems extraordinary that those who sold it should have come past the banks and mints in Perth and Melbourne in order to sell it to some comparitively obscure buyer in Bendigo. The number of gold buyers in Bendigo struck Detective Kavanagh as being unusually large. He found that in some cases sellers of gold had sold in the first place to small buyers, who had in turn sold to larger buyers, and the larger buyers had in their turn so'd to the mint of the banks. As it was open to those who had gold to sell it direct to the mint of the banks, and save middlemen's profits, this state of affairs was certainly somewhat remarkable. Western Australia has an "undesirables" law, by which the police have been able to drive practically all the notoriously bad characters out of the State, and it is confidently expected that in future its crime record will be the lowest in Australia.

An ingenious application of the microphone for the detection of fire-damp has, according to Professor Gisbert Kapp, been made in France by Hardy. If the Coal Co. who met last week have decided to once microphones connected in series with a telephone, a The directors declared a quarterly dividend on clear note is heard, but if one of the pipes emits a but the common stock of 1.2 per cent. for the first slightly different note, there will be beats heard in the three months of 1907. This is payable on April microphones connected in series with a telephone, a her underground, the latter, if there be fire-damp, will be blown with air of a different density and emit a different note. The telephone by sounding beats, will then give warning of the presence of fire-damp. The apparatus when tested with coal gas, showed great sensitiveness. An admixture of but o 1 per cent. gave three

ELECTRICAL EXHIBITION IN FRANCE,

There is shortly to be held in Lyons an exhibition of the many new electrical devices invented for domestic No motor will be shown exceeding one horse-There will be motors for embroidering, for sewing and knitting machines, ventilators, vacuum carpet and rug cleaners; also machines for house-cleaning and floor polishing, and small electric run carts and electrical arrangements for turning spits in cooking.

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will be saving her time, trouble and money.

Some of the extraordinary smaller uses of electricity can be observed in the skyscraping Traders' Bank Building, in Toronto. Wherever one turns there is something that makes things easier in the way of electricity. From the electric elevator to the electric mail-shute, the up-to-date application of this mysterious power is enountered on every hand. In giving the contract, The Canadian Westinghouse Company, which was selected to supply the electric apparatus, was instructed to give full attention to these convenient and step-saving details.

SECRETS WORTH MILLIONS.

The inventor of eau de Cologne was an Italian, Giovanni Farina. Farina offered vainly to sell his recipe for \$3,750 in 1803, but a few years ago it was sold by his heirs for \$200,000. Chartreuse, the liquer of the Carthusian monks, was the invention of an aged baker. On the expulsion of the Carthusian fathers from France the Chartreuse recipe was sold at auction for \$1,750,000. The French buyers, however, undertook a losing business, for the monks are now making their liquer in Spain, and epicures prefer it to that of the French firm. The thin paper on which the Oxford Bible is printed is made after a secret process by the Oxford University Pre-s. The secret is valued at \$1,250,000. Absinthe's secret once belonged to a French chemist He sold it to a distiller for \$75 The distiller sold it for \$50,000. It is now not worth its original \$75, having leaked

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL AND COAL COMPANY

more place the company on a dividend basis, 15th.The statement for the year shows the net profits to have been \$960.000 as compared with \$559,000 for 1905.

The report of the directors to the stockholders which is signed by the president, Mr. Robert E. Harris, is as follows

beats in twenty seconds, and an admixture of 1 per cent.

nual report, with statement of assets and liabilities, and abstract of profit and loss account for the year ended December 31st, 1906.

The total volume of business transacted by the company during the past year was considerably larger than that of any previous year, al-though, owing to the blast furnace at Sydney Mines being out for relining during the months of November and December, the output of pig iron was not very much greater than during the former year. The sales for the year increased

\$956.900 over the preceeding year.

From our steel department we shipped 42.831 tons of finished material, being an increase of practically 50 per cent. over 1905.

