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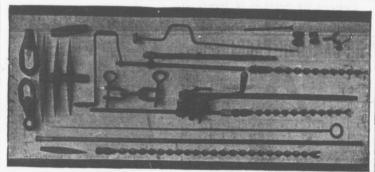
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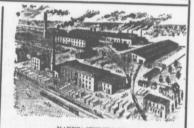


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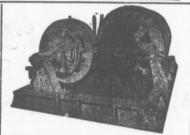
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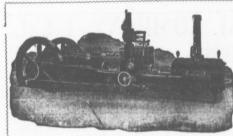
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AN EDITOR'S OUTING.

The trip up the Lehigh Valley by the Lehigh Railway is most interesting. There is plenty of landscape country, and numerous cities and towns they have no villages so far as I can judge in the U.S.—many of them picturesquely situated. Here we have the beautiful country which God made, and the busy bustling towns, mans handiwork. From posters we learn that the Lehigh Route is the most scenic—imaginable—perhaps it said in America but I am not certain, that it is interesting only, is to declare ones deficiency in rheotoric and flowers of speech. There is not a dull mile on the road to the first time visitor and that is saying a good deal. itor and that is saying a good deal. The Lehigh River is by no means majestic in its flow, but its curves and windings and its now wooded gently sloping banks, and its again rocky sides are a pleasing panorama. And then the great works ity but it cannot be said they lend effect to the scenery. They are ungainly looking affairs, guiltless of whitewash or any such thing. I only noticed one breaker which made pretentions to com-liness. It was a massive affair and was painted a lurid red. Other objects might be passed by unnoticed but not this big red breaker. Immense trains of coal cars empty and loaded are passed. And these do not run on one side of the river anot be laughed at, for as we speed along at one point we see a railway on the right hand side and some miles further on a railway on the left. We were told there were but two and our mistake in thinking there were more was due to the fact that times the one is on a much higher elevation than the other, and vice versa. We had a passing glance at some of the miners houses, but they

miners go train travelling they put on holiday attire, and are so well dressed that they might be mistaken for professional men. But these fellows made no pretense at dress. Indeed, their attire was decolay to adopt Roosevelts spelling. shirt bosoms were open, and their coats off, but in justice let it be said it was a very hot day, and this fact they sought to emphazise by occasionally taking some liquid out of a bottle which may have been water and may-not. I was a little interested in their conversation-they did not interested in their conversation—they speak in whispers—as their talk was about shop, and I am interested in talks on mining. They and I am interested in talks on mining. were talking about a certain boss and his ways, and about wages and the number of days they had worked and so forth. I would'nt for a moment put them on a par as far as appearance goes with our N. S. miners, but then I may not have seen a fair specimen, and they most likely were pleasing panorama. And then the great works not harves of the Seate. There are very passed as one runs up the Valley excite ones won junctions on the road where changes are made for the Who has not heard of the Bethelehen and the the innumerable mining and other towns. While Crane Foll works: These are on the largest cement in the scenery along the route is at spois very line, and the Valley too claims the largest cement if can not endorse the claim that it is the most works in the world. A large number of coal scenic. There are parts of the Pa. Ry. system which are much grander and more inspiring As a rule first class cars, or what we in Nova Scotia would call by that name, have no smoking compartment; the trains carry a smoking car in which only males assemble, and carry of course some males whose company is not the most desirable. It may be said if you want an exclusive smoke why not travel on the Pullman. local trains do not carry Pullman cars, they are on what may be called through trains In the And these do not run on one sage of the Fiver a on what may be called through trains In the lone, at least that is the impression. Two roads on smoker there are no spittoons, so one, not accustly I believe run up the Valley, the Lehigh and omed to swallow juice, cannot enjoy a hearty the Jersey Central, but if a visitor came to the smoke. On the wall of a smoker in big letters conclusion that there were three or four he should appeared the legend "spitting strictly prohibited." smoke. On the wall of a smoker in big letters appeared the legend "spitting strictly prohibited." The American male palate may take kindly to the prohibition but not the Nova Scotian. The only relief left is to open the window and make The prohibition is in few words and use of it. as in a set of quadrilles parties crossed over. The or chew but must not spit. By contrast I was re-times the vectors and recross repeatedly. Some-nided of a legand minded of a legend posted up on a public works minded of a legend posted up on a public works in Nova Scotia. It read "No smoking, chewing or spitting allowed." I said to the boss "Pretty hard lines" 'Where does the hardness come in, the other, and vice versa. We had a passing or spitting allowed." I said to the boss "Pretty gave no pointers, indeed, I think, so far as architecture and comfort go, N. S. could give more than one pointer to the Lehigh Valley. And we had note than a passing look at some of the hard oal miners, and some of them were rather hard looking tickets. They were in the smoking car chewing so long as there is no spitting. On my into which somehow I had stumbled. When our

found on the notice. you can smoke or chew but you must'nt spit, yet canals are not deepened for the requirements of from the aspect of the floor, in some cases, the conclusion was come to that the law was as hard to enforce as the Scott Act. On the buffet or dining car meals are served a la carte The short English of that is that a lunch or a decent dinner costs three times at least as much as a full course dinner on the I. C. R. or C. P. R. In fact one can get away with a three dollar dinner and wonder what he got for it.

