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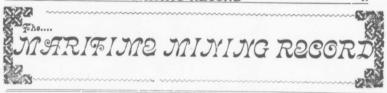
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SCIENCE AND ART OF MINING.

VENTILATION.

Q.—What is practically the best—A large number of small air-ways, or a fewer number of large air-ways? State your reasons.

A.—In comparing a large number of small air-ways with a small number of large air-ways there is very little that can be said in favor of the former, and very much that can be said in favor of the latter. In fact, it seems to me that the only circumstances which can warrant the maintenance of a large number of small air-ways in a mine are those in which the air-ways having been made through the goaf, have greatly contracted, due to the crush of the sides and roof and the upheaval of the floor of the seam.

In such circumstances, if the resources of the mine are nearing exhaustion, and there is plenty available power in the fan and fan engine, without the installation of larger plant, it may be urged that the expense of enlarging the air-ways was not warranted by the benefits that might result. Except in such extreme cases as this, however, no sensible being can recommend a large number of small air-ways as being preferable to a fewer number of large air-ways; and I cannot conceive of any colliery manager or mining engineer who chances to have the laying out of the workings of a large colliery, adopting a large number of small airways as the best system, from any point of view, on which to ventilate the mine under his charge. True it is, that very large air-ways are very impracticable in some mines where the height of the seam is small and the nature of the roof tender and friable. The size of mine air-ways greatly depends upon the thickness of the seam through which they are to course, and the nature of the roof plays a great part in determining their width. It is often possible to maintain a narrow air-way without the roof breaking down when, if the air-way were made of greater width, the roof would very likely break down, and considerable expense be entailed in thereafter repairing and maintaining it.

However, even in thin seams, the air-ways outst always to be of a fair size. The roof or floor should be ripped, and the air-ways generally should be of such a size that a person can traverse them without getting down on his knees, or even full length, and performing the wriggling process which has so often to be resorted to in passing along the underground airways in mines.

Perhaps the greatest and most potent objection, however, which can be urged against a large number of small air-ways, is the great ventilating pressure required to force the air through them, as compared with the comparatively small power that would be absorbed in coursing the same quantity of air through a fewer number of large air-ways.

To elucidate this point so that the reader cannot fail to clearly understand it, let me assume a concrete case. Suppose we have ten small air-ways, each 2 feet high and 4 feet wide on the average, and we have also two air-ways 5 feet high and 8 feet wide, and we wish to determine the relative powers absorbed in coursing a certain quantity of air per minute through the ten small air-ways and through the two large airways respectively.

It will be noticed at the outset that the sectional area of the combined small air-ways it exactly the same as the total sectional area of the two large air-ways, and this I have arranged so that the comparative merits of the two systems may be more justic considered. Had I made the total sectional area of the small air-ways less than the sectional area of the two large air-ways, the former would have been placed at an unfair disadvantage, because the air would have had to travel at a greater velocity in the small air-ways than in the large

air-ways, and considerable additional power would have been absorbed thereby in the case of the small air-ways, and a just comparison of the respective merits of the two systems rend. pet if not impossible, at least it mitely more difficu't and complicated. By having the sectional areas equal, the velocities are equal, and the powers absorbed in each case due to that source are also equal; we have, therefore, to consider only the total rubbing surface in each case to determine the respective merits of the two systems, and this, it seems to me, is the only fair ground for comparison.

We will assume also that both the ten small air-ways and the two large air-ways are of equal length, as to make either the one or the other the lenger would again be to incur the

stigma of unfairnes

The total sectional area of rubbing surface is the only fair ground on which to base a com-Well, let us now ascertain the total sectional area of rubbing surface in each case.

The rubbing surface in the ten small airways total-

and the rubbing surface in the two large air-

Now, the ventilating pressure necessary to produce ventilation varies directly as the rubbing surface, so that if 10 lb. of ventilating pressure per square foot were necessary in the case of the two large air-ways, no less than 23.08 pounds per square foot would be required in the case of the ten small air-ways.

This is got thus-10 x 120

equals 23.08 lbs. nearly.

Further, for the same quantity of air per minute, 2-3 times the power required in the case of the two large air-ways would be necessary in the case of the ten small air-ways.

This simply means, in practical form, that if, say, one ton of coal was sufficient to provide steam to drive the fan engine at the colliery, with two large main air-ways for 24 hours, it would take at least two tons six cwt. of the same class of coal to do the same work in the same time at the colliery having the ten small

Again, methinks that two large main airways could be more easily and more cheaply kept in good condition and could be more proficably utilised (such as for haulage purposes ets.) than could the ten small air-ways, which would probably be of little use except as air-

No, personally, I would certainly prefer a small number of large air-ways to a great number of small ones.