The quantity of pig iron sold, however, was very much smaller than the previous year, 16,872 tons, as against 28,723 tons during 1905, due partly to the fact that a larger proportion of the output of the blast furnace was made into steel, and partly to the furnace being out of blast during November and December.

On December 31st, we had orders on our books for 22,000 tons of steel at better prices than pre-

vailed during 1906. The quantity of coal mined exceeded that of the previous year by 126,172 tons, the company

still being the second largest producer in Nova Scotia.

Early in the year we began the driving of submarine slopes for the purpose of reaching and opening up our sea areas at Wabana. Good pro gress has been made with this work, and the results obtained strengthen the belief of your directors that these sub-marine areas may prove to be a valuable asset of the company.

profits for the year 1906 were \$960,281,03 as com-

with the profits of the year, make a total of \$1,-755,606.06 to the credit of this account on Dec. 31st. 1906,

The regular dividend of 8 per cent, on the pre-

ferred shares has been paid quarterly. The sum of \$101,878,75 has been transferred to the credit of the special reserve fund-of which \$75,000 is for general depreciation and renewals, \$12,378,75 for blast furnace renewals being 25 cts. per ton on the output of pig iron during the year, and \$14,500 for depreciation of the shipping property owned by the company.

During the year this reserve fund was charged with the sum of \$29,215,28, being the amount expended in relining the blast furnace, and the further sum of \$50,000 was charged against this account to provide against loss which the company may make in connection with its railway to Sun-

beginning of the year.

The balance carried forward to the credit of profit and loss on the 1st. of January, 1907, is \$1,-180,783,89 as against \$795,325,03 on the 1st. Jan, '06.

The sum expended on capital account in plant and improvements, in acquiring iron ore areas, submarine coal areas, and real estate at Montreal and elsewhere, amounts to \$199,256,10.

Your directors have aimed to place the company in a strong financial position before resum- Register Book No. 2, page 8; pany in a strong manulal position before resum-ing payments of dividends on the common stock. They have also thought it desirable before resum-ing these dividends, that that there should be a fing these dividends, that that there should be a reasonable certainty of their continuance under and registered in the office of the Commissioner reasonable certainty of their continuance under and registered in the office of the Commissioner normal business conditions. for the past year, and the amount now at the rant the payment of a dividend for the past year, the Styles Coal Mining Co., of an area in the Councredit of the profit and loss account seem to warsharheolders will be best served by passing it. registered in the office of the Commissioner of They have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1-2 Public Works and Mines, at Halifax, in Coal Lease per cent. for the first three months of the year Register Book No. 2, page 10;
1907, payable April 15th. to shareholders of record
(d) Renewal of lease, number 12/29, held by on March 31st. 1907.

AMENDMENT TO MINES ACT.

The following is a copy of the bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Pipes to amend the Mines Act, and an 'Act' respecting certain coal leases. The important part of the Act begins with Section number 2, and its object is clear:

1. Section 201 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, 1900, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(1) Every lessee, upon application to the commissioner not later than thirty days after the expiration of the lease held by him, shall be entitled to a renewal thereof for a further period of twenty years from such expiration.

(2) Such lessee, upon application to the commissioner not later than thirty days after the expiration of such further period of twenty years, Your directors are pleased to report that the shall be entitled to a renewal of such lease for a

The amount to the credit of profit and loss account on January 1st. 1906, was \$795,325,03, which piration. (3) In like manner such lessee, upon applicaafter the expiration of such further period of twenty years shall be entitled to a renewal of such lease for a further period of twenty years from such expiration; but in no case shall such renewals of any such lease extend the term of the same beyond eighty years from the original date

of the lease. (4) Every such renewal shall be upon the same terms, covenants, and conditions as are contained in such lease, subject, however, to the addition of substitution of any other terms, covenants and conditions which may be inserted in a lease issued under this chapter by virtue of the provisions of this chapter or of any other statute hereafter passed.

