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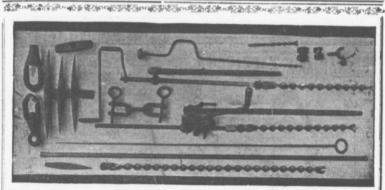
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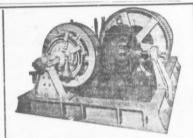
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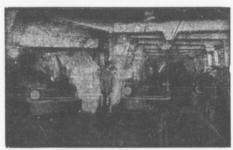
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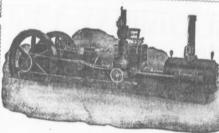
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SECURING PIT BOTTOMS.

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When the shaft has been sunk and the actual opening of the seam has to be commenced, there is no more important consideration than that of arranging and securing the pit bottom. All the output of the mine must necessarily be handled there and so long as the mine rather hard to handle, and are liable to slip out, but leading to it must be kept in the best possible condit-The bottom ought to be arranged in such a way that the greatest possible output ever expected to be ting and not due to any detects in the girders themobtained can be dealt with easily and with economy. coal will depend entirely on local conditions, the method of haulage, and the system of working the coal. It is not intended to deal with such arrangements here, but rather to deal with the methods of making the bottom and adjacent roadways secure. If this is not done in good style at first there will always be costly repair work to be done to keep the roads and bottom good. Better to make a good permanent job of it at first than to have continual outlay and a crippled output afterwards. It is absolutely necessary in the first place to have a large, strong pillar left round the shaft bottom in order to prevent movement and crushing as much as This will help to keep the bottom roads good by taking much of the weight. No matter how strong the roof and coal may be there should always be supports of a strong permanent kind used around the bottom. It has been known for collieries to work for a number of years without any other supports than the coal pillars left around the shaft, but this was only under extra hard rock and with hard strong coal. In most cases of this kind it was atterwards discovered that this foolish. In one instance the roof was very hard strong sand stone and the pit porch was not supported in any way whatever. This remained in this state for a number of years, but one day a tremendous fall of rock laid the mine idle for several days and cost a large sum for cleaning up and repairs The pit porch was afterwards and expense due to the fall of rock,

Many methods of securing the pit bottoms and bottom roadways are in actual practice to day, all of these claiming more or less advantages with regard to cost, strength, permanency, and ease of adoption, In some gases heavy timber bars on thick props are used. These are cheap in the first outlay, but do not last very long, and are not strong, therefore they are not often used, the measures are highly inclined, as is often the case in

Heavy timber bars are also sometimes used on side walls of brick, treestone, or concrete, but this is not often done as the timber has the same disadvantages as mentioned above.

In many cases steel girders or steel props are employed and give good results, as they are very strong and will last a long time. They are costly at first, and continues to produce coal the bottom and the roads they are in every respect superior to timber. There are those who claim that girders of steel are not so good as they are said to be, but often this is due to faulty setselves. Girders set in such a way that they are subject-Any mistake in this respect will remain as an eyesore, ed to side pressure on their ends will never give good and to cripple the output during the whole lifetime of results. The ends of the girders should be kept clear the mine. The arrangements made for handling the of the sides of the roadway or else blocks of wood should be inserted so as to serve as cushions.

Girders are often used on side walls of brick, stone, or concrete, and when so used often give good results. Concrete is often used owing to it being cheaper than brickwork, but it is questionable whether it is cheaper after all. In cases where there is great pressure and movement concrete does not make so good a showing after all, owing to it cracking and breaking. case where part of the road was secured with brickwork and part with concrete the, concrete gave out while the brickwork was not effected. The brickwork had wood blocks built into it to make it more elastic, so that it settled gradually without breaking. The best method of permanently securing a pit bottom is to put in a good brick arch, and if properly built it will last longer than the mine will. The circular arch and the elliptical arch are rarely met with in mines owing to their being so costly and hard to build, although there is no doubt about them being the two strongest forms. The form most adopted is the horse shoe arch which wiil resist great top pressure and partial side pressure. method of doing business was penny wise and pounds should always be a few courses of wood blocks built in-foolish. In one instance the roof was very hard strong to the arch. These blocks are cut to same size as the bricks and are built in every fifth or sixth course. This allows the arch to settle a little when the weight comes on and thus prevents it from being crushed in. All timber should be removed from behind the walling and the space should be filled in with some soft material secured in a permanent manner-a case of shutting the such as sand, ashes or small stones. This equalizes the barn door after the horse has got out. The same a- pressure all round and acts as a cushion. In some mount of money, or perhaps considerably less, expend- cases the space behind has been filled in by running ed in the first opening up would have prevented the loss concrete, but the results behind have been anything but good. The concrete would not yield under the pressure and the result was a broken arch.