GEOLOGY.

Q. 11.—Describe the chief characteristics of the carboniferous strata, and of the strata overlying and underlying them in ordinary se-

A.—The carboniferous formation consists largely of three kinds of rock, namely, carboniferous, or mountain limestone, shale and coal. It derives its name from the Latin word Carbo, which forr one of its most conspicuous features. The mountain limestone which forms the lower part of the carboniferous formation stretches from the West of Ireland eastwards for a gistance of 750 miles, across England, Wales, Belgium, into Westphalia. It attains its maximum thickness in Lancashire, where it exceeds 6,000 feet. But as the limestone is traced northwards, it is found to diminish in thickness, until in Scotland it is reduced to a few beds, each only a yard or two in thickness. From this change in the character of the rocks, the inference is drawn that the land lying to the north supplied sand, mud, and drifted plants which prevented the thick limestone from extending northwards. There can be no doubt that while this mass of limestone was being built up, the wide area of deposition in Western and Central Europe was undergoing a gradual depression. This conclusion is borne out by a few considerations. The organic contents of the lower and upper parts of the limestone are uniform throughout. tary strata that replace the limestone on the The sedimennorthern margin are also several thousand feet thick, and from top to bottom they abound with evidence of shallow water conditions of deposition. The frequent occurrence of ripple-marked and sun-cracked surfaces, the preservation of remains of terrestrial vegetation-some of it in its position of growth-proves that the mass of sediment was laid down in shallow water not far from the margin of the land. But probably the most interesting evidence of long-continued subsidence is furnished by the history of In the successive strata of a coal-field we are presented with the records of a prolonged period of subsidence, probably, marked by longer or shorter intervals of rest. These more stationary periods are indicated by the coal seams, and their relative duration be inferred from the thickness of the The carboniferous flora must have been coal. abundant, consisting almost entirely of flowerless plants, and the same species and genera ranged over the whole world, for their remains are found in carboniferous strata from the Equator to the Arctic Circle. Ferns, lycopods, and equisetacea, constituted the main mass of vegetation. The most abundant kinds of fern being Sphemopteris, Neuropteris, Pecopteris. Among the lycopods, the most common is Lepidodendron. Equisetaceas abound in the carboniferous swamps, the most frequent being Calamites, Sigillaria, from the seal-like impressions of the scars, and Stigmaris (roots).

The carboniferous system in Europe presents at least two well-marked sub-divisions. In the lower section the strata are largely marine,

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CONNELSVILLE COKE

The first step in the manufacture of coke is the mining of the coal. In the infancy of the industry, the mining operations were carried on somewhat aimlessly, regulling in loss of much coal, but years of experience and the increased value of the coal have brought about much better methods. The double entry system of mining is used in the region, and about eighty-six per cent. of the coal is recovered. Under this system, parallel headings or entries nine feet high are driven; the rooms twelve feet in width are turned off at right angles from these, and the ribs are drawn as the miners re The coal is carried to the surface in wagons or small cars of about two tons capacity, and dumped into the bins. From these it is drawn in steel cars or larries of from six to eight ton capacity out on the ovens and dropped through the tunnel head, or opening of the crown, into the oven. In dropping into the oven the coal natural'y assumes a pyramidal shape and must be leveled This operation consists in leveling the coal to an even height all over the oven, and is performed by a man with a scraper attached to a piece of pipe about fourteen feet along. The oven door is then built up of brick and daubed with a mortar composed of loam and coke ash dust. When the oven is first put in blast the charge of coal is ignited by means of wood and hot coal or coke, but when in regular operation the charge is ignited by the head retained in the oven from the coking of the preceding charge. When the oven is in good conditing it usually requires about one-half hour for the charge to ignite. During the period of initial heat a very light bluish smoke issues from the oven which gradually increases in quantity and darkens in color until the oven goes off with a puff and the coal is burning. The amount of coal charged varies as the length of the burning period is decreased or increased. Coke which has been burned 72 hours is usually called foundry, while that burned 48 hours is called furnace coke. After the oven has been burned the requisite number of hours it is said to be burned off, the door is torn down, and the red hot mass of coke is quenched or watereed by the drawer. Water is squirted into the ovens by means of a gum hose and a three-quarter inch steel pipe about eight feet long. The watering process consumes about one-half hour and about eleven hundred gallons of water per oven. The coke is then drawn by means of a scraper, similar is that used in leveling, loaded in barrows and wheeled to the cars. As in all other industries, modern mechanical devices have been adopted in the region to increase the safety of the employees, to save time, reduce labor and to overcome the evils of an insufficient lagor supply. The modern steel fan with a capacity of from two to four hundied thousand cubic feet of air per minute, has replaced the old ventilating furnace; electricty and compressed air are taking the places of the mules on the mine, haulage roads and on the larry tracks;