(5) In any such renewal the rent payable by such lessee may be increased.

(6) In the case of any lease which has expired or has been forfeited for non-payment of rental, or for any other cause is liable to forfeiture, the Governor-in-Council may, notwithstanding any the amount to the credit of this rund is now dovernor in Council may, notwithstanding any \$650.989,51 as compared with \$628,326,04 at the application made for the tract of ground covered or formerly covered by such lease, or any part thereof, authorize the commissioner to renew such lease upon such terms and conditions as the Governor-in-Council sees fit to impose.

2. The following renewals of leases, that is to

(a) Renewal of lease, number 9/22, held by the Styles Coal Mining Co. of an area in the Coun ty of Cumberland, dated 25th. August, 1886, and registered in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, at Halifax, in Coal Lease

Lease Register Book No. 2, page 9

(c) Renewal of lease, number 11/28, held by

Rubs by Rambler.

Just what the government is going to do, in the matter of technical education, is not definitely known. For certain there will be one big school. or college, in Halifax, as the place most accessible and convenient, and a half dozen minor schools in various parts of the province. Indeed if the scheme is to be as general as it is hinted it will be, there will require to be, at least, a dozen of the "country" schools. In season and out of season our friend of the Suburban insisted upon the government appointing a commission to find out what had been done in the direction of technical schools, in all parts of the world. Before the Mining Society he declared that without a commission no proper system could be established. Some of us said we would be content with small things for a beginning, but not so our friend. With him it was a whole loaf or no bread. The RECORD for years has called for an improved system of instruction, asking that a beginning, if a humble one, be made. The government is going on with a technical college, and is doing so without having appointed any commission, like the one suggested. The government has had advisors, some of them with knowledge and others who may know just what is wanted, though no one, unless told, would suspect it. It is pleasing to know that our friend of the Suburban has been given an inkling of the bill, and is, if not wholly satisfied, greatly pleased. I am not going to express any opinion on the scheme until I know a good deal more about it. I am afraid the government has not provided a way whereby the poor man's son may be enabled to spend the necessary time in Halifax, after his course in the "primary" schools. This is an important point, and I trust it has not been overlooked.

When the rage for big outputs and big collieries was at its height, some years ago, the RECORD threw out the hint, in plain language, that big outputs might reach that point when they meant increased cost of production. This view was not generally acquiesced in, and big collieries were still the cry. At the present time, if I mistake not, operators are coming round to the opinion of the RECORD, that the biggest collieries are not the most economical; in other words they are veering round to the opinion that there is a limit in size, beyond which it is not profitable to go. Two collieries of a capacity of five hundred tons each, driven in the same seam, a half mile apart, may not be as profitable as one pit of a thousand tons capacity; but it is a matter of debate whether two one-thousand capacity collieries are not more profitable than one of two thousand tons.

As between two collieries of 1,500 to 2,000 tons, and one colliery of double that capacity, the opinion is, it may be said, pronounced, that the two collieries are preferable in all essentials to the one. This is a practical subject, and should engage the attention of mining students; and if the Board of Examiners would condescend to introduce a practical subject or two like this at the examinations, even at the expense of "scientific" questions, they might be acting in the best interests of the trade, and those engaged in its promotion.

The Odell Club, of Glace Bay, whose chief object is to explode the exploitation, as new, of old discoveries, should take notice that the Mullins seam, often lost, frequently strayed, and innumerable times stolen by amateur prospectors, is no longer a subject of practical debate. In its stead has come the question to be pounded out, namely, "Is the No. 6 slope on the Phelan seam, or is it not?" Those who take the negative exultantly exclaim, "Ask Hugh Fletcher, the best geologist we have among us to-day. Fletcher will not swear that it is the Phelan." Perfectly correct. Hugh is no fool, and has never been known to swear to anything, and it will be hard to break him off the habit at his time of life. Ask Hugh, indeed! The man who does that has an unanswered question for his pains. All the answer he will get from Hugh is that it is a good subject to speculate upon; or that it might be worth while to drain Big Glace Bay Lake and put down a bore hole or 'wo, in an effort to discover the Phelan which took a hop, step or jump, or all together, somewhere between the shores of the lake. Hugh will not swear that No. 6 is on the Phelan, you may bet five cents that neither will be swear that it isn't.

