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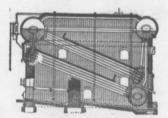
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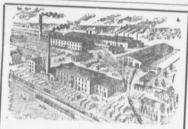
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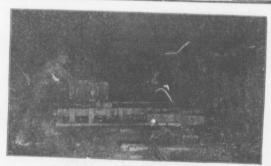
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REPORT ON HOURS OF LABOR

The report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the hours of labor in Nova Scotia has The Commission finds against an been issued. eight hour day as likely to be disastrous to indus-Below we give the comtries in this province ments of the Commission in reference to coal We may have something to say on some of the minor findings next issue:

Evidence of the Men.-It is a matter of regret that the work of the Commission was done during a time when it was difficult for the miners to give much assistance. The controversy between the two organizations, the Provincial Workmen's Association and the United Mine Workers of America, and the strikes at Glace Bay, Inverness and Springhill, absorbed the interest of the men. Some members of both organizations appeared before the Commission, but it was evident that they had not taken time to prepare their

Statistics.-The Commission also experienced difficulty in obtaining statistics on certain revelant matters. The operators were quite willing to give assistance. But some of the statistics required are nat usually kept by the companies, and in the absence of comrlete and verified statistics it is difficult to draw conclusions on some of the questions involved.

Hours and Health.-The health of a mining population is affected by other things than the conditions of work. Water, sewerage, housing, overcrowding, housekeeping and moral habits are all of prime importance. And it is not easy to distinguish the effects of these conditions upon the health of the miners from the effects of the conditions of their work no health statistics of real value as evidence. health reports of the towns, and the certificates of the relief societies, are all that could be found, and they are of little value either of giving exact information about the health of the men or as tracing the causes of the iliness in each case. The men spoke well of the ventilation of the mines and of their system of getting medical aid. And the meaning which they seem to attach to the argument from health is that the shorter the working day the longer is the period of rest and

hours are one cause of accidents, both because they exhaust the men, and because they give less opportunity to the cultivation of the intelligence. They claim that a shorter working day would tend to prevent such accidents a are due to fatigue and to ignorance. The operators, on the other hand, argue that the shorter day would lead to haste in the mines, and would

th refore tend to increase the risk of accidents. contract miners would 'rush' in order to maintain their earnings, and would give less attention to the conditions of safety. According to some, the rush would be at the face, according to others it would be in the haulage, but in either case it would increase the risk.

Excessive speed would seem to be undesirable in a mine, but if the miner could maintain his output by more regular work such speed would not be necessary. On the other hand, it is far from certain that the majority of accidents take place in the last hours of the day. There are some grounds for believing that they do not, and so for they are not due to fatigue. But the information available does not permit of any certain generalization.

Hours and Age .- The operators argue that age tells upon the efficiency of the miner, and that one result of an eight hour law would be the dismissal of the older men. They argue that both in getting to and from their work, and in working while there, the younger men have the advantage. If the older men have time they can do a good day's work, but if their day is limited to eight hours they would be in the way.

This argument seems to be more conclusive to the operators than to the men. The latter consider that the miners would not age so quickly under the eight hour law. In the report of the Commission on Old Age Pensions and Miners' Relief Societies there are given satatistics of the ages of the miners of the province. According to that report there were only 13 men over 60 years of age employed by the Dominion Coal Co, out of a total of 4,015, and there were only 7 over 60 years of age employed by the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., out of a total of 1,207. And in all the mines taken together there were only 166 over 60, out of a total of 9,450. If these figures were even approximately correct the argument of the operators about old men would amount to little Even if the Dominion Coal Co. did dismiss thirteen men, it would not be much of an objection to an eight hour law. It appears however, that the statistics are absolutely incorrect and misleading. So far as the Dominion Coal Co. is concerned the number of men over 60 years of age is nearly 130, according to a table submitted to this Commission. The discrepancy between the statistics quoted above and the figures given to this Commi sion is Hours and Accidents.—The men hold that long only one illustration of the difficulty of obtaining anything like reliable statistics. How many old men are employed in the mines generally is not known. But to put the number of men over 60 employed by the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co, at only 7 seems to be a blunder.

Hours and Unemployment -About 40 per cent. of

the employees of the Dominion and Nova Scotia Coal imported labor is about 25, in the Acadia and Cumber- ening a new mine. land con panies it is less than 20, and it is still less in the other companies. Nova Scotia does not supply its output the reduction might be met by resorting to in so many other industries in Nova Scotia. Here it al opposed to it. And the managers regard it as more is enough to state that apart from these there is prace expensive, less efficient, and very difficult to man tically no unemployment among the miners. question whether the companies maintain a surplus' labor force is important. The evidence warrants only one conclusion, and that is that the companies do desire to have as many extra men as will enable them to

Overtime -There is no overtime in the mines except in cases of emergency, or in cases where it is

not what it might fairly be expected to be. The men believe that the greater leisure due to the shorter day would lead to the spread of education among the men, answered seperately for contract and non-contract men. to better conditions in some of their homes, to the preference of the more refined pleasures, to better citizenship, and altogether to a higher standard of living. It is the view of the Commission that the shorter day would tend to elevate the standard of living if it did not reduce the wages. The standard of living is not identical with wages, but as a rule it presupposes wages, and is elevated or depressed according as wages rise and fall. It is true that the mining towns do not lowered.

to the mining conditions in Cumberland and Pictou In Cape Breton they are used wherever it is profitable to use them. The companies, as a rule, appear to aim at having the most modern machinery and at keeping it efficient, and some of them have made if the market justified the expendituer, but it is doudtful whether more could be done in this direction under the shorter day than is being done now.