After a former visit to Buffalo I pronounced it as at once the dirtiest and the most attractive city in many states. I would scarcely say the same thing to day On this visit it neither seem-The suburbs ed extra dirty or extra attractive. are still beautiful but they are suffering from the encroachments of civilization. Business places in residential parts mar the attractiveness, and that is what is happening here. It is a great business

city, with much rail and lake traffic.

From Buffalo to Toronto is a journey of a few On the road we come to Niagara Falls, which are seen in the distance, but we make no halt on either side of the bridge as the Falls had been visited on former occasions. Hamilton is a rapidly growing city. It has many factories. The B. Greening Wire Works and the Garlock

Packing Co'y, are here.

When we reach Toronto its hotels and its streets are crowded. The Oddfellows from all parts of the U.S. and Canada have been holding a big pow wow in which was included a monster procession of between 6,000 and 7,000. One could imagine that almost all Toronto males belonged to the order, for every second man met is adorned with a showy badge. There are great throngs with a showy badge. There are great throngs on Younge St., the principal shopping quarter in the city. Toronto is flourishing, but though the population is rapidly increasing it is not doing so half quickly enough to please impatient Torontoians, whose one big aim, seemingly, in life is that his city should eclipse Montreal in length, width, breadth and business. But Toronto is handicap-ped; it has no outlet to the ocean. There are Montreal. It is true that it has a large proportion of fine residences and big business stores, but and the great St. Lawrence flowing bye. folks in Toronto maintain that Montreal is too Frenchy. That may be so but Montreal can boast of more factories, refineries and work-shops, and much more shipping. Nova Scotians are much more interested in the growth of Montreal than No coal finds its way this in that of Toronto. year from the province, though why coal should not be sent is the question. The present depth of water in the canals will not admit of direct shipments from the mines in Nova Scotia to Toronto, but why should not the canals be made available. There are two opinions on this point. Down in Nova Scotia we have come to the conclusion that feeling is that the canals can be deepened and ter of speedy accomplishment, but may be effectshould be deepened. The canals have cost vast ed through time. In his efforts to make the Jogsums of money for which no adequate return—in gins a paying mine Mr. Burchell should have the the way of trade—is being made and the argusupport of all the officials and employees.

So on American railways ment is that so much has been spent if the present day trade then the vast sums spent have been misspent. It sounded curious to my ears to hear people living a thousand miles from Nova Scotia, say that we were too supine a people and did not half assert ourselves. Even Montrealers say that Nova Scotia would fare better if it had a Professing iglittle more of the Quebec spirit. norance of what that spirit was the information "Don't permit the government to give a 'concession' to any other province unless N. S gets an equivalent." The big fire of a few years ago taught Toronto a lesson. A large majority of the houses of recent erection are of brick. One may think that building residences of brick may not allow of so great a variety of architecture as if built of wood. This is a mistake. Very many of the brick houses present a most pleasing and artistic appearance. The car service could not be finer. The tram lines extend miles in all direct-ions from the centre of the city. Of course we dropped into Eatons, a firm that does an immense mail dry good business with the province. then our cicerone's appetite being whetted we must needs trudge through other stores in quest of some imaginary article that could best be secured in Toronto. I had my doubts, but was submissive.

People need not be surprised at any time to hear that B, F. Pearson has declared that the psychological moment has at length arrived and that the North Atlantic Collieries Merger is an accomplished fact. It has been rumoured for some days that negotiations were nearing completion. The merger will not be on the extensive scale at one time contemplated. The areas at The areas at South Head, those of the Gowrie and Blockhouse on the Northern head, and the Broughton collieries are the only ones included in the merger, and there are sufficient square miles of coal in these to satisfy any ordinary syndicate. Mr. B. F. Pear-son, and Mr. Hanson, acting for the English owthose who claim that Toronto is a finer city than ners, visited Broughton on Saturday last, and as the Broughton people are not averse to any proposition that may relieve them of the property there are few outstanding objects of special inter-without loss, it is expected that negotiations will est as in Montreal. Toronto may have its Bay end happily. The project has been for a long time and its Island but then Montreal has its Mountain under consideration, and the time has nearly arrived when something must be done, or the North Atlantic Coy. be obliged to play a lone hand. All options, it is said, expire within three months, We hope to hear soon of something definite.

Mr. G. B. Burchell, formerly mine manager of the Gowrie and Blockhouse, has assumed the position of gen'l manager of the mines at the Joggins Mr. Burchell is a young man of considerable energy and ability and though in the Joggins he has a tough proposition he should be able to master it. The company is not making money and the deepening of the canals is precluded on ac- the problem before Mr. Burchell is to put the count of the expense. In Ontario and Quebec the mine on a paying basis. This will not be a mat-

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DOMINION IRON AND STEEL COMPANY.

-BY THE EDITOR.