SAID Andrew Roy, for many years the wellknown Inspector of Mines for the State of Ohio:-"If the laws of the several mining states were enforced and obeyed, there need not be a single explosion." If that be true as applied to the United States, it should also hold good if applied to Nova Scotia, where, if anything, the mining law is in advance of any mining law in any of the States. And if it be true that there need be no explosions, the law being duly acted upon and enforced, then it goes without saying it that in the second largest of the mining states, the law is not being enforced: on the contrary is being woefully neglected, else there would not have been, as of late, three bad explosions in as many weeks. It would be interesting if we could be told, seeing these explosions were preventible, who are responsible for them, the manager or the men? In Nova Scotia we have not had an explosion of any magnitude for years, and we need not have another if masters and men do not fail in taking ordinary precautions. But explosions

are not the only cause of loss of lives in mines. When a big explosion comes, in any country, one may be startled at the great sacrifice of life, and yet if it may be said explosions claim their thousands, it may with equal force be said, "but falls of roof and stone claim their tens of thousands." And yet, though the world over falls are thought to be the cause of the loss of the greatest number of lives of coal miners, it cannot be said that it is true as regards Nova Scotia-at least it has not been the chief contributing cause during the past two or three years. Of late years more loss of life is due to the underground workers being run over by rakes, or crusiced between the rake and the rib, than to any other cause; and surely, except in the case of a runaway, even these accidents are preventible. Th dargers of the mine are still many, though not so numerous or so much to be dreaded as in former years. A writer in one of the magazines says that asthma is still a deadly miner's disease. That is not so, if said of Nova Scotia miners, and it need not be so if better ventilation is a preventive. Formerly it was the air of the mine that was the inciting cause of asthma; to-day, if a miner falls a victim to the disease the fault is perhaps his own, and not that of the operators. If he persists in running up hills or along levels, or allows himself to rush into draughts when heated, he cannot expect to escape the effects of such action below ground any more than he would above ground.

How is it that Mr. Tanner cites the case of New Zealand as a reason the government of Nova Scotia should go into the business of coal mining? Mr. Tanner has the idea that by the local government going into coal mining, a supposed monopoly in coal would be broken up. That may be a correct or an erroneous idea, but his position is not fortified by citing New Zealand as a country where government operation of coal mines had the effect of breaking up anything like a "corner" in coal. It is impossible that a monopoly in coal ever could have existed in that country. It cannot well be that a monopoly can exist where there are innumerable competitors. Competitors in coal mining are numerous in New Zealand; indeed perhaps more numerous in comparison with output than in any other country in the world; therefore it could not be with the object of cutting the fangs of a menacing monopoly that New Zealand went into coal mining. Probably its chief object in embarking on the business was to satisfy an unreasoning clamor or restlessness. The Minister of Mines of New Zealand only recently issued his report for 1905. For 1905 the total output of all the New Zealand coal mines was 1,585,000 tons-less than a third of the total output of Nova Scotia. And this comparatively small output was divided among no fewer than a hundred and seventy-seven mines, giving an average output per

mine of less than 9,000 tons a year, or less than thirty tons a day. What sort of country, in respect to coal mining, is this to hold up and applaud before Nova Scotians? With about a tenth of the number of mines Nova Scotia produces nearly four times the amount of coal. The only machinery at some of the New Zealand mines must be a miner, a laborer, and a wheelbarrow. Coal mining in New Zealand affects only 3,200 men; here it affects 10,000. In New Zealand, where a paterly-materly government gathers its workpeople, as does a hen its chickens under its wings, one would suppose that few accidents befell those engaged in coal mining. The fact is that a life was lost for each or every 264,000 tons of coal raised, whereas in Nova Scotia we raise more coal with fewer fatal results.