Supplies .- The men claim that there is time lost through no fault of theirs in the distribution of picks, boxes and supplies generally, and they argue that much of this time could and would be saved by the management under the pressure of an eight hour law The managers clalm that while some time may be lost in this way, such loss is inevitable in coal mines. They argue that the miner waiting for his box does not know all the conditions, that time must be lost in this way under any day, and that it would form a large percentage of the whole time under the shorter day than now. Such time as is lost through break- of the men were concerned. The Intercolonial Comdowns, derailments, falls from roofs and other unfore-seen contingencies would also remain under the short-

Companies are imported from Newfoundland, Great direction are limited in the submarine areas. In land Britain and Europe. In Inverness the percentage of areas a new shaft or slope would be equivalent to op-

Multiple Shifts -- If the shorter day reduced the own demand for labor. The chief form of unemploy- night shifts. This, however, is a doubtful method. though the climatic conditions lead to some in this as The men regard it as unnatural, and they are in gener-Night work is unpopular both with men and managers.

Greater Efficiency of the Men under the Shorter Day.-If time were lost under the shorter day, would the work be better hour per hour, so that the output would remain the same?

maintain the output in spite of the irregularity of at- Commission believe that on such a question as this the view of the workers is best represented by the writers of the American Federation of Labor. And these writ-

needed to effect repairs or prepare places and roads.

Ought to be expected to do, as a rule, as much work in Hours and the Standard of Living—It is to be 8 hours as in 9 or 10, and they do not consider that feared that the standard of living among the miners is this inability to do as much work in 8 hours as in 10 is a valid argument against the shorter day. So far as the question applies to miners, it must be

The contract men within limits fix their own hours, are masters of the energy which they put into the work, and are paid by the ton. It seems fair to presume that they work now at the pace that suits them. If the shorter day lessened their working time, and reduced their earnings, they might work harder to keep their earnings at the present level. It is doubtful, however, whether the contract miners desire to work give many opportunities for a high standard of living. doubtful whether they should be expected to pay in harder hour by hour for the same wages, and it is but greater leisure would of itself tend to create such this way for a shorter day. The fact is that contract opportunities as well as to make use of such as already men argue that they do not need a law for themselves. exist. If, however, a reduction in the hours meant a They say justly that they have considerable control over their working hours now, and that, if they advocate a law, it is rather for the sake of the non-Machinery.—Mechanical coal cutters are not suited contract employees, who work longer, earn less, and are less free.

The managers do not believe that the shorter day would do much to increase efficiency of the men. They say that the men while at work are now, as a rule, dospent large sums in this direction. Here and there, do, and they argue that if the working time is reduced the output will be reduced. Some of the managers appeal to experience. The Acadia Coal Co. submits figures showing the effect upon the output of a short day on Saturday in summer. The figures show that the men did not improve either in regularity or in efficiency, and that the output fell. The Inverness Company shortened Saturday to 1 p. m. in summer, and the result was peculiar. According to the manager, some of the contract men did not consider it worth while to go to work for such a short time, and a larger number of them stayed away than on other days. Further, some of them considered it a good opportunity to visit their friends, and of these some did not return to work till Tuesday. The short Saturday, according to the man-

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LAW ENFORCEMENT.

We confess to genuine surprise at the statement in the Eastern Chronicle that the RECORD took almost 'violent' exception to an article in that paper on Municipal Government. When one hibited neither quality in our article. It was as of the speech of the Lieutenant Governor. meek as it was mild, and as calm as it was cangive his remarks on Sec. 3 of the speech at length did. For the Chronicle to make such a statement for two reasons. We want the miners in Pictou it might be so construed by critical folks. General could invade Glace Bay with constables. If we are wrong the Eastern Chronicle makes a the Provincial government had no more to do lucid, and correct." the law the Eastern Chronicle says the miners decently strong opposition in the next House of have as much right to 'enforce' it as any other citizens. That is not saying much, for our contention is that it is not the duty of the citizen, as an individual, to enforce law, but the duty of the thinking, tactless members of parliament' :community, the Municipality, the State. In Nova Scotia there is far too much of this leaving to citizens to enforce the law. There is too much of attention is that referred to in the third paragraph of Stipendiaries, and other magistrates, shirking their responsibility. The Chrohicle reiterates the statement that with the courts established, by the central governments, 'each community will govern itself.' To that it might be replied, 'Well, why does n't it let each community govern itself, and appoint its stipendiaries, justices, prosecuting officers, etc., etc.' But that aside, and taking our contemporaries view of the functions of the dif- and very correctly the situation from the beginning: ferent governments, suppose the community, as was the case for five or six months in Cape Breton, refuses to enforce the law. What then? Let us have a fair answer to the question. What is to be done when a community refrains from enforcing, or refuses to enforce the law? Chronicle speaks of some people who are contin-and its policy: For some considerable period an ag-ually shouting for martial law; the RECORD nev-itation had been going on the considerable period an ag-itation had been going on the considerable period an ag-tiation had been going on the considerable period an ag-tiation had been going on the considerable period an ag-tiation had been going on the considerable period an ag-tiation had been going on the considerable period an ag-tiation had been going on the considerable period and ag-tiation had been going on the considerable perio Our contemporary's reference to the administration of law in Britain is wholly in favor of our contentions. There the law is not enforced by If a man is assaulted in the streets she citizens. of Glasgow, or robbed, or unlawfully, in any way, interfered with, he is not required to go to the trouble and expense of securing a warrant, and

seeing the case through. He tells his story to the Procurator Fiscal, and that functionary does all further necessary, to have the offender punished. Our prosecuting officers are a very imperfect reproduction of the Scottish procurator fiscal. We regret, more than we can suitably express, to find our much prized contemporary writing articles and saying things about law enforcement which must assuredly have the tendency to lead the unruly and the turbulent to imagine that in him they have one willing to shut both eyes when 'communities' show laxness in enforcing law. We refrain from referring to the most amazing statement in our contemporary's article, namely, that the miners (strikers) of Glace Bay had offered to provide all the constables necessary to preserve order. The humor in the proposal made even U. M. W. men laugh.