an electric driven coke drawing machine is drawing and loading a large amount of coke each day; (by January 1st next about 40 of these machines will be in operation in the region); at the most modern plants, the waste heat from the ovens is utilized Galley THREE

to fire the boilers; the mine water is pumped by electrically driven pumps; concrete and steel are replacing wood in the construction of tipples, bins, and trestles, and the silica brick instead of the old fire clay, is now used universally in the construction of the crowns. The first silica brick oven in the region was built at the Valley Works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in the spring of 1893, and to-day after fourteen years of continuous service the oven is as good as new.

INVENTION THAT MAY TAKE PLACE OF TURBINE.

The question as to whether the turbine enginewhich in recent years has revolutionized marine engineering-is about to be surpassed is suggested by an invention made by a Scotch marine engineer living in Liverpool. He has brought to perfection a "Radi al" engine. This inventor, who is a chief engineer on a well-known Liverpool liner, in an interview with a press representative, said that for many years there had been a hunt for the ideal engine. Parsons tried to do it by getting right away from the reciprocating engine, but he failed to reach his ideal, because he could not get a deamtight piston. "The idea of my radical engine," added the inventor, "came to me in the night when I was on the ocean. Giving up the idea of getting a steam-tight piston on the rotary principle, I applied myself to the problem of getting a radical piston with steam direct upon it. My idea was to get the full pressure of the steam on one piston, and no back pressure on the one following.

This is his invention, and the advantages he claims for it are the direct push around instead of the stopping and starting at each end of the stroke, as in the case of the reciprocating engine, that with its steam-tight piston the steam must do its work or remain in the boilers, and that it can take the full benefit of the steam pressure, and also the steam's velocity, whereas the turbine depends on velocity alone. Although the tests are not complete, the inventor considers his engine will be onethird better than any oher engine of equal piston area, and that its expansion will considerably exceed that of the ordinary reciprocating engine. The cost would be much less than that of the turbine engine. It had the same power astern as ahead, could go at any speed, and was so simple there was. hardly any possibility of anything going wrong. The engines has been inspected by many marine engineers. It has been protected in all parts of the world, and a big German firm have already made a substantial bid for the patent rights. There is no part of the engine that could not be made in a small engine shop. It needs the smallest amount

of packing and oil, and, astounding as it may seem, in its internal construction it has neither nut nor boli.

THE COLLIER'S CALLING,

Although the collier's calling is a dangerous and taborious one, it is not, in the ordinary sense, unhealthy. According to the Inspector of Mines for the Liverpool district, "The occupation of the coaminer is, generally speaking, a healthy one. There are, no doubt, times and places when the atmosphere he has to labor in might be cooler and purer, mechanical ventilation there are very few mines of but with the now almost universal adoption of which he would suffer actual discomfort or risk of injury to his health. As compared with occupations along the worker is exposed to all kinds of weather, the miner's life has its compensations." It needs them.

SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVES.

If the latest invention for destroying sparks from locomotives be as effective as those interested in it hope, it must prove of great importance to the railway and agricultural communities. Innumerable attempts have been made to devise such a mechanism, but while many have managed to "kill" the sparks they have also had the effect of diminishing draught. The damage done by sparks in setting fire to stacks and other property along the railroad is so considerable that, according to a New Zealand paper, the Government six years ago offered a prize of 3,000 pounds for a spark arrester, so that their settlers along the railway lines might no longer have to complain of crops being fired. The prize was not won. It might still be worth enquiring about.

COAL MORE THAN RUBIES.