THE Suburban accuses the Sydney Record of making the oft-repeated assertion that the price of coal could not be lowered without lowering the rate of wages, and adds:-"The editor of the Sydney Record may know more than we do about some things, but we know more than he does about the price of coal and the miners' wages, and that is one point on which we feel safe, when we state that the price of coal to small consumers in Nova Scotia can be considerably lowered without reducing the present rate of wages." It may be a virtue to have an ever-present feeling of cocksureness, but it is one that sometimes places the possessor in a rather ridiculous position. With the Sydney Record I say that the price of coal neither to large or small consumers can be reduced without a very appreciable reduction, not only in money rates, but in colliery labor generally. Is the Suburban aware that it was a matter of serious discussion a few weeks ago, whether there should be an advance in the price of coal, or a "notice of reduction" of wages? That neither policy was put into play was due solely to the fact that the operators agreed to carry on, for another year, with little or in some cases no profit, rather than cause commotion. The "smaller" consumers of coal are householders. A reduction of 25c. a ton would not appear a big reduction to a majority of them, and yet a reduction of twenty-five cents in price might mean the closing down of a colliery which supplies more house coal than any other. If the editor of the Suburban knows about the price of coal and miners' wages, what need is there of a commission? Let him appoint a little commission of his own, and let him be put on oath and make revelations. If his statements are facts, then the matter is settled. The editor of the Suburban may know a little about a certain little colliery, and not as much about even that one as he should know, and there his knowledge ends. "But if a commission cannot be obtained to enquire into the price of coal. let one be appointed," cries the Suburban editor, "to enquire into the waste that is going on." The first

request is "rich," The second is boundless in its guilelessness. Just fancy a government seconding a resolution, or making any motion which involved a straight vote of censure upon its management of affairs! Our coal mines are under government inspection, and if there is needless waste, then the government is primarily responsible. The question is asked: "Is even ordinary precaution taken to prevent the destruction of our coal mines "? The answer is in the affirmative, emphatically. Not only do the operators in their own interests exercise precaution, but the government, by its inspectors also does. Our inspectors may not all be trainedwhatever that may mean-scientific men, but they are men of shrewdness, experience, and, what is of the first importance, common sense, a word which I fear cannot be applied to their critics. "The inspectors in other countries are trained, scientific men." Nonsense; Andrew Roy, the most referred to inspector in the United States, had no technical training, went through no scientific course. Connors, who came from the United States, where he had been a mine inspector, to C. B. some years ago, had no more "training" or "science" than an ordinary. everyday miner. They have trained, scientific men in the States, have they? Well, perhaps that is the reason that in one state, within three weeks, not three months ago they had three explosions, causing fearful loss of life and wreckage of property. In the following paragraph a grave charge is made against the Department of Mines, against Dr. Gilpin the Inspector, and against Nevilles and Nicolson. Cadegan and Cameron, the deputy inspectors. If these gentlemen cannot report to the government. or do not, as to the management of the mines, if they allow violations of the "statute of regulations" without comment, then the sooner they send in their resignations one and all the better.

"It is quite impossible for the government of Nova Scotia to know and, as a matter of fact, they do not know, whether the coal mines are being conducted even according to the rules laid down in the Statute of Regulations."