After an interval of two years, or so, I had the pleasure of visiting the big steel plant at Sydney. All my visits to the plants have been pleasurable, due not only to the attractiveness of, and the interest attaching to viswing operations, but to the extreme courtesy of the officials with whom I have come in contact,

On my former visit Mr. Plummer was the guiding spirit. Just how much the shareholders owe to the heroic efforts of this gentleman will never be fully known. Things were In a desperate condition, could scarcely posthe company had either to mend or break. trying time beyond the conception of the ordinary insue of bonds at a time when this bonds might be bought in the market around fifty; and sold to themselves and bought other bonds at 75, still at a higher rate than bonds with prior claims could be bought for. ly theirs was a strong, a heroic faith, and it is inspiring to know that such faith is meeting its reward. The to know that such faith is meeting its reward. The tinent, Mr. Jones believes in paying good wages to mental and bodily strain was so great that Mr. Plum- good workmen. It is claimed that the average pay at mental and bodily strain was so great that Mr. Flum-good workmen. It is changed that the arting a mer's health gave way, and he is still, after night two the steel works is higher than at the coal mines. The years, suffering from the effects of it. Every one pecun-men are quite content. Many men left during the past jarily interested in the concern must pray for his speedy two or three years, but a majority of these would gladly and full recovery. When Mr. Plummer left for the come back. While paying good wages to good work-other side there was still a veteran in the person of men, Mr. Jones has no use for cheap labor or for the ir-Graham Fraser in charge of the practical branches of regular worker. His men must work steadily or remove, the plant. Early last year Mr. Graham Fraser retired, and there was left one who was considered an untried man though he had been Mr. Plummer's assistant--Mr. There were dubious shakings of the head and That just goes to prove that it is not at all times—safe to—surprise to some to learn—that ore is not snipped direct
judge a man by his looks, his years, or his experience, from the mine to the steamer without preparation. The
Mr. Jones may have had no extensive knowledge of steel ore after being blasted, and falling in lumps, is taken to
has what is the chief requisite in a captain of industry. After being crushed it goes over another picking table
the faculty of drawing strong men around him. Moxom may have failed because he thought—that one head—ed in blasting.— In till lately—the ore was taken from

use language that may appear forced or extravagant. But I state facts. Take the open hearths for instance.
A man was placed in charge of this department before Mr. Jones regime who was thought capable. duced about 12000 tons of steel per month, whereas now a man of Jones' selection, with a scottish name, produces twice the amount.

What has occurred since Mr. Plummer first, and then Mr. Jones took charge? The output of steel has doubled. Three years or so ago the output was 12,000 tons per month, this year it will be 24,000 tons; and that is only a small part of the story. The product has doubled while the number of men on the pay roll is less by some thirty per cent; or to put it in other words, when the product was 12,000 tons the number of men on the pay roll was 2200, the product is now 24,000 tons and the number on the pay roll is 1700. This is a most remarkable showing and should do much to encourage those shareholders who have determined to stay by their stock. And though great things have been accomplished the resources of the management are not yet exhausted. Mr. Jones is sanguine that he will be able to increase next years output by at least fifty per cent, with little if any addition to the force. perted that the company will be in a position to turn out 30,000 tons of steel rails done. The furnaces will Next year it is exnot be able to add greatly to the present output of pig, but the open hearths will do better, and besides, there will be two Bessemer 15 ton producers installed. When Things were in a desperate condition, could scarcely possibly be worse, when he took hold, and what is to be it came to a question of money making, Mr. Jones prudseen to-day. Order, complete order it may be said, in- ently resisted being drawn into particulars, but this stead of confusion, if not complete chaos.

When Mr. much was learned that the plant is now on a money Plummer took hold affairs had reached that stage that making basis, not making enough as yet to pay dividends on the several kinds of stock, but still making dividual. Mr Plummer and his fellow directors saved the company was loosing \$100,000 a month, now all that is cavidant. Mr Frummer and his fellow directors saved the company was loosing \$100,000 a month, how all that is situation. They put their hands in their own pockets, changed. Not so much from what Mr. Jones said as and not in the pockets of others as is a custom now-a-from the way he looked I took it that he is of opinion sue of bonds at a time when first bonds might be bought ter 1907 begins there will be no further necessity of im-All Canada's needs can be supplied in Canada. Speaking of Mr. McMillan, who has charge of Evident- the steel department, the Gen'l Manager said he believed and that is a good policy. It is a pity the coal com-

panies would not try a somewhat similar one.

The mines at Wabana are in splendid condition. whisperings that he might not be a strong enough man, expense of operating has not increased, It may be a the faculty of drawing strong men around him. Mox- and undergoes a second cleaning. Much powder is uscom may have failed because he thought that one head ed in blasting. Up till lately the ore was taken from sill not fail there, for he realized when he took hold phere had reduced it to small size. Underground the sing a strong, loval man at the head of each department, and is proud of his mine and his machinery. To sum and in that he has been wonderfully successful, I would up: The Dominion Steel Co'y. is now an institution say almost a marvel were it not that I do not wish to conducted on common sense business principles, and

without regard to the stock market. There are those who have said it would never pay. The time is not far ald announces that it will give a library of a hundred books to some P W. A. lodge. The modus operand is somewhat as follows: Herald readers are to write letcalculation.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO ..

Tom Brown, as he is familiarly called, still makes things hustle at Sydney Mines. He is well supported by Johnstone, mine manager, and Preston, engineer. The latter is a genius, an indefatigible worker, and never at rest unless he is devising something new. On every visit one is sure to find something new at Sydney Mines; some labor saving device. This time the new thing was an ash conveyor, a device of Mr. Pres-The ashes from the fire doors are not now wheeled or carted away, instead they are pumped over the cliff—perhaps pumped is not the proper word to use. The ashes are drawn into a per word to use. The ashes are drawn into a pipe, the circulating water from the boilers is employed in ejecting them through this pipe which leads over the cliff where the ashes are deposited. This means that there will be no more unsightly ash heaps at Sydney No. 1. The idea having been successful it is the intention to further develop it. The slag from the blast furnaces is to be granulated and then carried, into any old bog, by the employment of the water used for cooling the furnaces. This may be the best thing to do until the company finds some profitable use for the slag. The furnaces and the open hearths have turned out large quantities of pig and steel this year. There is a sufficient stock of billets now on hand to permit of time being taken to reline the furnace. The work of relining will begin the first of Nov. and will likely occupy till the 1st. of January.