DR. McMILLAN ON THE P. W. A.

Below we give a lengthy extract from the is violent he is, as a rule, rash and nasty. We ex- speech of Dr. McMillan, M. P. P., made in criticism give his remarks on Sec. 3 of the speech at length might be indicative of a lack of argument, at least County and Inverness who belong to the P.W.A., The and have been loyal to it, to know exactly where Chaonicle doubts our statement that the Attorney the aid de camp of the leader of the opposition stands, and for the reason that, space and time That is a legitimate enough form of argument, permitting, in next issue we shall show up some inaccuracies in the authority he relies upon. Notpoint; if we are right the Eastern Chronicle loses ice that the member for Inverness says of the Inits whele case, for its main contention 'was' that dustrial Barrier's remarks that they are "brief, Dr. McMillan thus endorses with law enforcement than the man in the moon, the foolish inferences and statements of the Ban-In reply to our question as to who should enforce ner. Those conservatives who had hoped for a Assembly have good cause to exclaim, 'Save us from our friends, the Herald hurt us enough without having further wounds inflicted by un-

> "The first matter to which I would like to draw the address, wherein mention is made of that "unfortunate and prolonged strike", which has just been reviewed by the hon. member for Picton and the hon, Leader of the Government. I would like to trace briefly the steps leading up to this disastrous strike at the coal centres of the Providence but instead of employing my own language, I shall read an extract from the "Industrial Banner", which gives tersely

> The P. W. A., once a powerful sectional organization had outlived its usefulness. It had lost the confidence of a majority of its members, who clearly recognized its vital weakness in this age of gigantic combinations of capital, and what was more there was great dissatisfaction generally with the management at last was so pronounced that it forced the grand officers to submit the question to a referendum vote of the entire membership. It was agreed that whichever way the verdiet went the minority would loyally abide by the decision of the majority. The result was that by a very substantial majority the vote went in favor

of the United Mine Workers of America. Things look- Government in the future should take a stronger stand ed good for the miners of Nova Scotia. Once more a than they had in the past. Even if the Hon. Premier united oaganization would be at the back of the work- goes armed with a club to bring these people to a seters, and a new era of advancement was at hand. The tlement no one will regret that he did so if his mission verdict of the members had proved a big surprise and should bring about peace. disappointment to them and instead of loyally acceptthe verdict as agreed upon, they refused to carry out the mandate of the organization and declared the vote unconstitutional and set it aside. Later, at a packed convention from which many organizations favorable to the U. M. W. A. were excluded, they decided to 9th inst, he would move that this House considers maintain the dying P. W. A. The result was that this the time has arrived when the government and treachery was bitterly resented by those who had vot- people of Nova Scotia should become acquainted ed and acted in good faith, and instead of a united with all the facts so far as they can be ascertainmovement the miners of Nova Scotia stood arrayed in ed relating to the coal mining industry of the opposite camps, The Coal Company feared the advent province; that in accordance with this proposition and at once began a movement for its destruction. Its members of the Assembly and coal mining exmembers were discriminated against and the miners perts shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to plain'y given to understand that the corporation was enquire into and report on the following matters: opposed to any kind of unionism that could protect the employees, and for that reason, favored the P. W. A., which was weak enaugh to be dealt with as the occa sion might require.

Every effort has been made to force an issue with the International organization, the operators taking the ground that now or never is the time to grapple with it before the miners of Nova Scotia are all enrolled in this progressive Union. That is the whole

question at issue in the present strike,

That, to my mind, gives a very brief, lucid and correct account of the circumstances leading up to this miners. unfortunate strike. Of course I recognize the difficulty of the situation very keenly indeed, What we all did rebei against at the beginning was the fact of a foreign institution coming into our country and dietat- and to confer relief on victims or the dependents should do it. I must confess I was prejudiced myself at the beginning against this foreign institution, but as I considered the matter more carefully I was prepared to look at it in a more reasonable light than at of trade unions by coal mining and other industhe beginning. The question was whether we should deny to the laboring man of the province the right to ally himself with an organization of foreign labor. We permit our corporations to ally with Capital no matter whence it comer? The Companies refuse to treat with their men as members of such toreign organization. In this connection allow me to quote faom Prof. Magill who a few days ago in addressing the Canadian Club in Montreal said:

"He denounced the idea of Legislating against International afficiation as a class Legislation since all forms of capital could operate where they please. In the same way he contended that the idea of keeping toreign agitators out was absurd and impossible. The only remedy he suggested was for employers to study economic conditions and meet the labor men as reasonable beings instead of telling them to go to the devil."

The question is, will the Government of Nova Scotia permit the Dominion Coal Co. or any other corporation to take such a stand as this and jeopardise so important an industry of the Province The matter is a serious one and notwithstanding the protestations of the Hon. Premier in regard to the stand taken by the Government, it is my opinion, and the opinion of the country as well, that the Government har not pursued a strong course in regard to this matter. That is the opinion generally prevailing throughout the coun- ence in Glace Bay several questions were put to

Dr. Kendall who takes more than a fatherly interest in the big coal companies, gave notice in the House of Assembly that on Wednesday, the the House resolve that a commission composed of

1. The extent and condition of the province's assets in coal.

2. The methods employed by promotors to form companies and obtain capital, 3. The preparation of plans for new mining

enterprises Methods of mining and leases of coal of the

province and extent of mining The price of coal in the province and beyond the province.

6. The remuneration of miners, provision for old age and for injuries and for dependents of

7. Enforcement of laws intended to lessen or prevent accidents.

of victims.

The general relationship between colliery officials and workmen.