To his class in Glasgow University, Professor livered a lecture, taking as his subject, "The Rise Latham lately appointed to the chair of Mines deand Progress of the Mining Industry." We give a synopsis of the lecture:

The importance of mining, he said, was shown by the fact that when we wished to divide human history into a few periods we turned to the metals as the standards by which to measure man's industrial development. A large number of mining enterprises were commercial failures, and this applied with especial force in the case of mines other than coal. There were to-day between 500 and 600 lead mines in the country, of which scarcely fifty were paying a profit, and there were 104 copper mines making returns of ore, of which he did not think more than a doezn were worked profitably. Indeed, he thought they might might safely assume that the proportion of unprofitable mines under those heads was about ten to one. They would, he thought, agree with him that mining enterprise need not be the risky business it was, and that the disproportionate number of unsuccessful mines

might be considerably reduced. Many such had been opened in strata where there existed little of no prospect of success. There were also mines that owed their abandonment to want of sufficient capital; while the failure of others, on the other hand, was due to ovrloading the mine with unnecessary and unproductive capital. Professor Latham went on to deal especially with the mining of coal, pointing out that all other branches of the mining industry in the United Kingdom were surely diminishing in importance, while coal was ever advancing. Not only as a means of direct employment did it overshadow all the rest, but probably it was no exaggeration to say that, in point of monetary value of the raw product, coal monopohsed near upon nine-tenths of the mineral products of the United Kingdom. The professor proceeded to describe the gradual growth in the appreciation of the value of coal, and said that now, if all the mines of the precious metals were closed at once-if gold and silver were no longer obtainable for our use-society, after certain evolutions and adjustments in adopting other representatives of value, would go on as at present, whereas, let civilized communities be deprived of their coal, and it was difficult to see how they would hold together as before. Dealing with the proportions used in various industries, the lecturer pointed out that 40 million tons were employed for domestic purposes, 40 million tons were exported, and 70 million tons were used in the iron and steel works. It was a fair estimate that nearly one-half of all the coal produced in the United Kingdom, representing employment for 450,000 colliery workers, was absolutely dependent upon foreign trade. That meant that if from any cause our foreign trade ceased, the means of employment for our colliery workers would be reduced by one-half. Not only would interference with foreign trade diminish employment at collieries to that alarming extent, but it would have a very much further reaching effect and would paralyse all our leading indus tries. Britain's productions, Britain's sales, Britain's means of employment, Britain's wage-earning and wage-spending power woold be diminished nearly one-half for the whole of her people. Such a condition of things meant absolute industrial ruin. Professor Latham afterwards described and illustrated the various means employed from early times up to the present day in coal mining; and showed how the loss of life had been reduced by the introduction of improved machinery, ventilation, and efficient inspection. Addressing himself to those who were entering upon the career of a mining engineer, he said that no vocation could be more useful, more worthy, or more honourable. There was none which they could follow with more advantage to others, or with greater moral or material benefit to themselves. The cry that the profession of mining engineering was overcrowded

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- Rubs by Rambler.

It is the bounden duty of every well-wisher of his country, of every one who desires to see the masses prosper materially, socially, and intellectually, to say or do nothing which may tend to provoke unnecessary discontent. Indeed, it lies to the heart of every patriot to do all possible to prevent conflicts, minor or major, between capital and labor. I am aware there are those who dispute such philisophy-and I am sorry. Some of these are to be found among the workmen sitting in the chief seats as leaders. Every leader of a workmen's union, alive to his opportunities and responsibilities, will, on the other hand, give ready assent. McDonald, the foremost leader the Scottish miners have had as yet, gave adhesion to similar sentiments after he had gone through his first big strike. Bell, the leader of the British Railway men gave lately tacit assent to similar sentiments. when he would not hear tell of an open conflict until every other available resource had failed. He stood firm in the conviction that peace was preferable. to strife, though many were ready to denounce him as a quitter. Bell is an ideal leader. And what is my idea of such a one? Well, Ramsay Macdonald, with all his fluency, is not one. He was annoyed that peace was arranged before a blow was struck. Who is an ideal leader? Well that is no poser. He is one who leads and who will not budge from his position, when convinced he is right, though howling hordes call upon him to alter his course. We have some little leaders, in some parts of this Province, who think it is the first duly of a leader to be continually cursing capitalists, to be fomenting strife by railing at capital and denouncing its greed, trickery and tyranny. The men who never have a kind word to say for their employees ought to be watched. Indeed, they should be cast out the workmen's synagogue for if they are not themselves selfish to the core, they are inexcusably ignorant and thoughtless. At the time of the Springhill strike a little leader is reported to have said: "Pioneer with bring out Mechanic Lodge." That was a very curious speech. It is to be hoped the Mechanics were not "brought," but came out without compulsion. Neither Pioneer, nor the Sub-Council, nor yet the Grand Council can "bring" out any lodge of the P. W. A. Thank goodness the walking delegate is as yet an unknown quantity in Nova Scotia-keep the rascals out

Many of our native workmen look upon Belgians, Austrians and other Europeans as being very much behind the times. They are looked at as half barbarians. It is very funny how we have got it into our heads that we are the people, the real stuff, and all the others are simply following afar off. If a Yankee or an Englishman or a Nova