Both the steel and coal plants are in excellent condition. The output of coal for October will be the best on record. The total output for the year may reach 700,000 tons. The output of No. 5, the latest colliery, is 300 tons. Next year it may go 400, but it is not expected to make of it a heavy producer. No. 3. can be made available for 2000 tons. Without any new openings the output can be increased from 700,000 to 800,000 tons a year. The whole plant, as remarked, is in excellent shape, but next year it will be in even a better position for big outputs and low costs.

The motto in the office at Sydney Mines is "Do it now." and the acting upon the advice may account for the fact that everything in connection Everything looks with the plant is up to date. Everything looks tidy and there is no waste. The plant could not be better managed and therefore it is no surprise to learn that the company has made heaps of money this year, indeed, it is hinted, far more has been made than expected. If a dividend is not soon declared it will be a surprise to those who have been watching happenings around the mines. But why have doubts about a dividend. It is coming sure. At any rate a dividend and a big one has been earned. The demand for coal big one has been earned. The demand for coal has taxed the energies of the management, and Trenton.

output averages 1200 tons daily. as much as 1300 tons are hoisted,

In rather a circumlocutory fashion the Halifax Herters on (1) What are the most pressing needs of labour in Nova Scotia and (2) How best to obtain these. Then a ballot is to be taken as to which correspondent wrote the best letter, and the popular author is to have the naming of the lodge that shall receive the library. As the Herald is a nice paper and suppresses all unkind personal references to Rambler, and other members of the Record staff, I give the foregoing free adv. in token of reciprocal affection. Of course political opponents of the Herald will not for a moment allow that the Heralds great zeal for the workmen is born chiefly out of a desire to promote their weltare; its chief aim they stoutly maintain is to promote Herald circulation. That may be true. It may be all a cute advertising dodge on the part of the Herald, but thats the Herald's business, while the business of the workingmen is to see that they get a library if they can without being made cats paws. Of course the shortest way for the Herald to have gone about a manifestation of its love for the toilers would have been to say "Here you fellows of Dom. No. 2 is a library." That would be the quieter, sincerer, and more dignified way, but there would have been no pleasure in it, as the Herald lives, moves, and has its being in blowing bass horns, trumpets and other loud sounding instruments. I am not sure that the kind of library the Herald proposes to give is the most suitable to attain its proposed object, the enlightenment of the masses. If, as one of its correspondents unblushingly declares, ignorance is at the root of the workmens troubles, then it may not be good to give them all at once the strongest kind of socialistic-meat. The Herald too readily goes on the assumption that there are abuses in Nova Scotia crying for a remedy. minds there are no crying abuses. The body of the workingmen have not so declared. The 'cries' are being made for the workingmen, and come from without, No real cry comes from within. I am doubtful if the Herald and its correspondents are doing valiant service in always speaking of the rights of workingmen and of their needs. Certain of its correspondents instead of trying to unite employers and employed, are doing their best, by talking of the greed and the tyranty of capitalists, to make the unworthy breech wider. gruntled and chronic grumblers are not to be taken as The first letter of the series is a surprise. The writer of it has e idently no great acquaintance with conditions in Nova Scotia or he misrepresents them. I shall refer to this subject in a future issue.

When in July the three pumps at the International were drowned out, on account of their inacility to cope with the steady inflow of water, a 80 nsational story went forth that in a few months t he whole pit would be drowned out. The probability is that International will still continue to work as if nothing unusual had happened. A shaft known as the water shaft is being sunk and so good progress is being made that it is probable that in a couple of months the lower deeps in the mine will be reached and immediately thereafter all the steel that can be produced is needed at the work of unwatering the mine will be proceedby automatic tanks, that is self filling and self The Inverness mine is running smoothly. The emptying tanks. These tanks it is expected, will true that a superior that a super

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The face of the angle deeps at No. 2 is now 7000 ft. from the shaft bottom. With big outputs much territory is being covered.

Though Dom. No. 2 is called a machine mine, forty er cent of the output comes from hand pick miners. There is a section of the mine that cannot be worked by machines, nor are machines available in all kinds of pillar work.

The Compressor house at Reserve did not suffer in the fire of last Sunday morning. This is well as there are four compressors in the building of a combined capacity of 10,000 feet of air per minute. One of these is of recent erection.

The truth is not at all times pleasant. A group of miners at a certain C. B. colliery were lately criticising some references in the Record to the condition of the yards in connection with the company houses. One had one could deny their a curacy.