When arches are built there is no danger of stones slipping out between the supports as often happens in the case of girders or timbers. Of course a good lagging will prevent this in any case, but if an arch is put in there is no necessity for lagging. In cases where

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It sometimes happens that a trip runs away into the pit bottom and many serious stoppages have been thus caused by the timbers or girders being knocked out causing heavy falls of rock. A case of this kind is always serious but when the bottom is arched there is nothing to be drawn out and so the danger from falls is obviated. Again in case of fire a brick arch is less effected than the other materials, and this is also a great

The chief disadvan age to the use of arching is the first cost which often prevents it from being adopted, arse cost which over prevents it from being adopted, but this extra outlay is nothing when compared with the results obtained. If a thing is to be done at all it should be done well at first, and thus there will be no

There are those who claim that arching is not the best method because arches have been known to collapse. In every case of this kind it is not the fault of the arch, but the faulty way in which it is built. No the aren, but the raunty way in which it is built. No matter what method of securing a roadway is adopted if it is done wreng the results will be bad, but if it is done well the best results will be obtained that the material used can give. The use of concrete is, comparitively speaking, new so far as securing mine roadways is concerned, and although it has given good results in some cases where the pressure was not great, it has also been known to fail under heavy pressures. The argument of faulty building may also hold good in this case and no doubt it does, but still we have to face the fact that brick arching has stood the test of years under all kinds of conditions and is still considered the best and most lasting method of securing a pit bottom or main roadway. There are mines in existence to-day s which have miles of arching standing on their main roadways, some of them being so secured throughout, The management of these mines claim that this method of securing roads is cheapest in the end by a large margin and that they would never resort to any other met-

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COAL SEAM AT NEWVILLE

"I'll find a way or make it" was the boast of the old Roman Find news or make them is seemingly the motto of an esteemed Halixax conmonths ago with a big flourish the Herald announced the finding of a fine seam of coal at Newville, Cumb. Co. The sec'y of the company was put to the trouble of, a day or so after, contrathat way, rebuffs have a stimulative rather than a sedative influence, and therefore one was not surprised to notice, in a late Herald, that that seam of coal had again been struck at Newville, this time at a depth of 1840 feet, nor on being told that operations were suspended so that a Calyx drill could be obtained. What is the mis-sion of these stories in the Herald. Are these stories by way of apologies for the length of time, some fifteen months we think, taken to bore 1840 feet, and to buoy up the hopes of shareholders. So far as the Record's information goes no seam of coal has yet been struck. The suspension of boring operations must be due to other than the lack of a calyx drill. Possibly the bore hole has a bend in it, or there may be too heavy an inflow of water which must be shut off before a greater depth can be obtained, or the nature of the rocks ascertained. So far as the Record knows there is no more reason now to replace the reports which are not quite fair to the public.

It took them a long time to catch on, but at length the C. B. papers see the joke of the Mullins seam ever recurring discoveries, and some writers are having great fun over it. A writer suggests that if the seam is not more wisely handled it may turn up shortly in Newfoundland. It is gravely suggested that the seam be anchored, so as to prevent it moving constantly about fifty miles. At two cents a mile that would be a from place to place. O'Dell of the Dom. Coal Co's survey staff has much to answer for. He was the first to cents the conclusion was that there was 2% dislittle jokers took courage.

AN EDITORS OUTING.

One has heard a good deal of late of the desirability of all public utilities being operated by the government. Socialists tell us that it is in the interests of the people that governments, federal, provincial, and municipal, should supply light, work coal mines, and operate railways etc. They say that in the countries where governments do these things-and of course New Zealand is always mentioned-the people are rich gainers. I don't believe it. A company can run a railway more efficiently and more economically than a government. Not until a government can run a railway without reference to its 'political' allies and supporters can a railway be run either efficand supporters can a ranway be run either emeiently and economically. In Nova Scotia we have a government railway, the I. C. R. First class passenger fare is say three cents per mile, with fifty per cent added for return tickets. In the U. S. there are no government railways, and totemporary. In this direction his zeal knocks day all the great lines, the Pensylvania, the New down all barriers, passes all bounds. Some two York Central, the Jersey Central, the Lehigh Valley etc., charge only two cents per mile for first class-there is no second class as a rule. At two cents a mile the American railways pay-at three cents per mile there is no profit in it for the dicting the statement. One would have thought Canadian government—at least no dividends have this would have a salutary influence in restraining the Heralds zeal. Not at all, it is not built in other countries is it possible to get something for nothing. No matter how, or by whom the piper is paid he must be paid somehow. In going to the States one needs pass through

Boston, a city one takes long to get tired off. The traveller has much more to divide his attention in New York, and yet he grows sooner tired there than in the Hub. Boston I should judge, is the shoppers paradise. For its size Boston seems to be busier even than New York. I was dragged through some half dozen of the biggest places in New York, but the throng was not so great as in two of the Boston stores where I underwent similar indignity, and hard as it may be to believe, Boston is a cheaper place to buy in than New York. To sales people in New York, Buffalo, Toronto and Montreal the price was given of articles purchased in Boston and they looked upon us as people lost to truth. From 10 a, m. till 6 p. m. the streets of Boston are more thickly populated than any other city on this side of the water. One is reminded of London Budge at six o'clock knows there is no more reason now to replace the One is reminded of London Budge at six cable by a calyx drill than there was when the One is reminded of London Budge at six cable the boundary drill several at night, where the block is terrific. Still it is latter was substituted for the cable drill several at night, where the block is terrific. Still it is latter was substituted for the cable drill several at night, where the block is terrific. months ago, to be taken out after a law are York, for the reason that the main streets being trial. The Record hopes success will ultimate York, for the reason that the main streets one across, ly attend the efforts of the borers. This does not narrow a hop, step and jump takes one across, ly attend the efforts of the borers, the circulation of whereas in parts of New York the way across is labyrinthian, necessitating at times the assistance of the ever watchful policeman. The women on the streets of Boston outnumber the men five to one at least, whereas in the busy thoroughfares of New York the men seem to be in the majority. With all its street cars, its subways and its elevated roads the streets of Boston are as congested