Scotian-a Scotchman knows better-thinks that because many poor and strange looking people come from Europe that therefore the countries they hail from are but semi-civilized, they are a little bit mistaken. Why even from Austria we in this thought to be advanced civilization can learn something. In Britain, in America and in Nova Scotia boys of twelve years are permitted to work in the pit. They cannot now employ boys in Austrian mines below sixteen. A new Ministerial ordinance decrees that no young persons (boys under sixteen and girs under eighteen) shall be employed in mining work between 8 p. m. and 5 a. m., except that where there are two day shifts youths may work till 11 p . m To prevent overstrain, the period of rest during work shall be an hour longer than in the case of adults, and except in special cases shall be so arranged that continuous work shall not exceed four hours at a time. No overtime is to be worked except when adult labor is not available, and even then the tasks must be suited to the strength of the workers. Any young persons kept at work on Sundays must be allowed a day off during the ensuing week. Exemptions from these regulations is only permitted when a medical certificate has been obtained to show that the young person (male) will not suffer in health from the task allotted. In the case of child labor (between the ages of twelve and fourteen), the mining officials before granting permission must satisfy themselves that the work (above ground only) is of suitable character, and that the hours do not conflict with school hours. No overtime, night work, or Sunday work is allowed.

We hear a good deal these days about the Chinaman and the Jap, and occasionally a growl about the Belgian, or other foreigner. Why are the Chinaman and the Jap so much denounced? They are undesirable, we are told, because thay are immoral, etc., etc. Now I'm not so sure that these are the reasons. The most forcible reason operating in the minds of the workingmen is, I think, that the Jap is ready to work at all times, and at a lower wage than the white man. Weil, that is a good reason, perhaps, for the workingmen being opposed to an influx of Japanese, but, it may not be a sufficiently strong reason for any government to keep them out. Sometimes the truthcomes sputtering out. There is at least one labor leader who is candid enough to declare that he is not opposed to the sons of the Orient, because the; are fifthy; quite the opposite. This labor leader in the Transvaal lately gave utterance to these significant words: " It is not the vices of the Chinaman that we fear, but the virtues." What did he mean! He meant that the Chinaman was frugal, industrious, patient, painstaking, and willing to do the task allotted to him; and, above all, that he did not lose time by frequenting drinking saloons. The

Transvaal labor leader must be a brave, plamspoken man, with the courage of his convictions. The Chinese puzzle is easy of solution in Nova Scotia, if not so easy in the other Provinces. No employers in Nova Scotia will want to employ a Chinaman as long as a white man is willing to do half right.

I am ashamed, perfectly ashamed, as folks sav, at the Colonial Standard. In a late issue it said it was quite content to be called by a contemporary, "John Thomas," And why content? Oh just because John Thomas was a good Scottish name,-The Standard said Scotch, but I never "call names." No wonder there is need of a Scottish patriotic co-operation when one whose forbears came from Scotland, and from high up in Scotland too-I mean the Highlands-is so easily forgetful. John Thomas may not be a name to sneer at, but it is not Scottish. Not by a long way. I was going to say "not by a jugful," but the force of association might make some one smile. I know there are O'Leary's and McLaughlin's and O'Gorman's, claiming to be Scots, but they ain't any more than is John Thomas. Thomas as a surname is a fuil league from being Scottish. If I were asked to make a guess to what country it particularly belonged I would say to Roberts and Grimn's country, or in short to Wales.

A word to my brother of the Conservative press. I might address a word at the same time to my kinsmen of the Liberal press, but then these might jump to the conclusion that I was disgruntled and that something had struck me, and thence a kick. Therefore, so that my good intentions may not be illy spoken of, I select my Tory brethren, and ask them to sit still while I give them a very short exhortation. I ask them if they think it is dignifled or attractive journalism to be continually referring to Liberal papers as "pap fed," solely because they receive from the government a few odd jobs of printing for which I make no doubt they are paid no more than the jobs are worth. Surely the Conservative press do not think the publishers of these papers are I beral for the pap they get, and for no other reason. Why the patronage that the Sydney Record, or the Eastern Chronicle and other Liberal papers get from the government would not does not, make them up or down. Some Liberal papers insist on getting a share of the government printing to satisfy their pride as it were, or so that they may be able to say they are not being passed by as nobodies. To me this pap fed cry of certain papers suggests "sour grapes.

SPONTANEOUS IGNITION OF COAL.