10. The question of compulsory recognition trial companies

11. Other matters relating to mining.

He said it was the recollection of hon. members that he gave notice of a resolution similar to this, in fact embodying many of the provisions of this notice, some two years ago and some three years ago. However, he had not moved the resolution, owing to arguments presented to him by one of the largest coal operators in Nova Scotia. not in Cape Breton, he might say, that it might be inopportune at that moment to press for such investigation. Yielding to the representation he had not pressed it. However, the reason for witholding it, which had existed then, no longer existed at present, and the reasons for such a resolution, if such existed two or three years ago, were stronger to-day,

- Rubs by Rambler.

At the clergymen's strike settlement confer-The position is a difficult one, but I think the the executive of the U. M. W, and also several to questions put to the U. M. W., Messrs Patterson moves are now possible, the one for the men to and McLennan made answer, in brief, as follows: apply for work, the other for the company to say

intermediate party.

2nd. The only possible way to pegotiate a settlement is for the Coal company to meet a committee of the men now on strike,

3rd. That the strikers must know all about the contract between the Company and the P. W.

In answer to a question Mr. Patterson said that the U. M. W's, did not now ask the Company to receive the full official board of the U. M. W., and Co. in their market letter express surprise at nor that all the grievances be discussed and set- the decline in Dominion Coal stock. The letter in tled. We only ask them to meet a committee of men now on strike. We also ask that there be "It is an extraordinary thing to us that the no discrimination. Mr. Patterson said he regard-directors of the Steel Co. who purchased the 50,peace. The second is tantamount to saying 'we a fair price to pay for 50,000 shares, it would be want recognition', and the third is so peculiar good business for them to take on a few more that we cannot give it a name. If the U. M. W's. shares to average up. Either Coal stock is worth belongs to every new man that may come along. Ross, However Mr. Pattersons idea of what discriminaa good deal from frail human nature. the U. M. W. would abet and condone wrong do-smilled, and rubbing his hands quietly said; ing; the other lets every breaker of the law, wil- "They laugh best who laugh last." ful breaker, go a warfare on his own charges. In reference to 'violence' the Constitution of the P. W. A. has this to say:

"The Society shall in no way support defend or COUNTENANCE any member in breaking the peace or violating the laws of the country.

discrimination.

ence, leaves little to be desired. Mr. Butler with with their managers as early as possible in or very best thing now to be done is to consider all will be no necessity for this.

Messrs Butler and McDougall. In reply to the negotiations off for good, and that only two 1st. There can be no settlement through any to the men off work, "Come along we agree to your terms." Mr. Butler could not possibly return any other answer than he did to the question as Mr. Butler knows what the to U. M. W. dues. consequences would be of having two rival societies to deal with. His life would not be worth five years purchase; there would be-a la Prof. Mc-Gill-the very devil to pay.

> The Montreal Star says that Playfair, Martens part says :

"It is an extraordinary thing to us that the ed as discrimination the exception made by the 000 shares of Coal for their company at par, should Company in regard to persons guilty of violence, calmly watch Dominion Coal stock go begging in He also regarded as decrimination the refusal of the market around 81, while Dominion fron and the Company to collect dues for the U. M. W. Steel stands up around 70, as if it were paying the while doing so for the P, W. A. The first answer 4 per cent. dividend instead of Dominion Coal. is a rebuff to the good men who sought after Surely if the Steel Company decided that par was 'on strike' have a right to discuss and know all \$100 a share or else the directors of the Steel Co. about the P. W. A. contract, then the same right were the victims of a gigantic bluff from Mr.

The value of Dominion Coal stock all depends tion is, is peculiar in the extreme. It is discrim-upon the point of view. It should be a splendid ination he says to refuse to take on men guilty of stock to buy around 81. In a short time Coal's violence, that is, men who have done violence to earnings should warrant a 6 per cent. dividend. the Company's workmen or the Company's pro- As to whether Coal was worth 95 or 100 when Mr. perty. No matter what violence a U. M. W. man Ross sold is on open question. The directors simperty. No matter what violence a U. M. W. man Ross sold is on open question. The directors sim-may have committed he must not be discriminated ply had to give him his own figure. They con-against by the Company This surely is asking cluded that if they did not give him his price, life a good deal from frail human nature. Here we was not worth living. In getting 95 for his many have a contrast between the policy of the P. W. shares of Coal, Mr. Ross received full compensa. A. and that of the U. M. W. There is as much tion, and full revenge for all the indignities difference in this respect between the two societ- thrown upon him by the judgement of the Privy ies as between night and day. The one society- Council. After he had closed the deal, Mr. Ross

THE EIGHT HOUR DAY IN ENGLAND.

The Executive Committee of the Northumberland Miner's Association issued a statement to the men with The U. M. W. society not only condones a regard to the dispute over the Eight Hours Act agreemember guilty of violence, but maintains, accord- ment for the county. After pointing out that the vote ing to Patterson, that if the Company buck a on the question of a strike was not decisive, as twogainst countenancing law-breakers, it is guilty of thirds of the members did not vote in favor of a stoppage of work, the committee state:-"We must, therefore, instruct these collieries which are still idle. Mr. Butler's and McDongall's answers to the owing to their refusal to work under conditions in conquestions put to them at the clergymen's confer- formity with the county agreement, to seek interviews crispness said that the company would not collect commence work under the agreement. We would cathdues for the U. M. W., and would collect dues for er that the owners of these cofficries had comeated to the P. W. A. during the existence of the present give the two-shift system a trial, but we must congcontract, whatever the company might do after nise their right under the agreement to demand a threethat. The answer to the question, "Would a shift system. We must strongly urge our members at man seeking employment be required to break no the collieries idle to agreed to give the three-shift sysway from the U. M. W.", showed that Mr. Butler tem a trial. The worst features of the system will prohas had a lesson in the school of diplomacy. A hably be modified as experience is gained. It after a man would not be asked if he was a Mason or fair trial, the worst fears of the men are realised, the Odd-fellow, P. W. A. or U. M. W. Probably the question can be again raised, but we trust that there

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

In future it is intended that Deputy Inspectors shall have extended powers.