The distance by rail, Providence to Boston is irreverently cast reflections on the seam, and then the count for cash. The distance is accomplished in ninety minutes or less. Providence is a city of

some two hundred thousand and rapidly increas arrives, every ten seconds a lawyer starts a lawsome two hundred thousand and rapidly increasing. If Boston is the Mecca of Nova Scotians of suit, and every twelve hours a new lawyer starts a factor of very many of her males, There are many Nominutes, when the softer sex, Providence is the objective point business. The police make an arrest every two days there is a marder, every two days there is a marker to the soften to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker to the soften two days there is a marker two days the soften two days the softe va scoulins in brown and charpes oig tool and nour and three quarters there is an accuse cutlery works. The number of employees of this And there is a marriage every thirteen minutes. consery works. The number of employees of this And there is a marriage every unrecen minutes, one work constitute a great host, very many

The statistics of city traction in New York thousands. The city is building up rapidly; on would seem to suggest that the inhabitants do Unfortunately as is the case in many citiet its busiest business streets are the narrowis not to see some resorts. From Providence to N. York the distance is say 200 miles and the fare \$4.00. The charge for a ticket Boston to New York direct is \$5,00 first class, or, all Pullman \$7,00 If one's chief aim is to get the better of the railway people, he should buy his ticket in compart. ments, that is from Boston to Providence, and then from Providence to Boston. By this method then from Frovidence to Boston. By this method preached for several summers, is valued at \$100,000. The wealth of some of the churches is very cents. This however entails the stopping over great. The Collegiate Church in Fifth-avenue cents. This nowever entents the stopping over great. The conegnate church in Futuravenue at Providence for the next train and a majority and Forty-eighth-street has three ministers and would scarcely do that. Baggage handlers on a lay assistant, and supports eight missionaries government to New York-say to the New York Central, to get some new ideas on how quickly to New York Central and other of the railways run drely rashion as on the f. C. R. traine would soon I went up one of them to the extent of twenty come to a standstill. We got to New York about two stories, but that is a little flight compared 1 p. m. and asked the transfer man if we could with some recent erections. They talk of one get our dumage to the ferry by 4.30 p. m. Impose with forty stories, but I missed seeing it. Though ges out damage to the terry by 1.00 p. m. Ampos with torry stories, out I missed seeing it, Anough sible. Why, "Because we got so much to trans in some cities, Toronto for instance, there is a fer that we cannot overtake the work in so short limit as to height there seems to be none in New

There is nothing at all inviting in the water pose there will be a limit rearfront from near the Battery, where the steamers it has not yet been declared. Ferries by on 23rd. St. There is much bustle, of labor in the city. Some five miles, some ten, others refries ply on zord. St. Inere is much bustle, or labor in the city. Some ave miles, some ten, otn-course, but no beauty, and some of the drinking ers thirty and yet others forty miles, while some saloons and restaurants carry a forbidding look, go even further. To work, in the morning forty course, but no beauty, and serve a forbidding look, go even further. To work, in the morning buty saloons and restaurants carry a forbidding look, go even further. To work, in the morning buty saloons and restaurants carry a forbidding look, go even further. To work, in the morning buty Undoubtedly there is a fascination about this miles of a ride to New York, and back home, forty Undoubtedly there is a fascination about this miles every evening. How would you like it? great city that draws one to it time and again. miles every evening.

into the subject says of New York:—

"Every six minutes a child is born in New York, live far out in the country and young people to every seven minutes there is a funeral. Every board at their homes far remote, As good a forty-eight minutes a ship enters the harbor; ev-house as rents for \$60.00 a month in New York. The other day, in a street care. I found three News.

If ones object in coming to Jersey city is to ery forty seconds an immigrant enters the city. can be had in Stellarton for from \$10 to \$10.

The other day, in a street car, I found three Negroes, two Chinamen, several Americans, two Envoses, the Lehigh Valley of the New Jersey labels, and a railways, the Lehigh Valley or the New Jersey hall-street. Every fifty-one minutes a house is seenic route, so as we are combining a little business and with a good deal of pleasure, we go by

of very many of ner males. There are many No-minutes, every two days there is a murder, every va Scotians in Brown and Sharpe's big tool and hour and three quarters there is an accident.

little else but ride about the streets. three methods of travel in New York—the overest, while in the suburbs the avenues are wide railway, the screet cars, and the underground est, while in the suburbs the avenues are wide railway. In April, May and June, the number of head railway, the street cars, and the underground est, while in the suburos the avenues are wide ranway. In April, May and June, the number of and well laid out. There is an excellent street cash fares received was 332,384,850. The value of car service. The Union station is elevated; the property in New York is advancing by leaps and and web and the constraint of the property in a constraint of the property in a constraint of the platforms bounds. It is impossible to rent a small shop in waiting rooms are spacious though the platforms bounds. It is impossible to rent a small shop in waiting rooms are spacious though the platforms bounds. It is impossible to rent a small shop in waiting rooms are straint of the property in a constant of the platform of the platform of the property in a constant of the platform of the a year. For a large eight shop under what is known as the Flatiron building on Broadway, an annual rental of \$35,000 is paid on a long lease. The value of church property in New York is simply fabulous Trinity Church, near Wall street, py houlding the land occupied by the churchyard, is railed at \$12,500,000. The Fifth avenue Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Campbell Morgan has preached for several summers, is valued at \$700,