The old hypothesis suggested by Liebig, according to which the spontaneous inflammation of coal is due to the oxidation of the pyrites, can no longer be maintained. Spontaneous ignition, ac

cording to the German scientist. Dr. Heideprim, would seem rather to be attributable to a direct oxidation of the carbon. In fact, carbon when reated has been found eagerly to absorb oxygen from the air,, and this heating effect can be increased until ignition occurs. The part played by moisture in the process has not yet been determined. The physical condition of the carbon (hardness, size, etc.) are other factors influencing the process. In connection with a recent investiga gation of 300 cases of self-ignition, all kinds of min eral coal apart from anthracite were examined. In most cases the ignited coal was ordinary coal, and less frequently nut coal or coal dust. The higher the layers, the more readily will self-ignition take place. An efficient ventilation by channels in the coal layers and the thermometrical recording of temperatures by long thermometers inserted in the coal have been found to be good preventive measures, while the only available means of extinguishing such fires has been found to be a trans'er of the coal and simultaneous flooding.-The Stear1

A PECULIAR STRIKE.

Men are curious animals. They do indeed do strange things. From this charge Trade Unionists are not exempt. They frequently kick without knowing the cause. They are intensely careful and jealous of the dignity the prerogative of the Union. They profess to sm it a rat when there is no rodent within a league or two. The following from a British paper shows how cranky some Unionists are:

An extraordinary dispute has arisen at Daimler Motor Works in Coventry, tinsmiths employed there having struck work because the company insisted on paying them too much money. All workmen are paid on the bonus system, under which they receive bonuses in addition to their regular wages. This appears to be against the principles of trade unionism, though the arrangement worked out so well for the men that, with the exception of the tinsmiths, the unions did not object. The Tinsmiths' Union remained true to its principles, and did not allow its members to accept the bonuses. The firm meanwhile continued to credit the men with the bonuses to which they were entitled, and went so far as to open a separate bank account for each, so that the men could have the money at any time if permitted by the Union. At last, says the "Autocar," the accumulated funds presented too strong a temptation, and two-thirds of the men decided to have their portion regardless of consequences. They were at once expelled from the union, and the rest of the tinsmiths called out of the works. The men who took the bonus, however, started a little union of their own, and are now finding good tinsmiths to replace those who have preferred to stick to the union and refuse the extra money.

DUND THE COLLIERIES.

Springhill is doing well; there has been no trouble for a month and a half.

Affairs are running smoothly in Springhill, the 'Tribune' man to the contrary notwithstanding.

The lodgements east and west of No. 2 slope, Springhill, are finished and are capable of containing 8 days water, or the drainage of No. 1 and No. 2 seams for that period,

Banking has already commenced at Bridge-

in the three big mine explosions cannot be much spot, but is continually descending.

The North Atlantic Collieries Co'y are looking for a steamer suitable for coasting purposes. Notwithstanding the much noise about Norwegian vessels destroying the coasting trade it is impossible to get schooners when they are wanted.

The government night school also the preparatory and technical schools in Springhill, are going full swing. No young man need go through life, without a good, common school education in this Province, and certainly Springhill has all the facilities for acquiring it.

The Gd. Council of the P. W. A. meets in New Glasgow this week. The matter to come up for discussion is the request of the D. C. Co'y for a terest in Halifax last week. As in Sydney the

In a note from Mr. H. S. Poole, who is presently in Cheshire, England, the Record is requested to give his native towns men Mr Poole's Coal, it did not know what to think. They symthe hope that Stellarton will continue to prosper, on the bench when the Coal side was being argued, the nope that stellarton will continue to prosper. On the bench when the Coal side was being argued, Making one job of it, the Record wishes all its but he sat next Judge Russel when Nesbit had friends and patrons a Merry Xmas and a happy the floor. The Herald says Mr. Nesbit has a New Year. To wish a man a happy new year has musical voice. Perhaps so, judged by what the breadth and meaning to it. A man can't be real-select few calls finished music. His voice is not

The Dominion Iron and Steel Co. are testing the Cowans areas at Port Morien. Two drills will be set to work. The object of the boring is to discover the outcrop on the southern or south western side. This, the officials of the Steel Co. think, can be best done by finding the basin of the top or overlying seam.