Mr. Maxwell formerly of Dom. No. 12, is now stationed at Pincher Creek, Alberta County.

The Drummond did fairly well in March. The pit was idle two days only. That is not bad for a winter

Dr. Ellis will speak on the oil shales of the Province at the meeting of the Mining Society next week. It is to be hoped he will go more into the commercial than the geological aspect of the question.

sending in their quarterly returns as the bigger concerns. This is scarcely fair. If the government has set a day by which the returns should be in, it should charge interest on overdue returns,

with the new collieries on the Lingan side had a very pleasant and satisfactory conference with Assistant Gen'l Manager McDougall of the Dominion Coal Co., a short time ago. The question of rates was discussed and ar-verb. ranged to the satisfaction of both parties.

If what is conjectured down in these parts be near enough of the good conduct of the Springhili men the mark, Rudolph Forget and his comrades will have will not be set at naught by the future actions of the hards. Rudolph Forget and his comrades will have will not be set at naught by the future actions of the say to the directors of 'Scotia', 'We are comin in'. Mr. all of us who keep the peace. Though there are smug-Forget no doubt would in some respects be an acquisit. glers, we do not commend the man who pays excise ion to Scotia; he might serve as a regulator, or as bal-doties; We do not praise womankind for being virtulast to keep the stock on an even keel. An unsupported ous, or men for being honest. No thanks to a man stock is treated as a step-child on the stock market. It who, never being tempted, never fell.

There are still a few farmers and fishermenclinging to ducing a Workmens Compensation Act. are not by any means a sample of the best of the Inver- euch a measure, at the coal mines of the country. are not by any means a sample of the best of the liver- euch a measure, at the coal indices of the country. The ness County farmer or fisherman. They belong to that possibility is that the act will not be made applicable to peculiar species who are in their glory so long as they these. If it comes to a question of which will you have are not forced to work. If they by any means can eke "A Compensation Act or your Relief societies," we are out any sort of existence they are well content. Happy inclined to the opinion that the almost unanimous dego lucky, foolishly easy going mortals. About a dozen efsion would be in favor of the Relief societies. for the predicted socialist millenium.

The members of the opposition in the House of Asernment for not having prevented the strike in C. B. August when the men came out ou strike. erument for not naving prevented the strike in U. B. August when the men came out ou strike. Perhaps and Cumberland County, or for not taking steps to have the papers mean to convey the idea that the influx of the strikes settled. Neither of these however has given workers to Springhill does not meet the approval of forthe faintest suggestion as to how the government might mer workmen, Mr. McGregor, M. P. P. in the Legisthe namest suggestion as to now the government taignt mer workmen, are accuregor, it is a met neglecture last week gave the Springhill strikers a high char-

About 300 ounces more gold was extracted last year than in 1908. Not a big increase but still an in-

So far the winters work at the Inverness mine has been satisfactory, and the prospects are that work will be brisk till the spring trade opens.

Ten days ago a car of men embarked at New Glas-gow for Springhill. It is said they were picked up hetween New Glasgow and Thorburn.

Everything is moving along nicely at the Inverness The smaller coal companies are not as prompt in seek to leave the impression on outsiders that the strike which at no time was effective, is still in force,

With an output on some days of 10,000 tons, people should have an idea of just how effective the alleged A committee from the P. W. A. lodge in connection at the collieries cannot see that there is but one course strike at Glace Bay is. It is a great pity the decent men open to them, namely, to acknowledge that they took a wrong stand, being misled, last July, and quietly return to work. Delays in this case may emphasise the pro-

If what is conjectured down in these parts be near eulogy of the good conduct of the Springhill men

There are still a few farmers and hancemencinging to ducing a workmens compensation act. There has the charity bags of the U. M. W. at Inverness, but they been no agitation, that the RECORD is aware of, for are not by any means a sample of the best of the Inver- cuch a measure, at the coal mines of the country. The

The papers now have it that relations between the management and the strikers are becoming strained. sembly from Pictou and Inverness are down on the govhave prought about a settlement. It is a great pay they latter last week gave the optinguit strates a ingli chart did not state how they would have summarily and sat- acter. They were good, very good, when there was isfactorily settled matters. The information had it been nothing to provoke them; they will be deserving of all conveyed might have been servicable in future contin- praise if they continue good under this supposed provocation of strangers filling the places in the mine.

AROUND THE COLIERIES.

There seems to be a little move on in coal developcompanies than exist taking hold.

The Springhill mines are sending out about a hunshipped.

Prof. McGill, in an interview with the St. John Sun says he made no prophecy of a great future industrial war in Nova Scotia He made no denial of the other charges made against him in the Halifax Herald.

Four of the men working in Springhill had the temerity to go outside the gates into the town of Springhill. This boldness was offensive to the peace loving ned. citizens, two we are told escorted them back to the served their purpose. fancy the tunes that were played by the escorts.

struction he received in his youth. The laborer who went to work in the morning thought he was discriminated against. He was shown that an act of grace was not an act of discrimination. A man may give an old friend the range of his house, while he may scarcely be expected to give the same privilege to a stranger, whose reputation in his homeland was of a questionable character.

It is to be hoped that the following from the North Sydney Herald is more than one of the periodically announced remarkable discoveries of mineral: several months the owners of the Glengarry coal areas, of Mr. J. G. Barrington, and as a result of their labors themselves accordingly. the property to day is looked upon by coal experts as one destined to play an important part in the history of Cape Breton.

Judging by the samples brought to town lately by Coun. Lawlor, the product is of a rich aemi-anthracite feet, and extending in a considerable distance. Supt. Barrington is now running in a clope to carry away the water so as to connect with No. 2 shaft.