The consumption of coal at the collieries in Nova Scotia is 14.2 of the total production. This is the av erage consumption. At one little colliery it is less than two per cent while at another it is away over fifty. consumption on the mainland is much higher than on the Island. It takes on the former about one seventh of the production to feed the fire doors. In estimating the cost of coal this fact should not be overlooked,

On the September pay roll of the Dominion Coal Co. there were no fewer than 7,000 men. The average pay per employee was close on \$50,00, a very high average when it is considered that many boys are included on High as this average is it is stated that the average wage of the employees of the Steel Coy, is highei. If this be so some workers must be making famous

Two men atter having walked around the bank head and other buildings at the Reserve and were on their tage ground and surveying the town and the colliery, house to have a farewell view of the pits surrounding. from such a curiosity shop'. And then after a silence: 'I would'nt be a bit surprised if—' but what further was said must be omitted as in view of the destruction of the bank head by fire the speaker might be pounced up- inspection. on as an accessory before the fact.

In the laboratory at Sydney Mines, which is excellently equipped, there are a number of little vessels used in making determinations which have value far beyond their looks, weights or sizes. Here is one, cup shaped, minus a handle. Its weight is only two ounces yet its value is \$66,00 or say \$33,00 per ounce, It is flexible and one could easily crush it out of all shape, It is made of platinum, and is better for the purposes for which it is used than gold, as it is able much better to resist acids, and to stand a greater heat than the 'prec-

Before the fire the Emery seam at the Reserve was producing 300 tons per day which would soon have been increased to 500. Headways were being driven to connect the drift with the shaft, the intention being to haul coal from the former as well as the latter.

At Dom. No. 2 two new landings have been made in the angle deeps. The deeps are 1600 feet out from the shore line. These deeps will be pushed all winter. They are pointing fair out to mid ocean and there is nothing to indicate that the work will be interfered with by a fault. Some professed geologists held the opinion that progress would ere this be interfered with by a fault, but there are no indications of any such thing. The further the deeps go at Dom. No. 2 the better for the contention of those whose oninion is that the coal may go an indefinite distance under water. The sinking at No. 2 is proving in a way the whole shore line from Bridgethe courage to ask: "But are the references true." No port to Morien. Manager Debison while not desirous of being quoted as authority is quite willing to have it said that there is nothing to indicate that the coal does not go out miles under the ocean.

> One has to travel round the collieries to get the facts as to the character, as workmen and as citizens, of the miners who have come during the past year or so from the old country. The short conclusion is that when they are bad they are very bad, and when good very I heard the mayor of a mining town say that when they settle down they make first class citizens, and a mining man say they make good workmen. I alalso heard them spoken of as terrors and great grumblers. The few are not lovable, the majority win respect. Those who come determined to make the best of it are sure to get on; those who come expecting too much-of their own way-are failures. Some are socialists,-the few, some are sensible, -the majority.

or the colliery and its surroundings, could not say as house to have a tarewent view of the pus surrounding. Heber said of another place: Every prospect pleases. Said one to the other 'Isn't it a maze' 'Ves' said the Truth to tell the survey is not entrancing and yet Reserve has its beauty spots, and one of these is McVeys. And then after a silence: garden. Passing the place the writer and a friend were so attracted by a magnificant display of dahlias that uninvited they opened the gate and walked in for a closer There were some fine blooms and many varieties. A week previous to their visit they must have made a brilliant display. Mr. McVey,-or perhaps it is his better half-, must be commended for his taste, and perhaps more for the good example he is setting to his neighbours. A peculiarity of many in Nova Scotia is to follow the fashion. They are no good to set the fashion. Seeing this it is a pity that more resolute spirits, at the mines, do not adorn their front plots with flowers. If a few did, then, flower plots might become fashionable, and is that not most desirable, There are some who find sermons in stones; there are some who have heard resist acids, and to stand a greater heat than the 'prec-ious metal. There are a numder of these expensive the front plot a whole New Testament.

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Montreal, Can., at Lagauct etiere and Cote Streets.

The Emery shaft at the Reserve is a solid piece of work, and but for the fire would have been soon fully lined, etc. The foundations of concrete for the new bankhead are nearly all laid.

There is still considerable coal at the banking station at No. 2. Some coal was dumped a short time ago owing to non arrival of shipping as expected, but the banked coal comes in handy this month,

If the cost of production of coal has gone up a little this year in C. B, there are those who say that the double shift is responsible for it, in great part. As mines extend the cost of material increases rapidly, more, in most cases, than labor 'costs.'

There is yet room to drive in the deeps of No. 4 2000 feet. That means that the colliery has some years of life yet before it. The length of haulage rope is 21,-000 feet, add 4,000 and by and bye the length will be 25,000 teet, or a haulage length of over two miles.

houses lately erected rent for from \$5,00 for a four room house to \$8,00 or \$9,00 for a seven or more room house. The houses sell from \$450,00 to \$800. A large lot goes with each house. It cannot be said of the houses as a whole that they are gems of architecture. are bound to have their own way.

There was a contested election for checkweighman at Dom. No. 2 the other day which was not satisfactory and the presiding officer has refused to give a decision. The votes for one candidate, McBain, numbered 163, and for another, Neil A. McKenzie 159. One ballot for McBain was spoiled, and four for McKenzie, so it may be said the vote was a tie. Both candidates however entered a protest as to the legality of the proceedings. When the law was proposed to be amended providing for yearly elections the Record protested, urging that the result would be bickerings, and ill feeling, and it has not changed its opinion.