The Acadia Coal Co. is putting down a bore hole near Potter's brook. The object is to ascer-Springhill is to have another Board of Arbit-vicinity. It may also have for an object the test-ration. That, with the Nickleites and other Xmas ing of Dr. Am's theory that the main seam exfrivolities should furnish sufficient amusement for tends in a more northerly direction than former-

port. A C. B. paper says 1,000,000 tons will be hundred feet further westerly than the level in banked there. That is rather a big contract, the lift above. The coal as the level proceeds is turning southerly and the face of the level is now During the past few weeks there has been a thus proving that the fault will once more have series of mine explosions in the United States, to be shifted on the map. This 'fault' is a heart causing fearful loss of life. The exact number killed break to the geologists. It wont stay still in one

> The Dep't of Labor has nominated Mr. Hiram Donkin as arbitrator for the Cumb. Ry. &. Coal Co. in the matter of the men's latest application The Record is sure Mr. Donkin did not seek this appointment, and the Record thinks, seeing Mr. Donkin is an official of the local government that he were better out of the scrape. The Record's advices from Springhill are to the effect that the better class of men want no more strife at the present time. A conciliation board was never meant to arbitrate on something that might happen in the future. Somebody, and in this instance it is not Mr. Cowans is making a bad mess of the whole business.

renewal of the 3 yrs. contract. The company is sympathy of a majority seemed to be with Steel. willing to advance the low price men, but wants The lawyers who were in court seemed to think a reduction on pillar work and an increased price that Coal had at least as much of the argument for coal supplied workmen. that Coal had at least as much of the argument as Steel. The audience in the court room thought as Steel. The audience in the court room thought at first coal had a good case, then it thought after Nesbit had finished his argument that Steel was strong, and then when Ritchie replied for best wishes of the season. Mr. Foole expresses pathized with both. Judge Longley did not sit breath and meaning to it. A man can too real scient lew cans massed masse. His voice is not ly happy who fails to pay the printer. So in round—so it must be the other thing. Ritchie for wishing our patrons happiness we may not be the Coal Co'y made a fair show, but he needs a Westinghouse.

for they include the carboniferous limestones; in the upper part they consist mainly of sandstones, shales, fireclays and coal seams. lower section, or marine type, consists of Millstone Grit, flagstones, sandstones, and shales, with thin seams of coal and bands containing marine fossils. Thickness, 400-1,000 feet to 5,500 feet in Lancashire. Carboniferous Limestone, consisting of massive marine limestones and shales. Thickness in South Wales 500 feet, increasing northwards to more than 4,000 feet in Derbyshire and to about 6,000 feet in Lancashire, but diminishing northwards again into Scotland. The base of the carboniferous limestone series passes down conformably into the Upper Old Red Sandstone. The Upper Section or Lagoon type contains the Coal Measures, with red and grey similationes, clays, and thin limestone, resting upon a great thickness of white, grey and yellow sandstones, clays, shales, and fireclays, with numerous workable Thickness in South Wales, 12000 feet; South Lancashire, 8,000 feet; Central Scotland, 3,000. The total thickness of the carboniferous rocks reaches sometimes to 20,-

The strata overlying the carboniferous are the Permian from the Russian Province of Perm, where they are well developed. consist of the upper red sandstones, clays and gypsum, 50 to 100 feet thick in the East of England, but swelling out west of the Pennine Chain to 600 feet thick. Magnesian Limestone -a mass of dolomite ranging to 600 feet in thickness, and the chief repository of the Permian fossils. Marlslate, a hard brown shale with occasional limestone bands. Lower red and variegated sandstones with conglomerates. This division attains to 3,000 feet thick in Cumberland, but is hardly represented in the East The sandstones of the Permian system are usually bright brick-red in colour, owing to the presence of earthy peroxide of iron, which serves to cement the particles of sand together, and for this reason is generally unfossiliferous. In Britain the Permian rests unconformably on the carboniferous system.

The strafa underlying the carboniferous system are the Devonian, named by Sedgwick and Murchison after the county of Devon where they studied its details. It occurs in two distinct types, which bring before us the records of two very different conditions in the geography of these regions during the period when the rocks composing the system were being deposited. The ordinary type which is called Devonian represents the tracts that were covered by the sea, and has preserved the remains of many forms of the marine life of the

The less frequent type is characterised by thick accumulations of sandstones, flagstones, and conglomerates that were laid down in lakes and inland seas. This type is known by the name of Old Red Sandstone.

As the science of geology is a vast subject, and one that requires years of study to acquire an elementary knowledge of, it is impossible to give other than a brief outline of the subject.

CO-OPERATION AND MINES.