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The debate in the local parliament on the speech from the "throne" should prove interesting to Pictonians, particularly from the fact that the three members from that county took part in it. No other county had the distinction of putting forward its full representation to make speeches for or against. There were sentences in each of the three speeches to which an impartial critic might take exception, while in each of the speeches there were paragraphs he might applaud. I think Mr. Tanner is all astray in holding up New Zealand to us as a model country, especially when he hints that our government should take pattern from it and go into coal mining. Perhaps he didn't quite say we should

go into coal mining, but that we ought to be in a position to go into it; but are not, owing to, well, say partizanship, and the possible prostitution of the business for party purposes. So far as I understand Mr. Tanner's general coal policy, I do not agree with ti. But away down-if he says that we are not ready for coal mining by government in Nova Scotia, or for that part in Canada-I rather think I must agree with him. When the conservatives were in power the government railway was highly prized by them as a most useful and invaluable tory incubator and nursery, and I am not quite prepared to kiss the book and swear, or hold up my hand and affirm that I believe it serves no such purposes to-day, when the liberals are at the throttle-Mr. Baillie hinted, or to be exact, stated that certain officials of a coal mining company in Pictou were active on behalf of the liberals. That may be true. but there was at least one official who had no spoken words of sympathy for the government candidates. Mr. McGregor said he had yet to learn that certain officials of another company were favorable to the liberals. Well, they were, nevertheless, all but one, who had any influence in the direction of securing votes. Mr. McGregor retorted to Mr. Baillie's remarks that if the mining officials lent their influence to the liberals, clerical influence was against them, and further said that some clergymen had hurt themselves by this display of partiality, not to say partizanship. I have heard it said, in reference to one clergyman, that he preached a partizan sermon. Well, I heard one discourse said to be of that character, but I must confess that I could not say it was, for the reason that he praised the liberal leader at Ottawa more than he censured, if he censured at all, the liberal party in the province. Only extreme partizans could say the clergyman went out of the way. There are some who think that clergymen should never talk on a political question. I do not agree at all with such a sentiment. education question is an intensely political one in Britain at the present time, and the clerygemen who have not made vehement references to it from their pulpits are the exceptions, not the rule. Temperance may be at times a political question, and if a clergyman holds it to be of paramount importance. a question overshadowing all others, why should his mouth be closed? He may not be accused on the ground that his sympathizers go with a party that at heart is dishonest on the question. The point is. does he conscienciously believe it to be sincere? For my own part I do not believe that, to-day, the influence of the parson in matters political, counts for much. I have been going to church now for a good long while, and I cannot point to one single individual who deserted his party at the bidding or the request of his minister. On moral questions clergymen surely have a right to express publicly their views.

WILL some one kindly explain how it is that bank cheques read "Pay to — or bearer," etc. In my experience, and so far as my observation gots, more checks when written have the word bearer reased and the word order substituted in writing in its place. Why is the word ort printed, seeing it is used so much more frequently than "bearer"? I have asked a couple of tellers for an explanation, but they could give none. There must surely be some reason.

HARKING back to Mr. Carruthers' assertion that the working men of the day were becoming more and more socialistic in their views; that the general name of that which they are contending for is socialism, I am glad to be able to support the position that I took last issue, namely that trades unionism and socialism are not one and the same thing, by what transpired at the conference of the National Labor party held recently in Belfast. There, Mr. Keir Hardie, who is the leader of the

Socialist group in parliament, met with a rebuff. A

resolution brought forward at the conference declar-

ing the ultimate object of the Labor party to be "the overthrow of the present competitive system of capitalism and the institution of a system of public ownership and control of all the means of life," was stoutly opposed as exluding from delegateship and parliamentary candidature all who were not socialists. This resolution was defeated by 835,000 votes against 98,000. Another resolution whose, unclothed, aim was to make the Labor party a Socialist party in the House of Commons was thrown out by a vote of over a million against 76,000. A resolution supported by Keir Hardie, asking for adult suffrage, and equal privileges to both sexes, and immediate women suffrage, was defeated by a mild and pious amendment, which declared that the time had come when equal suffrage should be extended From what transpired at to all men and women. the conference it is evident that socialism is making little more progress in Britain than it is doing in Germany or in France. In France, the Socialist leader, Faures, was snubbed by the premier, who said he would go on with reforms, but would set his face against collectivism, and that is the position of John Burns and other great labor leaders.

NORTH and south landings have been started off in Dominion No. 1.