The British Miners Federation ballot has resulted in a decision not to join the Labor Representation Committee, in other words have refused to ask the miners representatives to be at the beck and call of the Keir Hardie Whip, This is a slap to the Socialists. conference attended by sixty delegates representing as many thousand members of the Amalgamated Railway Servants Society, a resolution ordering Mr. Bell, M. P., the newly elected president to act with the members of Independent Labor Party was carried by a large majority. Mr. Bell flatly refused to obey any such instructtons. A resolution that the Rell remains till the next general election at all events.

The Dominion Coal Co'y, is making big records The Jenrey Manufacturing Company, Commons, On-lo, have established a new Canadian Branch Office in Montreal. Can., at Lagauctetiere and Cote Streets. the pic-nic season. It is expected that the output on many days for the next two or three weeks will be 17,000 tons per day.

After fighting for six years in an effort to prove their right to boycott the open shop firm of J. E. Patterson & Co., of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., John J. Casey, Peter Koser and Daniel A. Post, officers of the Building Trades Council of that city have paid into court \$841,55, costs and fines, for contempt of court, They were convicted of violating an injunction restraining them from boye stting the firm. The progress of this case has been watched with keen interest both by the advocates of the open shop and the labor unions. The defendants were supported by their national organization, which provided funds for the fight and for the fines and costs.

Some funny things are said of and by the Scotsmen who lately came to C. B. A select few went to a hotel for dinner. To the waiter one said "I say mannie will you put some beef on this bone." After the meal had been paid for, fifty cents being the sum, the ex guest ly the rents of new buildings. At Dom. No. 2 the turned to one who had been in this country for years and said: 'Isaa that dear.' 'No' was the reply, 'that is the regular price.' 'Weel if I had kent that I wud have eaten far mair." Said a late arrival to the Gd. See'y. 'This is a funey country when a man has to brush his ain buits'. 'Oh,' said the Gd. Sec'y, 'that is nothing, There is a lack of variety, no individuality so to speak, he has to brush his wifes too. 'Do you dae that?' querbut whats the good of talking, the company's designers ried the late arrival. 'Why not' asked the Gd. Secy. a Scotsman.' When one tells McVey that all the bad ones in the crowd are more than half Irish, he-laughs.

Mr. Frank Burrows, who has since the death of the former manager had charge of the Joggins Mine, tendered his resignation some time ago, and expects to be relieved of duty in a day or two. In the Joggins Mr. Burrows had no easy proposition. The Joggins has undergone more vicissitudes than any other coal mine in Nova Scotia. In former days the cry of the directors was 'It cannot pay until the output is increased;" the cry of late has been from the manager, "It cannot pay if you do not take all the output from me." The trouble with the Joggins during past summer was that there was not sufficient market for the coal. On this account the mine worked rather spasmodically. The output has been in the vicinity of 300 tons per day. It is said that the parties now in possession are willing to expend some money in order to bring the output and the sales up to about 100,000 tons yearly, So big an output from the Joggins means several things, among these, a new wharf, a tug boat and barges, and some railway extension. There are those who say that the getting of the output is the easiest part of the proposition, while others ray it may not be so easy as it looks, and with A resolution that he knuckle down or quit was that latter view the Record is half inclined to side,

Hround the Collieries.

The new water and material shaft at Dom. No. 9 (New Aberdeen) is completed save a few ments from the collieries, especially from those in finishing touches.

but power is not being transmitted, as the mo- up well. tors have not been installed at the collieries to be supplied.

Talk about pensioning old miners! There is a miner at Dom. No. 3, over 60 years of age, hard moths work.

The output of Dom. No. 2, including No. 9,day, and parring accidents, the total for the month would reach close on 100,000 tons.

A man from Wigan who came to work at Dom. No. 3. over a year ago, says he can make as much in a day in C. B. as he could in four in England. He has saved sufficient to induce him to contemplate the erection of a cottage. Thrift tells.

the Boston and Maine for 50,000 tons coal deliver-G. T. R. and not the B. & M.

They do some smart work at the C. B. collier- and Blockhouse. idle day, Thursday of last week, to remove a split pulley from the sky scraper bankhead at No. 2. The work was effected under Supt. McKenzie and Asst. Maxwell's supervision in quick time. new pulley was hoisted from the surface and placed in position in twenty minutes. The bosses at No. 2 place duty before pleasure. It must have North Sydney,

One could keep himself busy contradicting the numerous funny stories that are circulated in reference to coal and the coal trade. Here are a few which were made out of whole cloth. The Dom. I, & S. Co. purchased coal from the N, S. S. & C. Co. in order to try it for metallurgical pur- might come to a very erroneous conclusion. pose, as they were in search of a superior article. pose, as they were the distribution of the Gowrie coal having the Dominion Coal Co. for the purchase of the a similar object in view.—The Dominion Coal Co. Butoche Ry. In the spring it was hinted to an contemplate opening up their areas at Port Mor-The Steel Coy. did get some coal from Sydney igation.

All around, October will show excellent ship-Cape Breton. It is expected that November will show record shipments for so late a month in the The electric station at Dom. No. is completed, season, and December it is expected will also show

The Dominion Coal Co'y, management express much satisfaction at the behavior of Dom. No. 6. The output is now up to 800 tons, with the expectation that it will soon reach 1000 tons. And bewho last month made some \$110.00 and did not sides quantity satisfaction is expressed at the feel at the end of the month as if he had had a quality of the coal. The long wall system must be credited with turning out coal of large size.