There is immense traffic on all the ferries. The Central, to get some new ideas on now quickly to New York Central and other of the railways run handle baggage. There they do it in a manner a ferry from the foot of Liberty street, and one to win ones admiration. When walking from from 23rd, St. to accommodate down town and the ear to the exit, a train full of baggage that up town people. To New Jersey from the first is had come on the train with us rolled by, and was a matter of say five minutes and from 23rd. St. immediately succeeded by another and yet anoth fifteen minutes. Going across one has an excelhimmenately succeeded by another and yet another. Here the baggage handled in the same leislent view of the skyscrapers. On a former visit urely fashion as on the I. C. R. traffic would soon I went up one of them to the extent of twenty fer that we cannot overtake the work in so short limit as to height there seems to be none in New a time, you may get it to-morrow." And without York. One of the tallest buildings in New York seeing it from the time it left R.1. we got it in the is so narrow that one is in dread that a big puff heart of New Jersey the following day. Had we off wind may blow it over some day. The found the same load had we given checks to the express foot day. Every year a building is going up tall. known enough we could have got it with us in ations of these origin buildings are thirty to may the same boat had we given checks to the express feet deep. Every year a building is going up taller of the train.

er than the tallest of the year preceding. I suppose there will be a limit reached some day, but great city that draws one to it time and again, miles every evening. How would you like it?
It is perhaps the most cosmopolitan city in the Dear way of living think you? No, it is dome beworld. It is truly wonderful. One who has gone cause it is the cheapest. Board and rent is so

built in New York, every fifty-five seconds a train ness only with a good deal of pleasure, we go by

the Lehigh, but before proceding up the Valley we make a stay at Flemington and visit also Trenton, which is the great pressed brick producing centre of the Northern States, All kinds and and colors of bricks are made here and strange to say chiefly by hand. This applies more particularly to the pressed brick, though stock brick also are made by hand. The clay that goes into the making of the pressed brick is of yellow color, although it burns red, and is dry and strong is ground and then passed through a rotary screen. The screened clay is put into a shallow pit of nigh twenty feet in diameter and spaked over night. It is then ground by a wheel about 8 feet the centre of the pit is a pole. Two feet from the pole the wheel begins its travels, going round in a gradupit, when by a simple device the wheel continues its at large. ers. At the moulding machines there are two men and a boy and their tale of bricks is three thousand for a days work. The same number of hands are emthere is profit in it, as the bricks cost \$5.00 to make and are sold at \$18.00, and the demand is greater than the supply, The clay has a good deal to do, of course with the quality of the bricks, which are first class, By the use of the patent kilns, which are just kilns with grates and solid hottoms admitting of hot firing, the bricks are burned in 48 hours which is a great improvement over the ordinary kiln. Even in the ordinary kiln they burn much quicker than is done in Nova Scotis. The time occupied in burning at most of the yards in Nova Scotia is say 120 hours, whereas the limit at Trenton is 72 hours. I had read in a book procured from Mr Piers of the Science Library, that in Trenton were some of the largest pressed brick works in the United States. If that be correct there is a works in Toronto which overtops anything I saw or heard of at Trenton. At the Don Valley Works they can turn out 150,000 bricks of all kinds per day. The pressed brick are made in machines four at a time. The common bricks are wire cut, that is a continuous stream of clay, brick size, is forced by a machine on to a travelling belt along which it runs and is cut into brick size by a circular machine whose knife is a taut way to N. S. It is hoped that in a short time brick of

As will be seen from advertisement elsewhere the New Brunswick Coal Mines are also short of labor.

Both the Acadia and the Drummond Collieries have more orders on hand than they can supply for some little time,

The shipments of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. for the nine months of 1906 are 55,000 tons only behind the shipments for the twelve months of 1905. By the the shipments for the twelve months of 1905, end of the year the total shipments should be over 650,-000 tons.

- Rubs by Rambler.

There are still those who persist in saying that coal is delivered at points in Canada, distant about a thousand miles from Nova Scotia, at a less price than is exacted from the people of the prov-ince which owns the coal mines. The statement ince which owns the coal mines. The Record has time and again is incorrect. pointed out that for the same kind of coal in the same quantities the people of Nova Scotia can in height, with a rim not over three inches wide. In buy as cheaply as any big corporation, as any person, outside of the province. Such reckless statements as the above referred to are vicious. ally increasing circle till it reaches the outer edge of and are not in the best interests of Nova Scotia The further statement is made that a journey in diminishing circles till it reaches the start- foreign railway corporation is able to come into journey in diminishing critics and it reaches as a second of the property of t I. C. R. can buy the same kind of coal as supplied the G. T. R. or the C. P. R This year the I. C. R. ployed at the pressing machine, but a days tale is authorities concluded they would take a leaf out 7000 bricks. The whole outfit seems primitive, but of the C. P. R. book and take run-o-mine coal, water borne, delivered at Pt. Levis. They are getting it at about the same rate, a few cents difference at the most, and the possibility is that they will find the cheapest coal is the dearest in the long run. Instead of denouncing the coal companies for not selling coal at \$1,50 per ton, it were better to denounce any company for selling at that price. That would be a rightful denunci-ation of dishonesty, for no company can sell at \$1,50 without entailing loss,