Already considerable coal has been mined and used by the residents of Loch Lomond, Big Pond, and other places. The quality of the coal is pronounced as of the vety best and superior to the general run of domestic coal. Next spring the owners expect to see their way clear to ship the product of the Glengarry colliery by water from a point four miles from the mines, and in the event of time this distance will be covered by the railway, when the magnitude of these promising areas will form one of the principal factors in Cape Breton industrial life."

The omission in the speech from the throne of any ment in New Brunswick. There are rumors of bigger, reference to the Springhill strike has been variously commented upon.

Mr. Wanklyn has fallen into a nice billet in being dred and fifty tons of coel per day. Some of this is, of made a Montreal controller. It is proposed that each course, required for the fire doors, but the bulk of it is of the three controllers be given a salary of ten thousand dollars: Very few editors get as much as that,

> Some of the overground men at the Allan Shafts are hard hit. It has been determined to hoist coal from the mine three days a week only. The machinery on top is capable of hoisting in three days all the coal cut in six. days with the present force.

The bounties on iron and steel are not to be contin-Well, probably it may be said that they have their purpose. The Steel companies, especially 'stockade'. It does not require a lively imagination to the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal, have introduced so many economic improvements within the past two years that they can now manufacture as cheaply without the boun-Peter Patterson has forgotten much of the Bible in-ty as they could formerly with it. This is satisfactory.

The clergymen of Glace Eay and surrounding counincluding Dr. Thompson and Father Fraser-fiery M. W. exponents-had a conference and thereafter a consultation with Manager Butler and Assistant Man. McDougall lately, in reference to a settlement of the differences between the Coal company and a small number of former employees. As might have been guessed things remain as they were. Mr. Butler was forced totell the interceders respectfully that Mr. Plummer really meant what he said in his letter. Two officials of the U. M. W. declared, in reply to the clergyman, that what they wanted and what they must have is recognition of the U. M. W. Mr. Plummer has stated in plain of which Councillor Lawlor is the controlling spirit, English that there shall be no recognition. Both parties have engaged several miners under the superintendency now know exactly where they stand, and can govern

PORT MORIEN COLLIERIES.

variety, and possesces all the qualifications of the fam-ous Scotch coal. Two pits have been sunk on the pro-and Sales Agent Dick, of the Dominion Coal Co. perty, both shafts running to a depth of about twenty went to Port Morien, and, it is said, inspected the plant and property of the North Atlantic Collieries, Ltd. This visit has been taken by Morien people as lending color to the rumor that negotiations are on for the purchase of the property and business of the North Atlantic collieries by the big company. Nothing could be learned from either the Dom, Coal Co. or North Atlantic people as to whether such negotiafions are on foot or not.

It was reported some time ago that the Dom. Iron & Steel Co., who have an option on the Cowans and Drummond coal areas near Port Morien, were willing to buy the North Atlautic properties also, if they got satisfactory terms, so that in case they lost the Coal-Steel suit. It is said that the

Steel company still retains the option on the road operation that so far has been beyond absolute con-Cowans and Drummond areas, and even though trol, the element of human fallibility stands out as the the Steel people are now in control of the primary cause of accidents in 99 cases out of every 100. ed out what was said to have been their inten- resolves itself into a campaign of education. Every one tion, and bought the extensive and valuable Mor- connected with railroad work must be taught that he is Cowans areas contain large quantities of coal failure on his part may jeopardize the lives of hundreds.

"Mr. Roesch is emphatic in what he says of how to ficent addition to their available coal supply. would also mean much for Port Morien and the

the Steel company has still an option on the Cowans arras there must have been a renewal. We subject to injury, as a convicted criminal, as much so as quite agree with the opinion of the Gazette that one who commits a felonious assult. the acquirement of the Port Morien areas by the big coal company would make a splendid addition to the safety of others may in the course of events some to their already fine property. The one is the time place his own life or that of a member of his family complement of the other. With the acquisition in danger, a longer step will have been taken toward inproperty would be nicely rounded off. It would then have all the known coal properties on the South side of the Island. The coal in the Port Morien areas, if analysis count for anything, is just the kind of coal the Steel company wants for its purposes. The uncertainty as to whether the property of the North Atlantic Colliery Coy. contains scores of millions or hundreds of millions of tons has that degree of speculation about it to make the propositiou spicey for big men.

MAIN CAUSE OF RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

answer to this question is given by Master Mechanic F. P. Roesch, of the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad, in one word—"chance-takers." And he says emphatically that the chance-taker must go; having eliminated him, we shall also have done away with our accidents. The fundamental cause of railway wrecks, Mr. Roesch told the railway surgeons at their recent annual meeting, is the human element. It gives an "honor list" of roads which did not kill a single passenger during the last fiscal year, but omits to mention the Lackawanna, which has not killed one in ten years. Railway and Locomotive Engineering says:-

"Mr.Roesch said that in former years it was not uncommon to hear the statement that in proportion to the number of men engaged there were more fatalities on American railways than in any one battle in the Civil War. At the present time railways afford greater safety to the passengers carried by them than by any other means of transportation.

"In support of this, Mr. Roesch pointed out that the Pennsylvania, the Burlington, the Santa Fe, and the the Pennsylvania, the Bullington, the Salary of Tress, Changer and be put up. Chicago & Northwestern Fran their passenger trains for Silurian or Archean congener. the year change joine 30, 1993.

To possengers. In 1908 the New York City street-cars an examination of the pages of Agricola would disclove to passengers. In 1905 the twee 10th Christian an examination of the pages of Agricola would inscore killed 444 persons and injured 36,000. With regard to that he knew of it. The alchemists in a way were besteam railroads very few accidents can be set down to lievers in it. Possibly it existed even in the time of the defective equipment. Railroads are still striving to im- Argonauts. prove conditions further by constantly adopting at enormous outlay and expense, any new equipment or ap by our Toronto correspondent upon their success in

Both the North Atlantic and a valuable cog in the railway machine, and that any

deal with the man who is habitually careless On this subject Mr. Roesch says: The chance-taker, regardless adjacent country, in the great expansion of oper-brought to a realization of his responsibility in any other manner, then statutory laws should be enacted and enforced, treating the proven chance-taker through whose carelessness, indifference, or neglect others have been

The one is the time place his own life or that of a member of his family creased safety than all the mechanical appliances that

can possibly be adopted."