If the public are under the impression that the coal comes up the one shaft—up till the 15th. Pres. Ross is a terror to the coal mine managers of Oct. was 49,700 tons. Had there been no idle of the Dom Coal Co. the public is mistaken. The of the Dom. Coal Co, the public is mistaken. The superintendents without exception speak in the kindest terms of Pres. Ross, and would like more of his company. The first they would not do, and the second they would not desire if Mr. Ross treated them coldly or cavalierly.

The Canadian Mining Review cannot be commended in its references to the coal trade of the province. For instance it gives the approximate output of the Dom. Coal Coy's collieries at Glace The Record by mischance in last issue stat- Bay as 23,000 tons and the shipments 33,000. One ed that the Dom. Coal Co. had a contract with would not call a difference of some 300,000 tons a near approximate. The Review has a penchant ed at Portland. It was the intention to name the for picking un improbable stories. For instance it says that the Dom. Iron & Steel Co. contemplate purchasing the entire product of the Gowrie Suppose the Steel Co, did so it Manager McKenzie took advantage of an would not in the course of a year obtain three weeks supply.

A census has been taken at a majority of the Dom. Coal Coy's mines. The figures for the various mines may be given at a future time, meantime we quote some figures for Dom. No. 3. of company houses occupied, 171; No. of children, 428; No. of boys over 12 years, 62; No. of boardcost Norman some self denial to keep away from ders. 136; total population 968; supported by 369 workers. Manager McInnes challenges any other manager to furnish at his mine so large a proportion of children. It is fitting perhaps that Michael should display some elation in the presence of friends, when referring to the large number of children, but strangers noticing it

There have been no negotations on the part of official of the Coal Co. that the acquirement of contemplate opening up their areas at 10 to short officials of the coal Co. that the acquirement of the coal might be good strategy. At Butoche Broughton with a view to a possible purchase there is a wharf and good water. The wharf These and many other yarns have no foundation. could be extended and made suitable for the dis-The Steel Coy. did get some coal from Sydney charge of coal laden vessels, and the railway could mines and Fort Morien, but the coal was not carry the coal to Moneton for use there and for bought by the Steel Co., but by the Coal Co. to distribution to other points. That is all there is help it out; in plain words, so that it might send in the story. It is possible the coal company may more coal to the St. Lawrence during open nav- seriously entertain the idea, but so far it has not been treated as other than a remote possibility.



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Professor Woodman of Dalhousie College was in Whycocomagh last week looking over the ground in that locality so that he may report to the government as to the probability of the oc-curence of ore in that district. For thirty years or more it has been claimed that there is iron ore in this district, but though repeated attempts have been made to locate it in any considerable quantity, all efforts up to the present time have been unsatisfactory, if not wholly unsuccessful. It is to be hoped Prof. Woodman's investigations will throw some light on the point whether there is or is not iron ore at Whycocomagh in sufficient quantity to render it of commercial value, The quality has already been determined.

From statements in the daily press one would infer that it was the intention of the Dom. Coal Co. to immediately sink to their areas on the Lingan side. The fact is that there is no immediate intention of opening a colliery there. Before the site of any new colliery is determined upon, a large amount of exploratory work will be done, so that there will be no room for criticism as to location once the slope is sunk. It is likely that one or two or more slopes will soon be driven, for the purpose of determining the proper location of a permanent slope. A new colliery will not be necessary in 1907, and it is quite possible not in 1908. At the same time the management will make preparation necessary for the rapid erection of a colllery when the demand for such seems im-

There are 14 Radial coal cutting machines in the mines of the Dominion Coal Co, Oi this number 10 are in the Reserve mine, The machines are made by the Canadian Rand Drill Co. for whom Mr. Cottar is the agent. It is claimed for the machine that it can cut 3 rooms, 6 foot holing, 20 foot across in 6 hours. The holing can be put in 10 feet if desired. It is further ed consideration of the invitation to become claimed that the machine makes little slack, as the members of the United Mine Workers of the Unbrairding for a 6 foot holing is not more than 6 inches, ited States. What does the U. M. W. want with It is easily moved from place to place, the flange of the wheels being wide and having a groove suitable for W. A. prestige and pecuniary assistance in the moving the machine on the bottom or on rails. When hour of need. The P. W. A. has all the prestige the Reserve speaks in high teams of the machine,

It is not true, as stated in the Halifax Herald by a conspicuous correspondent, that the Dominion Coal Co. sold from one of its stores a coat for a worker's wife costing \$100,00; nor is it true that another coat costing \$200.00 was sold to another party. No coat of the value of \$100 was kept in stock by the company, the highest value in coats ever kept being \$75,00. The stores are now being run on a cash basis and excessive credit is a thing of the past. The company will not from this out keep expensive furniture or silk stuffs, but will deal only in staple articles, those things absolutely necessary. For expensive luxuries the workmen will require to patronize other stores.

A workman at Bridgeport, who had invited the manager to "come on" accompanying the words with certain gyrations of the body and arms, was not presented by his confreres with a token of esteem, but instead was haled before Stipendiary Magistrate for assault and for threat-ening language. The pitman put on the attitudes which brought him before Stipendiary McGillivray, because the manager would not give him his back time as soon as he had reached the surface from the pit, from which he was discharged for not complying with the rules. The Stipendiary read the man a lecture on the benefits of restraint The Stipendiary of tongue and temper and asked him to contribute ten dollars and costs to the town funds. The Supt. said the prosecution was wholly in the interests of descipline.