I admire the sang froid, malicious writers might call it the cool effrontery, of the Halifax Herald. It can take back water without a blush. It can swallow the proverbial hatchet as easily as a fish a fly. At intervals during the past twelve months it has been preaching pensions for old age at the sole expense of the government, and now its proposals are put to one side by those at whom it was preaching, and it chuckles at being one of the papers to make the announcement. Record was the one paper in the province to ask the miners not to place themselves in the position of paupers, to call for no scheme of pensionwire. From the Don. Valley pressed brick find their ing which did not involve contributions on their part, and the Record must be heartily glad this description will be produced in Pictou County. that its views are those of the several thousands I will refer to the Lehigh Valley next issue.—as the Herald puts it—of the miners of this province. They ask for a pension scheme, but while asking intimate that they are desirous of being contributors to it. In refusing to clamor for any gratuitous pension from government, in declaring that they desire a scheme part of the burden of which will devolve on themselves, the miners of Nova Scotia have set an example worthy the attention of the workingmen in other countries. Because the Record was opposed to a charity, it was indicted of being unfriendly to the miners. Our answer to that was that the desire of the Record was to see, first of all, our miners manly men, and in refusing a charity—a pension to which they had not contributed, or would not be asked to contribute they have made our mines, with the increasing size of plants, with

Further when the amendment to the 'Doctors was before the legislature, Mr. Drummond was the only member out of the members of both houses openly to oppose it, and after its passage the Record was the only paper to denounce it the Record was the only paper to denounce it governs retrograde legislation, a denunciation in the improve face of the fact—asserted by its promoters—that line of the eight P. W. A. lodges on the follows: south side of C. B. were in approval. That the list. south side of C. D. were in approval. That the istance sensors are to be made a part of the Record voiced the true sentiments of the maje educational system of the province under the supority, when free from excitement is attested to ervision of the superintendent of education.

I am disappointed in "Miner, Sydney Mines" was willing to break a lance with him thinking he had a strong right wrist and wielded a blade that the employers were not wholly to blame in an unknown art to a majority of the dwellers in company houses, he says, I uttered one long string company nouses, he says, 1 uttered one long string of abuse against the miners of C. B. 1 am glad to think that he is likely the only miner in C. B. that thinks so, and glad also to believe that he is not a Cape Breton miner. know that the better thinking among the C. B. miners prefer the wounds of a friend to the kisses of an enemy. He, so I infer, maintains that I es of an enemy. He, so I mier, maintains that I lew words to convince the concernical libelled the miners in saying that flora were not dent of Education is the proper person to have normed the numers in saying that noral were not uent of naucation is the passes as yet in their line, and triumphantly points to supervision of the schools. the fact that two miners have a conservatory to be thoroughly equipped; that means a deal the fact that two miners have a conservatory to be thoroughly equipped; that means a deal each, and 'sell' plants. I am sorry he went into of money, means five equipments instead of one. details because the impelling motive in the con- And experts are to be the teachers. I wonder decans occause the impening motive in the con- and experts are to be the teachers. I wonder struction of the conservatories may have been where they are to come from. Dalhousie finds struction of the conservatories may have been where they are to come from. Damousie mass the love of florins and not the love of flowers, the greatest difficulty in getting an expert when ation he tells me that some things are needed before gardens, sewage for instance, but I am not so sure. but I am not so sure. If a man does not show a won't spile a norn. Possibly I should have no desire to make use of the opportunities at hand, fears. After the quartette from the mining counthose a little way off may not come to him. A ties have rendered their chorus, light may arise. Possibly. better things, and it is the expression of a desire becter things, and it is the expression of a desire—come very wise winers in the Heraut gave it in a for better things—that brings—better things.—If dogmatic way some time ago that a perfect cure for the there is not proper sanitation all the more reason for gardening, for those who work among flowers for gardening, for those who work among nowers and all over nova scena, was inguer pay. At the time are furnishing for themselves, a whole medicine I meekly suggested that was no certain remedy, as the

The local government has been strongly urged during the past two or three years to do something in the interests of higher technical education, to supplement, in short, by something still better, the instruction given at the mining Those who have most strongly urged the government to do something in this direction some other cause, which was within the power of the are those who gladly acknowledge the great good coal barons, or the local government, or somebody else have served and are serving their purpose admir. young men are not leaving the farms, or the mines be-

the deepening of our mines, the working of submarine areas, and generally the gratifying expansion in the coal trade, it is considered that something better than the mining schools at the colthing sector than the mining schools at the col-lieries are needed. From what I take to be a semi inspired article in the Sydney Record, the government are seriously at work on a scheme of improved technical education. The Record's outline of the government scheme is somewhat as

1st The schools are to be made a part of the

amendment to be hasty legislation and will ask mining district an institution, smaller than a college—but thoroughly equipped and in charge of experts in technical education.