Pumping by machinery, whatever its final results, is not a slow process by any means.

ELECTRIC hoists are being operated in the water shaft at International.

A WORKMAN named Gouthro fell down the water start at International. No one noticed his fall. Only after he was missed was search made and his body found in the shaft bottom broken and bruised. There was much water at the bottom.

THERE was a little quiet excitement among the employees of the third seam slope at Stellarton last week, caused by signs of fire and damp in one of the balances. After considerable exertion, cause of alarm was removed. The fire had an effect on the output for a couple of days.

EVERYTHING is now working satisfactorily at Springhill, and all fear of damp or fire has been removed from the minds of the workers underground. The section built off will not prove a serious loss, as the coal in it was slightly disturbed and yielded an undue proportion of slack coal.

Mr. Deppe, Vice-Fresident of the Mabou and Gulf Coal Company, reached Mabou beginning of last week. The men were paid in full for January.

It is likely that the work of extending and straightening the slopes will be immediately proceeded with, and also the piercing of the fault, which interrupted the progress of the east levels. There will be no big extensions or improvements on the surface this season, the company adopting the wiser course of devoting its chief attention to the prosecution of development work underground.

THE following have been appointed instructors in the Mining Schools in the respective districts:—

Cumberland County—James Scott, Springhill; Sydney

Green, Joggins, and Thomas Carr, Chignecto.

Picton County—Samuel Moss, Westville; A. Macdonald, Stellarton; H. H. Cameron, Thorburn, and John D. McKay, Coalburn.

Inverness County.—John Gray, Port Hood; Angus R. McIsaac, Inverness, and Jas. S. Quigley, Mabou.

Cape Breton County.—James Connors, Reserve; John A. Macdonald, McKay's Corner; John C. Nicolson, Dominion No. 1; R. B. Crosby, Bridgeport: Sol. Dewfall, Sydney No. 3; Nov. Macdonald. Dominion No. 4; James McCuish, Dominion No. 6; R. D. Anderson, Glace Bay; D. L. McKay, Hub Colliery, and Absalom Beaton, New Aberdeen.

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the Styles Coal Mining Co, of an area in the County of Cumberland, dated 23rd. August, 1886, and registered in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, at Halifax, in Coal Lease Register Book No. 2, page 11

(e) Renewal of lease, number 13/30, held by the Styles Coal Mining Co'y, of an area in the County of Cumberland, dated 23rd. August, 1886, and registered in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, at Halifax, in Coal

Lease Book No. 2, page 12; or valve is closed, and the (f) Renewal of lease, number 26/16, held by leg is opened and the air es the Minudie Coal Co'y., Limited, of an area in the out in a continuous flow. County of Cumberland, dated 25th. August, 1886, and registered in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, at Halifax, in Coal Book No. 2, page 60:

(g) Renewal of lease, number 1/13, held by the County of Inverness, dated 25th August, 1886, and registered in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, at Halifax, in Coal

County of Inverness, dated the 25th. August, 1886,

Lease Book No. 2, page 46; with a (i) Renewal of lease number 7/10, held by the 40 feet. Port Hood Coal Co'y., Limited, of an area in the County of Inverness, and registered in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, at Halifax, in Coal Lease Book No. 2, page 47; shall be and the same are hereby continued in force for one year from the dates upon which the same respectively expired; and the Governor-in-Council may at any time during the period for years become an inportant supplier of mangan-which said leases are so extended, notwithstandese ores. ing any application made for the tracts of land covered or formerly covered by said leases, or any part thereof, authorize the commissioner to renew such leases, or any of them, upon such terms and conditions as the Governor-in-Council sees fit to impose, without notice to the commissioner, notwithstanding any provision of said leases respectively, or of any statute of the province to the contrary.

SIPHONS.

Q.-Explain action of siphon, and the law which governs its working.