Fifty per cent of the miners at some of the coal mines in C. B. are over fifty years of age. They are hand pick miners. The manager of a mine where such are employed has no use for Oslers theory. He claims that a miner is not at his best till he is over forty, as his experience makes his work easier.

The miners of Nova Scotia have wisely deferrthe miners of Nova Scotia? Is it to give the P. the machine is in action the wheel are removed to per- and influence necessary; its members are good mit of body of the machine resting close to the pave- British subjects with level heads on their shouldment. The machine is fixed in position by a post firm- ers, well able to hold their own without foreign ly fixed from roof to pavement. The rebound of the interference. As to pecuniary aid, why, the U. ly fixed from roof to pavement. The rebound of the interference. As to pecuniary and, why, the U-cutting stroke is received by heavy springs. The feed M. W. will take precious good care to give less is regulated by a screw. The feet of the machine runthan they get. Did'nt the P. W. A. send the U, ner are not necessary to regulate the stroke. He many inputates the machine with one hand. A movement of not the U. M. W. asked to return the compliment the wrist this way or that way guides the machine in at the time of the Sydney Steel Strike, and what its work. It is for the machine runner coal cutting was the answer? "It never came back." When made easy. There are five bits on the cutter easily re-Canada consents to annexation will be time e-moved singly or in a bunch. The bits can be carried up nough for the P. W. A. to consent to be swallow-to be sharpened in ones vest pocket. The manager of ed up by the U. M. W. and forever lose their identity.

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number of places for next year.

Matters are progressing fairly well at the Mabou Mines. The balance on the west side from lower to upper lift is now through. This will give six more places to win coal from. The coal on the east side maintains its high quality.

A very large number of schooners ran into Mabou during August and September looking for coal. By great effort none of them went away without a cargo. There is a little lull at present in the schooner carrying trade but the S. S. Taute able to make a record. is still calling regularly for cargo.

The copper business is booming at Whycocoin iron. It is reported that yet another vein of tion. but the quantity is as yet problematical.

Y. Ross, of the office stuff at Reserve, and his accident. Mr. Ross came into Sydney last Saturday to attend a funeral, and he was the second the writer had conversation before returning home on Saturday. Little did either think of the sad event that was so soon to follow.

The output of the Mabou Mines is increasing steadily, if slowly. The average is about two The machines will be put in the new balance, and the places formerly worked by machines will be worked with hand picks. The reason for this is that the coal in the new balance will run down a chute and the six bords can be given to one set of men. Mr. Deppe, the General Manager of the mine has been off on a vacation of five weeks or

be made to the incident were it thought that as to value of earnings 1 to 13, only. independence equal to that of the hero of this in-cident. Men are curious things. to fourteen dollars go out for distribution as

Another lift is being started in the main slope
On Sabbath morning 21inst, the Reserve bank
Inverness. This lift will carry the slope 600 feet head, an old structure which was soon to be re-On Sabbath morning 21inst, the Reserve bankfurther down, and will give, when finished, a large placed, was destroyed by fire. The direct loss is not great, but the indirect loss is a very serious matter. The company is rushed for orders and expected this month to beat all records in the way of outputs. The first half of October saw larger outputs than at any previous time and it was expected up till Saturday that the Oct. shipments might reach 340,000 tons. This accident to the Reserve means a loss of about 25,000 tons. It is possible that the men thrown idle at Reserve may go to the other collieries and increase the output from them. In that event Oct. may yet be

The Halifax Herald, ten days, or more, ago, magh, and as a side show something is being done had a letter dealing with the company store ques-While there were sentiments in the letter iron ore has been discovered in Inverness Co. to which one might not object, there were state-The quality of the ore is pronounced excellent, ments, purperting to be statements of facts, to which exception must be taken, on the ground that some are untrue, and others misleading. The Record extends sympathy to Mr. John The impression was sought to be conveyed, or was conveyed unintentionally-that a majority of the family in the loss of their son by an unfortunate Dom. Coal Co's, employees dealt in the company's stores, and that few who went on pay days for their wages found any balances in their favor, last man from the mining districts with whom In the first place a very small minority of the workmen deal in the Company stores, and a very small moiety of the sum paid as wages returns to the Company,—is retained—for the payment of goods supplied. The amount retained by the company from the wages of their workmen for hundred tons per day. The best days hoisting goods supplied is so small that one wonders at it. was 238 tons. It is expected with the aid of the There were on the pay roll in Sep't say 7,300 men. new balance to reach the 250 ton mark shortly. Of this large number not 600 bought goods equal to a months average wage in the Company's stores. If many, as stated, had no money coming to them on pay days then the dealers in the company stores would be lessened to say 500. We mean dealers to the full amount of the average wage. It is likely the company may have more than 500 customers, but if so, then they do not deal to the amount of their wages. Over \$300,-O00 were paid in wages in Sept—less of course

A workman, who does not appear to be actuateoal and legitimate off takes. After paying so
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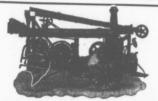
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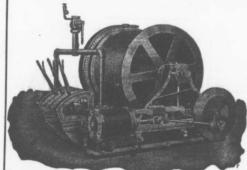
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