3rd. That members Kendall, Gillies, McGregor, and Paul have the matter in hand

ne na a strong right wrist and wielded a blade — When a score of years ago it was pointed out of clean steel. Instead he gives token that his to Premier Fielding that the province was not rapier is rusty, carrying poison in its blows, ripe for his proposed central school he at once saw the point and gave us the mining schools. the matter of a miner's surrounding—environ out that the province is now ripe for a central school will abandon the proposed small institut-I have not the slightest idea what the government proposes to do. The technical educationists have been bawling loudly for bread, I trust their crying is not to be stifled by stones, three to five in number. Some of us have heen urging the government for a whole brass band, I hope it is not going to hand around four or more penny tin whistles. a vacancy occurs at one of its classes; where will the government get a dozen or more at a nod,

prevailing scarcity of loaders in Cape Breton, and in thest. I am sorry that the vigor of Miner's pen number of available laborers was not sufficient to meet the demand and that if one section gave higher wages and obtained men it would be at the expense of some other section. And of course—I was right, or to be modest, nearer right than the other fellows, who probably had only given the labor question a superficial study. We were told in a Halifax paper that our young men were leaving Nova Scotia on account of the high cost of These schools to remove. The plain fact of the matter is that the nave served and are serving their purpose admir-young men are not leaving the farms, or the mines be-ably, but with the advance in science of late years, cause things are in a dreadful way in this province, for with the vast changes—in the modes of operating—the young men in the U. S. are likewise leaving the

farms, and the workingmen generally are flitting about from place to place, not because things are not going well with them, but because they are fond of change, want to spy the land, and broaden their ideas, things they are enabled to do owing to the general prosperity prevailing and the consequent demand for labor. I have lately cut across the U. S. and what did I find. Notices on all sides for "Men Wanted," No fewer than a thousand men here, and 500 there, for laboring work; and 100 men here and ten there to do labor requiring Here is a branch of one establishment running half time, and there a department in a manufacturing concern idle altogether because of the impossibility to secure hands. The migration from older to newer, from settled to partly settled settlements is due not to the unfavorable, but the -fortunately for the workmen -favorable conditions prevailing. All over the length and breadth of the land the one cry is heard, 'labor wanted,' Workingmen never earned more than they are earning now-and they never spent more, and a good deal of what money they are spending is spent in travel. To those who thought the workingmen were leaving Nova Scotia because the men were ill used I commend the following from a foremost U. S. Journal

"The fact is that the shortage of the supply of labor, both skilled and unskilled, is perhaps the greatest indus-trial problem of the present time. There is an enormous demand for commodities of all kinds and an insufficient means for producing the commensurate supply. There are immense projects halting along, or postponed indefinitely, because of inability to secure the men to do the work. To mention merely a few instances, the copper mines of large resources in Arizona, Michigan, and Montana are unable to increase their output turther because they cannot get men. Several large projects of the reclamation service of the United States Geological Survey have had to be deferred for the same reason. Some of the railways have been obliged to increase the age limit in order to obtain the men necessary to handle the rapidly-increasing traffic. Wages in almost all branches have been materially increased, but nevertheless the shortage continues, and this condition exists in all parts of the United States. Truly, no one who wants to work need now be idle. A recent report of the Department of Commerce and Labor shows statistically that although the cost of living has increased to a higher degree, the earnings of labor have increased in slightly greater proportion. The situation as to labor we believe, the strongest feature in the present industrial activity, because it is unusual for the demand for human service so much to exceed the supply.'

The sinking in No. 3 mine, Springhill, is now being pursued with vigor and a new lift will shortly be opened up in this slope which will give other two new lifts to the good in this slope. These new lifts will equal the best of any in this mine since leaving the surface.

CUMBERLAND RY. & COAL CO.

Shipments	September		164
Decrease		1906 3	
Shipments	9 mos	1906212 1905294	
Increase	44	190617	761

Coal Shipments September, 1906.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.

-Output and Shipments for August 1906.-

-Output and	Surbu	ients for Aug	ust 1900
			Shipment
Dominion No. 1	41 1		
Dominion No. 2		36	
Dominion No. 3	31 9	71	
Dominion No. 4	50 7	41	
Dominion No. 5	63 0	12	333 779
Dominion No. 6	14 4	68	
Dominion No. 7	12 0	28	
Dominion No. 8	23 2	71	
Dominion No. 9	34 4	20	
	323	733	
Shipments Ser	otem ber	1906	333 779
44	4.9	1905	
Increase	6.6	1906	
Shipments 9	months	19062	426 474
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Increase	6 4	1906	

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO. —SYDNEY MINES.—

Shipments	September	1906 1905		
Increase	44	1906	14	733
Shipments	9 months	1906	30 72	141 099
Increase	44	1906	18	042

INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.

Shipments Se	eptember	1906 1905		
Decrease	44	1906		414
Shipments 9	months	1906 1905		
Increase 9	44	1906	70	517

ACADIA COAL CO.

Shipments	September	1906 1905		
Decrease	"	1906	3	601
Shipments	9 months	1906 1905		
Increase	**	1906	2	184

INVERNESS RAILWAY & COAL CO.