A,—A siphon is a length of pipe bent in the form of a letter U. It is used extensively in mining operations to drain water from dip workings into lodge rooms which are on a lower level than that

of the suction end of the pipes

The siphon will not in any case raise water from a level which is lower to a higher level, but drains the water over a brow from a point to another point which is lower, To obtain the best results from a siphon it is essential that the pipes should be laid as straight as possible and all joints made water and air-tight; also the delivery leg longer than the suction leg, or, in other words, the water should have more distance to fall than to be lifted.

In theory the siphon should lift water up to a

vertical height of 34 feet, but in practice if we secure a lift of 24 feet we are well satisfied, start the siphon to drain water, all the air must be extracted from the pipes. This is done by having taps fixed on the length of pipes, one on the bend and the other on the delivery leg; then ready to start the tap on the bend is opened, thus allowing the air to escape. At the same time the pressure of the atmosphere forces the water up the suction leg of the siphon; when the water reaches the highest point on the bend, that tap or valve is closed, and the valve on the delivery leg is opened and the air escapes, and water drains In no case should the suction pipe be allowed clear of the water to the atmosphere. Water should always be allowed to cover it, so that no air is allowed to draw into the pipes to cause an erratic action, or perhaps to stop the siphon altogether, causing serious delay. the Port Hood Coel Co'y. Limited, of an area in Sometimes a small hand pump is employed when the siphon is restarted to fill the pipes with water before the delivery valve is opened.

A siphon is one of the cheapest torms of ap-Lease Book No. 2, page 31;

(h) Renewal of lease, number 6/4, held by the able for its adoption to drain water, as no power Port Hood Coal Co'y., Limited, of an area in the is required, and when properly arranged it needs very little attention, and will draw a large quanand registered in the office of the Commissioner tity of water many hundreds of yards. A siphon of Public Works and Mines, at Halifax, in Coal has been known to convey water fully 240 yards vith a lift of 240 feet, and a delivery of about

Spain is justly celebrated for its mineral wealth It produces more cupreous pyrites than any other country in the world, and very large amounts of lead ore and quicksilver; its iron ores are abundant and of excellent quality, and it has of recent

The production of lead in Canada for the year 1906 amounted to 26,000 tons. The production for 1905 was 27,000 tons. The record year was 1900, when a total of 30,000 was reached.

The Malay Peninsula is the great tin producing region of the world at the present day, and the States with the largest output are under British restriction. tish protection. The ore is obtained almost exclusively from alluvial deposits, worked partly by the open quarry method and partly by true underground mining.

Prince Edward Island Railway,

Tender.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside "Tender for extension of Souris Wharf," will be received up to and including Thursday, February 28th., 1907, for an extension of the Railway Wharf at Souris, P. E. Tena and specifications may be seen at the office of the Secretary of the Donartment of Railway and Canala. Ottawa. Ont. at the Chief

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont., at the Chief Engineer's Office, Moncton, N. B. et assistant Engineer's Office, Charlottetown, and at the Station Mouhached. Souris, P. E. I., at which places forms of tender may be obtained:

All the conditions of the specification must be compiled with.

Railway Office,

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Gancia Watsaner.

Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., Feb. 13, 1907. General Manager

Work has not yet been resumed at the Fundy where are a few men employed in making been broken, the "Goliuth" battleship, of the repairs around the bank head building, but the Channel Fleet, having taken on board 1,630 tons great majority of miners have left the place and in five hours, eighteen minutes, coaling from the secured employment at other mining centres, floating depot. The former highest record was The management have made no pronouncement that of the "Mars" battleship, with 1,240 tons in with regard to the course that they intend to pursue.-Hx. Chronicle

The coaling record at Portsmouth has again Mining.

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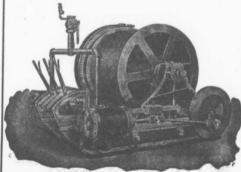
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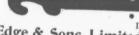
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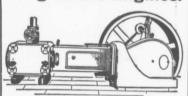
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