"GREEN GOLD"

An interesting miner's myth, once widely exploited for swindling purposes, is narrated by the editor of The Engineering and Mining Journal, who asserts that it is practically being revived to day The essence of the myth is that the ordinary processes do not extract all the gold from ore and that others may be devised to save the remnant. This, the writer tells us, is simply a falsehood; but it is still believed by many. At a re-"Why so many accidents on our railroads?" The the speaker asserted that he had irrefutable proof that gold had been extracted in paying quantities from comparatively worthless ore pulp, fand announced his intention of forming a company to operate the process.

"The idea that there is gold hidden to the fire-assay test that will yield to a 'process' is a myth that will not down. Perennially does it bot up serenely. We call it the Green Gold Myth,' because long ago, in the early days of Calitornia mining, if our recollection be correct, a faker introduced it with an ingenious explanation, to wit: The only gold that fire-assay determines is the perfect metal such as we know in our watch chains, coins, etc., if we are lucky enough to have them. Now there is also in some ores an imperfect, immature gold -a young gold that has not existed through sufficient geological cons to ripen, in other words, green goid'which in its tenderness escapes collection by the assaver's rude methods. But by treatment with the right kind of chemicals from the purturing hands of the Trotessor' this dencate gold could be ripened as quickly as Presto, change! and be put upon the same footing as its

mous outliny and expense, any new equipment of post forming irrefutable proof that gold has been extracted obtaining irrefutable proof that gold has been extracted cient safety-devices.

In paying quantity from comparatively worthless ore, which is undoubtedly important if true. We begittem, have upon the cost of living in the world and in the in- pressure during exhaust is also reduced. The result is

however, to reflect upon what disastrous effect this may chest and the cylinder during admission, and the back terest of humanity we hope that they will bury the sec-that there is a great saving in the consumption of steam ret beyond all chance of recovery." capital expenditure.

MUMMIFIED BODIES OF MINERS.

Paul coal mine. To the amazement of veteran mine inspectors, eleven of the bodies entombed since last Nov. 23, when brought to the surface, were found to be almost mummified

The mummified condition was brought about by the bodies having been during the three months in a part of the mine which was dry and warm, so that they went

through a slow process of drying up.

"This is one of the most remarkable incidents of a disaster which has been full of wonders," dec' and an old mine inspector. "The mummies are in such sod preservation that they might have being taken out of ancient tombs of Egypt."

The bodies of 173 men remain in the mine, it is es-

timated.

Fighting through fire and the deadly black damp, which ever since the disaster has stood beteen them and the bodies still entombed in the mine, the rescuers found the eleven bodies in what is known as the second level. They were about 175 feet from the main air shaft. The men, instead of retreating to remoter parts of the mine, evidently had made a deseperate effort to escape when the fire broke out and they were among cases at least, did not lose any wages through the half the first to die.

They were found with their arms stretched forward and face down, having been suffocated, as they ran, probably by a gush of heat and gas. Shut in an airtight chamber when the mine was finally sealed up, they remained in a kind of an oven, in which the tem-perature was a little above blood-heat. Their clothing was so badly scorched and their features so badly disfigured by falling rock that identification was difficult.

SUPERHEATING.

boiler in which the steam is generated and the engine in of the contract men would be shortened by an eight which the steam is used, so that a certain degree of heat known as superheat may be added to the saturated steam so as to 'dry" it, and as a result prevent the occurrence of condensation. This condensation of saturated steam may be brought about either by wiredrawing steam from a higher or lower pressure, or by applying heat to the steam after it has left the boiler. The result of the condensation is that the steam has a temperture greater than that corresponding to its pressure, its volume is increased, but the pressure remains constant, Seventy-two (72) British heat units have to be added to superheat 1 lb. of steam by 150° Fab. This is ume due to the addition of the 6 per cent. of heat aver- shorter day be made to depend upon the answer to ages about 30 per cent." (Prof. W. H. Watkinson).

The benefits derived from superheating are as follows:-Steam condensation is prevented. Leakage in the mines includes every day except Suudays, Natpast valves and pistons of engines is less than when ional, Labor Day, Christmas, and, with some, Church saturated steam is used. Superheated steam flows holidays. This gives about 300 days. And apart passages than does saturated steam. Owing to this there are no recognized short days. It is, however, feature there is less drop in pressure between the steam seldom that any mine works 300 days in the year.

The terms of the new agreement under discussion be-Fifteen bodies of miners were recovered from the St. tween the employers and the colliery workmen of South Wales include some interesting new provisions. Among these is one requiring all men applying for work to be subjected to medical examination. This is thought by the employers to be a necessary safeguard against complications arising under the Compensation Act,-Can-Mining Journal,

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days, and the manager states that the output of the day is less by from 110 to 125 tons. It is perhaps not unnatural that the managers should doubt whether philanthropy pays. But at the same time such experiments do not decide the question. The effect upon the bodies, minds and morals of fewer hours every day is not to be guaged by working long hours five days, and short hours one day in the week. And in the above cases the contract men felt that they could make up their earnings during the other five days if they wished to, while the non contract men, in some of the holiday. But while this is true, the figures about the half holiday are not wholly without significance. There is no way of deciding beforehand what effect a reduction in time would have upon the efficiency of the contract men. It is certain they would not be content with less earnings. If, then, the shorter day reduced their earnings, they would either work harder hour per hour, for demand a higher rate of wages per ton. And if they made this demand they would argue justly that they should not be expected to bear a loss of wages because of a law passed mainly in the interest of the non-contract employees.