Shipments	September	1906 1905	
Increase	"	1906	020
Shipments	9 months	1906	
Increase	66	1908	

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

A drill hole is being put down at International to The output test the quality and the thickness of the Emery seam at tons daily.

The labor situation in C. B. has improved considerably, of late, by the return of men from the fields and the fisheries. And now a cry for labor comes from Pictou.

Nova Scotia has a solid contingent at Ottawa, and yet evidently St. John, N. B. rules the lower provinces' roost. The east is long suffering, and is accordingly imposed upon.

The representative of the British Board of Trade sent through Canada to investigate trade conditions, has returned to Winnipeg full of enthusiasm over the rapid gr owth of the west. The one cry everywhere, he says, in every occupation is more men.

Mr. Jas. Ross spent some pleasant days around the Dom. Collieries in an effort to get onto the hang of things. He went pretty closely into some matters, but made no further changes in the staff. It were perhaps better for all concerned if Mr. Ross visited oftener and stayed longer.

The Allan Shafts continue to be a scene of bustle and activity. A few days cribbing and the No. 1 shaft will be ready for the superstructure, but to complete the necessary pit head buildings will be a matter of months. Mr. Harry Coll may well feel pleased over the completion of the concreting of the No. 1 shaft. It looks solid and indestructible. The concrete piers for the bankhead buildings will be completed this week.

About 200 boxes per day come from the No. 2 Allan Shaft. This coal comes all from close, or development work. The east level is in 1000 feet and the first balance is being driven. Owing to the angle of the coal at this point the coal will come down the balance by a chute. Development work will be the order of the day for a considerable time. The levels are being pushed on both sides, and the drift connecting the two shafts is making progress.

A new and larger pump house has been constructed at the 3000 ft. lift, No. 2 slope, Springhill, where a larger pump of the Blake pattern will be installed together with a Jeansville duplicate pump as an auxillary. These together with the pump arge Cameron pump now doing duty in this section makes assurance doubly sure that no flooding of the mine will occur this season or later.

An indiscreet disciple of the Coo's school gave tout that there were things going to happen at the Drummond colliery between the 20 and 25th. Sept. and as a consequence many were a little shy of going into the mine and a few stayed off from work. These sensless predictions are a source of much annoyance and if the originators are discovered they will certainly suffer criminal prosecution.

The output of Dom. No. 7 is five to six hundred tons daily. For a wet seam the mine is in good order. Two new pumps are being installed to be run by electricity. A system of piping is being laid on the surface for fire protection. Mr. Hudson the former manager and his family have removed to Toronto. The Stirling House vacated by Mr. Hudson is occupied by Dr. Jakemam.

Work is steady at the Springhill collieries except for loss of time by the men. This as has been proved is the most prolific source of worry to the men and company, and a great loss to both. The management can not run the mine without their due compliment of men and boys, and these men and boys, who wish to work steady lose work through the loafers. We are too prosperous.

Typhoid fever is again epidemic in Springhill, The Cottage Hospital is full to overflowing with fever patients and numerous cases are reported from all sections of the town. Several deaths have occurred, and many of the cases are very serious. Lack of sewerage; lack of rain; cleaning of ditches; hot weather suddenly changing to cold; turn of the season, etc., are some of the reasons ascribed for its sudden appearance. The town council is bending all its energies to improve the sanitary condition with some measure of success.

The Dominion Coal Co'y, ranks as the seventh largest producer of coal on the American continent, with the chances that this year it may take sixth place. The distance between it and the two largest producers—the Pittsburgh Coal Co. and the H. C. Friek Co., with eleven million tons each to their credit—is very great, but not so very great between the fifth the Rochester and Pittsburg Co., with three million six hundred thousand, while it almost is a tie with the sixth—the Keystone Coal Co; with about three million two hundred thousand. As regards number of employees the Dom. Coal Co, ranks fifth,

Some eight hundred men are on strike at Feren ich and Michel. President Mitchell and another en file and of the U. M. W. have gone to Fernie in an effort to straighten things out. The chances are that a settlement could much more easily be effected without their mediation. It will be interesting to watch the outcome. Misunderstandings at Fernie between the miners and the company are not infrequent. There is talk of the strike extending to the miners in the Rossland district. What the gold miners and the coal miners hundreds of miles distant from each other may have in the way of a common difference is hard to guess. The U. M. W. might try to negotiate maters a little better in its own domain before coming to Nova Scotia to give us instructions as te how we should manage matters.

AROUND THE COLLIERIES

On the 1st. of Oct. the haulage rope at Dom. No. 3 broke, causing an idle day. Very little damage was done.

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Mr. R. J. Bell, manager of the Port Hood colliery, is off on a fortnights vacation. visit Montreal, Toronto, and other points in Ont.

There is considerable narrow work being done at the present time at the Port Hood Colliery. The sinking of the slope another lift is in progress.

The present output of the Port Hood colliery is a little over two hundred tons a day. There is black powder a little too strong for them no difficulty in effecting sales, as the coal is giving

The grading of No. 2 lone. Springhill by satisfaction to purchasers.

The Cape Breton coal merger, like the ubiquitous Mullins seam has its frequent outcroppings. The merger has emerged once again, the same old merger on a somewhat lower pitch.