The President of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers, in Lis address at the recent annual meeting, said it would be interesting and useful to consider the direction they were likely to travel in the One or another of two paths they would, he believed, follow, the one leading toward Socialism-the ownership and exploitation of the minos by the State-and the other towards co-operation-the ownership and exploitation of the mines by the workingmen engaged in them. The first, he believed, would lead to disaster, the latter, to the advantage of capital and labor alike, and, through them, to the country generally. He believed that the object the Socialist thought could be obtained through the State could be obtained more satisfactorily by co-operation. The working man, however, had hardly reached the stage in social evolution that would enable him to conduct successfully colliery enterprises. ignorant of the elements of political economy as applied to coal-mining, commerce, and business generally. It was evident that there was a very prevalent belief amongst the miners as a body that, to quote one of their leaders, a county councillor, "In future wages should not be ruled by prices, but prices by wages." til miners realised that that was impossible it would be hopeless for them to undertake to run a colliery of their own. Besides being better versed in political economy and commerce, the miners must learn to put more confidence in their leaders, before they could hope to manage a colliery successfully. He did not believe that a co-operative colliery could not tide over a few years of bad trade. amination of the results of trading during bad years he found that the receipts would be sufficient to pay a so-called living wage, and so long as the men got that, they could wait for the prosperous years, for high wages, and for interest upon their capital. Moreover, after a few years, a reserve fund would have been set aside sufficient to pay good wages and interest on capital during the bad years. A difficulty that was sometimes mentioned in connection with co-operative collieries was the want of capital amongst working miners. existed, was, in his opinion, due to the want of a little self-denial on the part of young men. Young men should postpone marriage until 27 or 28 years of age, instead of marrying soon after they came of age. Moreover, it would

give the girls the opportunity of learning some of the duties of wifehood and motherhood, and also of acquiring more physical strength. miner made as much again at 24 or 25 years of age as he did at any time of his life, and, the support of a wife and four or five young children being fairly put at about 20s. per week, it followed that the unmarried miner of 25 could make 20s. per week. By the time he was 27 therefore, he could have saved £300, and other classes of labour a smaller sum in proportion. It would not be necessary, moreover, that the whole of the capital should be held by the workmen interested; some could, and no doubt would, be supplied, as at present, by the general public. In distributive co-operative societies alone he estimated that the miners of Northumberland and Durham had £2,000,000 invested. Productive co-operation, however, had not been a success so far as mines were concerned. The speaker instanced a large number of cases in which ventures of this kind had proved failures, and proceeding said that, great as the advances were that the miners had made since the foundation of the institute, they required further education in commercial knowledge, thrift, confidence in their fellowmen, before they would be capable of carrying on with success an undertaking so uncertain as a colliery and subject to such fluctuations in value. It was the lean years that would try co-operative collieries, and reserve funds must be set aside in the fat years to meet that. But he was afraid that, whatever hopes they might have for the future, and hopes he certainly had, in the present state of education amongst the miners, not even such a leader as Joseph himself would induce them to make so necessary a

As the first aid movement is one of the most

modern and at the same time one of the most unique methods of rendering help in times of serious emergency, and as its popularity is daily growing more manifest, it is only proper that reference should be made to it in this re-

The first organization of the kind in Pennsylvania, and probably in the United States, was the First Aid Society organized at the Jermyn colliery of the Delaware and Hudson Co., in February, 1900, by Dr. M. J. Shields, a practicing physician and surgeon in the Anthracite region. The society consisted of about 25 men divided into squads of five men each; each squad had its captain, and was provided with a small box containing first aid appliances, such as cotton, a rubber tourniquet, flexible splints, olive oil, lime water, aromatic spirits of ammonia, a small glass and a spoon. There was also a folding stretcher kept along each gangway, and each member of a first-aid squad carried a pocket first-aid packet. This plan of organization provided for one first-aid corps along each gangway, and aimed to have the men so distributed that there would be one first-aid student to at least every 16 men employed in the colliery. The society as a whole, met twice a month, and at each meeting Dr. Shields, or some other physician, gave a short talk on physiology, anatomy, or first-aid, and also supervised a drill and demonstration of first-aid methods. As a text-book the "First Aid Manual," of the Saint John's Ambulance Association, of England, was used, but Dr. Shields has since written a small pamphlet to take the place of that book.

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was only partially true, true inasmuch as it applied to the lazy, and unqualified engineer. There was no room for such as he, either at home or elsewhere. but on the other hand the qualified, able engineer had possibly more opportunities of advancement to-day than during any part of the whole history of the mining industry.

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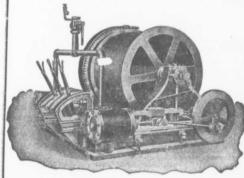
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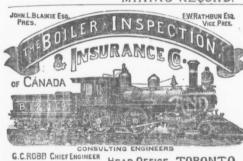
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