One reason why this question is difficult to answer A supe heater is an appliances placed beteen he is that it is impossible to calculate how much the day hour bank to bank law. This difficulty about time is not so great in the case of most of the non-contract men. These would lose on an average at least two hours a day, and probably more. And these could not do as much work under the eight hour bank to bank law as now. Some of them have to wait more or less. for their work, others are doing work where speeding beyond certain limits is undesirable, and in the case of all of them a reduction of two hours would be hard to make up. The argument of the American Federation writers seems pertinent here. Could the men do as only about 6 per cent, of the heat required to generate much work in 8 hours bank to bank as in 16 or 11 I lb. of saturated steam, the resulting increase of vol. hours bank to bank? And should the question of a

this question

Working Days in Nova Scotia.-The nominal year more easily through the pipe columns and other steam from a very few cases of a short Saturday in summer,

Days Lost through Climatic Conditions .- Ships and trains are occasionally delayed, yards are occasion- and there is no doubt that in some places it appears to

example in nine collieries, the Dominion Coal Co. lost, say.

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Days Lost through Strikes - Springhill is special hill is not alone in having important strikes.

causes is difficult to calculate, and any calculation sire. made could not include figures for the strikes that are now on Apart from Springhill, and up to the begin-mines the operations begin at 5.45 or 6 a. m., and contime lost through strikes is concerned, it might easily Breton a seven hour day. If it is measured from the increase under an eight hour law, if any attempt were last man down to the last man up it is an eleven hour made by the operators to reduce the wages in propor- day. And if it is measured from the average man tion to the reduction of time. That such attempts down to the average man up, its length depends upon

Days Lost through Voluntary Absenteeism.—This is one of the most camplicated problems pertaining to man down to the last man up it would mean a reductother causes which are not controlled by the miner, which he could not come up. If it means the day there is a proportion of absenteeism which appears to from the last man down to the last man up, it would be due to the free choice of the individual miner. He reduce the operating time three hours a day. And if simply does not report for work. He chooses to stay it means the day from the average man down to the

It is held by some that under an eight hour law this voluntary absenteeism would be lessened, and that claim that within wide limits the miner makes his own much time on the average is lost in this way, but it but they can and do quit when they wish, and they failed to reach any conclusion worth more than a are taken up.

And the total absenteeism seems to vary within limits which they work per day cannot be accurately calculas wide as from 8 per cent to 40 per cent. Under the ated. In Pictou and Cumberland counties there is a as which as from o per cent to so per cent. Onder the state of the commission do no believe that it is fixed hour at which the men begin to be brought to possible to give any accurate estimate of the amount the surface. If they quit work before that time they of time now lost by voluntary absenteeism within the must either walk up or wait at the bottom. Some do

ally blocked by snow, and the weather at times renexist on a large scale. But what its proportions are, Days Lost through Accidents and Funerals.—For ened under an eight hour day, it is very difficult to Some of the men hold that it is caused by the long hours, and that it would disappear with the short day. But the coal cutters, who do not work long hours now, appear to absent themselves more than the others, in the mines affected 'not including the Hub Colliery, Some think that having shorter time in which to make which was practically closed for a year through a fire their earnings the men will be more regular. But at present the men appear to be more regular in winter, in this respect, but, as the present year shows, Spring- wanted, and there is some ground for the view that The average number of days lost through these but stop when they have made the amount they de-

ning of the present year, the Nova Scotia mines during time till 5 or 5,30 p. m. Hoisting coal begins at 7 a. recent years have worked very regularly It does not m. and continues nominally until 5 p m. Between appear that under an eight hour law much time hith 5,45 and 7 a. m. the men go down. If, then, the day erto lost through these causes could be saved. The avis measured from the first man down to the last man erage time lost through climate and accidents would up, it is a twelve hour day. If it is measured from probably remain pretty much the same, and so far as the last man down to the first man up, it is in Cape would be made there is little doubt in the minds of the times taken as averages, and the average hour for coming up is difficult, if not impossible to ascertain.

If an eight hour day means the day from the first this enquiry, and it has given the Commission more ion of four hours per day in the time of the operations trouble and less result than any other problem involve of the mine. If it means the day from the first man ed. Many miners are irregular in their work. Grant- down to the first man up, it would not much effect ed that some of the absenteeism, when the mines are Cape Breton, unless the miner's right to come when he working, is due to illness, or to family affairs, or to likes was taken from him, and a fixed hour set before This is called voluntary absentee- average man up the exact amount of reduction cannot be accurately estimated.

in this way the reduction in time would be, to some day, and makes the day for his helper too. The man extent, offset. The Commission tried to estimate how cannot go down after a fixed hour in the morning, The Dominion and Nova Scotia com-

It is not enough to take the number of men on the up at noon. The men do not deny this, and they repay rolls of the companies, substract from that the gard it as their right, and as a privilege which they number of men actually at work on the average, and will not readily surrender. This right, on the one call the remainder voluntary absenteeism. Allowance hand, protects them against long hours, and, on the must be made for such absence as are not due to the other, enables them to work longer if they wish in orchoice of the miner, and there is no certain way of es- der to make up their earnings. The times at which timating what the allowance should be. Further, the they give in their lamps on returning to the surface are number of names on the rolls may easily be too large, not kept at all the pits, so that the average hours present day, or the amount lost by that cause within quit and walk up, but it is difficult to estimate how this affects the average time worked per day.



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When an entry is cancelled subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of the process of the proc

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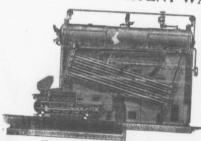
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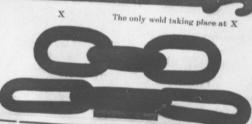
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