Two 300 gallons per minute centrifugal pumps have been installed in the pump room at No 9. They will be run by an electric motor receiving power from the central station at Dom, No. 2.

The new dynamo and engines at Dom. No. 2 are now running, and at present are supplying light to Dom. No. 2, 5 and 7 mines which for sometime were supplied with current from Glace Bay

scant ceremony the Herald and its hosts, who during the past months have been so eager to put the feet of the members of that society on the right path.

The output of Dom No. 5 was considerably improved in September, but the mine still suffers from scarcity of loaders. The work of driving the pit bottom in the Emery seam from the new No. 10 shaft is proceeding actively.

The difficulty between the mechanics and company has been amicably settled and serious trouble averted. Wise council prevailed. It is said on good authority that in a multitude of councillors there is wisdom. It does not however always hold good, in Springhill.

Although loaders are very scarce Dom. No. 1 is producing 2,000 tons daily. Much timbering is being done on the main haulage ways and travelling roads. This is necessary from the fact that the hardwood booms put in after the fire have all become unsound, giving little support,

The sinking in No. 3 mine, Springhill, is now being pursued with vigor and a new lift will shortly be opened up in this slope which will give other two new lifts to the good in this slope. These new lifts will equal the best of any in this mine since leaving the surface.

Rev. James Carruthers visited Springhill lately in the interests of the Dalhousie mining classes. He had a conference with a committee of the members of the Maritime Mining Students Institute, and arranged for classes for this year. We wish the scheme every success.

Some of the miners from Pictou who went to Inverness have returned. They admif good wages can be made but, as in Westville they do not use explosives and as at the Albion flameless powder is used the Pictou men found the smoke of

The grading of No. 2 slope, Springhill, between the 3000 and 3800 lift is progressing very favorably and tramway connection is rapidly nearing completion. The slope will be sunk to another lift as the present lowest levels will not be utilized from No. 2 slope but will be worked from No. 5

During the fall and winter months the energies of the Port Hood colliery management will be bent towards putting the mine in shape for a greatly increased output of the best coal in 1907. A considerable area of coal already developed will be abandoned as the coal in the work being developed is of an improved quality.

Mr. McEachren of International mine, Dom. No. 8 had a vacation in Pictou Co. The Inter-Too bad that the P. W. A. turned down with national is making an excellent showing this year, especially when it is considered that some papers gave it out that the mine was all but exhausted. Mr. McEachren's health is greatly improved and he can get around quick.

> Lately two boxes of coal were weighed in the pit bottom of Dom. No. 4, in the presence of the P. W. A. committee, and officials of the Dominion Coal Co, and afterwards weighed on the scales on the bank. The weight showed no variation. This was done to satisfy some of the workmen who thought the scales were against them,

Dom. No. 6 output is gradually crawling up and averages about 800 tons per shift. Things are running smoothly between management and men. Machine work is now the system both in rooms and longwall. Mr. Mitchell and family are residing here. The coal from the mine looks fine being very well cleaned on the wide picking belts.

Some of the Cape Breton mine superintendents and other officials have been on short vac-Norman McKenzie has been at Inverness and Halifax. Macdonald of Caledonia was in Halifax betting on Cowans' horses, and Mr. Beaton of the Harbor seam was in Halifax, Thorburn and Stellarton. All of them no doubt will go back wifh broader ideas as a result of observations while on travel.

The trouble at the Crow's Nest Mines is over The trouble at the Crows Nest Mines is over

The Dominion Coal Co. has a contract with the Boston and Maine Ry. to deliver 50,000 tons of coal at a strong case and that the men were not made Portland, the coming winter.

About 10,000 will be a strong case and that the men were not made rormand, the common fully acquainted by their leaders with the terms forwarded monthly, of settlement in 1905. It is said that at a conference between the members of the conference committee, which framed the agreement, and the management the former admitted the correctness management the former admitted the correctness of General Manager Lindseys' statement that it was then promised and undertaken that there should be no discrimination between union and non-union men, and that a strike over such point non-union men, and that a strike over such point could not take place. Notwithstanding, the dis-trict officers declare that the men will not be pertrict officers declare that the men will not be permitted to go to work until all has joined the Union. Not permitted. That is a curious way to put it. Had the committee said, speaking for the men—the men will not go to work,—it might have been all right, but not to be permitted is as much as to say that the men must do what the officers say. Some folks say you can't make peo-ple sober by act of parliament. Why not? If pie sober by act of parliament. Why not? If New Brunswick Coal and Railway, (operated for unionists can make non-unionists union men by the province of New Brunswick by a Government compulsion, why not parliament tipplers sober the province of New Brunswick by a Government men by similar means. This idea of compulsion stance: If willing men can be restrained from working, why could not unwilling workers be constrained to work with better regularity. The pretext for compulsion in such a case would be "the good of the whole" for of a surety wasted time is lost profit, and lost profits mean that workmen in some way have to make good the

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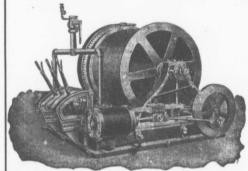
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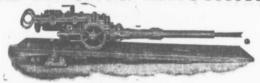
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