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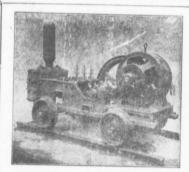
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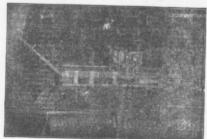
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#### ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

Unless the wholly unexpected happens there will soon be in active operation in Nova Scotia, another coal company whose operations will play no inconsiderable part in the development of the chief industry in Nova Scotia, that which is, without cavil, the backbone of the province, which furnishes employment to the largest proportion of her working population, distributes the largest sums of money, and contributes more than aught else, than indeed everything else combined, to the revenues of the province- coal mining.

The North Atlantic Collieries, Limited, the name of the new concern, was organized under the Joint Stock Companies Act of Nova Scotia in 1903. At first it was the intention of the company to operate from the south side, or south head, to be more accurate, of Cow Bay. The development of the areas from the south side, while quite feasible, would involve the exercise of much ingenuity, and the expenditure in purely preliminary work, of a very large sum of money. There might also arise complications with the owner of a few areas intervening between the areas under water held by the North Atlantic Company. In order, therefore, to avoid possible complications, and the necessity of heavy expenditure at the start, the company made propositions to the Gowrie and Blockhouse Company operating on the north side of the Bay, which after due deliberation were accepted, the result being that the Gowrie and Blockhouse Company has been absorbed by the North Atlantic Collieries, Limited. The property of the company is valuable and extensive. The North Atlantic Collieries, Ltd., hold six leases in its own name, in addition to nine leases still held under the name of the Gowrie and Blockhouse. In addition there are twenty-one areas in the vicinity of these leases held by the North Atlantic Company presumably intended to form part of the property of the consolidated concern. The company has therefore equal to thirty-six leases. There are six seams of coal running through the areas, and it is estimated that there can be extracted from them the very large quantity of 350,000,000 tons of coal, whose quality assures for it a large and ready sale. The names and the thickness of the seams are:

Blockhouse ..... 9 feet Gowrie ..... 5 Spencer (or Eight Foot)..... Emery ..... Long Beach (Gardiner)..... 3 " Sixth Seam ..... 4 "

It is claimed that the coal from all these seams is of good quality. There are those who incline to the opinion that the "Spencer" contains the same coal as the "Reserve" of the Dominion Coal Co.

The promoters of the enterprise gave evidence of no haste in the preparation of their plans, for its successful launching and for intelligent, extensive and economical operation. Great pains have been taken, and money expended in securing information in the United States as to scientific modes of working, and in Great Britain, Belgium and other European countries as to the methods employed in the successful mining of coal and its haulage long distances underground. The result of the labors of the promotors is the gathering of a fund of knowledge, and of much data, which must prove of immense value in future operations.

On the directorate are names of those to whom the business of launching big enterprises is not new. To give confidence in the undertaking it is only necessary to mention that H. M. Whitney, of Boston, and B. F. Pearson, of Halifax—to whom the province is under heavy obligation as the projectors of the Dominion Coal Co.—and Geo. E. Drummond of Montreal are three of the directors. It is the intention of the company to immediately commence development work. There will be no big splurges but a consistent and persistent scheme of development instead. The present shaft of the Gowrie and Blockhouse Co. will be utilized. It is claimed that by the expenditure of a sum not much over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars the Blockhouse Colliery can, in a short time, say, by the opening of navigation next year, be put in shape to produce a thousand tons a day. The present capacity of the pit is about 400 tons. With active shipment will proceed active development work, so that in 1909 the daily output in the shipping season will be fifteen hundred tons per day. Simultaneously with the development of the present workings, sinking of a second shaft in the vicinity of Long Beach, about a mile or so distant from the present colliery may be proceeded with. The present plant will be utilized as far as possible, but necessarily, owing to the intended increased shipments, it will have to be improved and extended. The coal will continue to be conveyed from the pit to the shipping pier by the aerial railway, but the buckets will be replaced by ones of greater capacityt, the ropes will be removed and thicker ones substituted, and the pillars and pulleys strengthened. A large pocket, capable of holding a thousand tons, will be built on the pier. Cow Bay, or Port Morien, will be the shipping port of the company. The depth of water, some 22 feet only, might seem to be against the employment of steamers of large capacity. Fortunately improvements in methods of steamship building render the comparatively shallow water no great obstacle to big shipments. Steamers capable of carrying 6,000 tons on a draught of 21 feet are now being built and employed as coal carriers. It is the intention of the company to secure a number of steamers of this class for their trade.

A few years ago the question might have been asked of a company about to engage in the coal business, "Where will you market your product?" Such a question

would force a smile to-day. For the past year or two, and this year also, the demand for Nova Scotia coal is greater than the ability to supply. But should the present home market fall off there are other markets that can be secured. The demand for coal in Brazil, at this time, is heavy. The subject has been carefully gone into and it is claimed that shipments can profitably be made to Monte Video and other points, even should the coal carriers be forced to return empty.

The coal on the company's areas as has already been said, is excellent quality, and the quantity sufficient to last for many years, with the largest of outputs. Experts claim that no less a quantity than 350,000,000 tons are confined within the companys areas.

When, a year or two ago, reference was made to the formation of this company, the statement was boldly made that it would become a rival to the Dominion Coal Company in the extent of its operations and so forth. The new company will make no such attempt. There is no intention on the part of the promoters to put forth efforts to secure extraordinary outputs. For the next few years it does not expect to exceed shipments of two thousand tons a day, however later on its ideas may expand. There may be money, profits in shipments moderate in quantity, which is lost with attempts to make records. As frequently has been said, "It all depends on management." It is to be hoped the company profiting by the experiences of other companies will put a man at the head of affairs who is acquainted with conditions in Nova Scotia, and if the company is to be a great success it must not be forgotten that operations in Nova Scotia cannot well be directed from Boston or even from Montreal. Its affairs can best be administered from the seat of opera-

#### PRODUCTION AND FUEL COST.

A table, or rather part of a table, in the Mines Report, which is seldom noticed, or if noticed not referred to, and which yet should prove most interesting and profitable to students and to colliery managers and operators, is that dealing with the consumption of fuel at the collieries. A study of the table might furnish an answer, in part, to those who ask for a reason why the cost of production of coal is so high at some of the mines of this province. There is so great a discrepancy between the figures for some one colliery, and those for another, that one is almost forced to the conclusion that there has been haphazard in compiling the figures. In the case of the smaller producers, in Cape Breton and Inverness Counties, it may be as well to explain that hoisting is only performed, perhaps, in the winter months and that pumping and perhaps ventilation have to be carried on during the entire year. There must be waste at some of the collieries, ineffective plants, or bad management. It should ever be borne in mind that even at a colliery fuel is an important item. The RECORD hopes that the calling attention to the table may have the effect of inducing the wastrels, if there be any, to take example from collieries such as those of the N. S. S. & C. Co., the Dominion Coal Co., and say the Cumberland

Railway and Coal Co. To raise 5,800,000 tons of coal it took 360,000 tons of fuel. In other words, averaging the mines of the province, it took one ton of coal to raise 16 tons. The following table shows the tons per ton, and the cost per ton to the companies:

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Minudie Coal Co	. 2,205	15	10c.
Prospect Coal Co	. 1,564	224	72c.
Stratheona Coal Co		17	9c.
Acadia Coal Co		62	23c.
Intercolonial Co		121	12c.
N. S. S. & Coal Co	4,631	8	18c.
Dominion Coal Co	.173,704	204	71c.
Gowrie & Blockhouse	9,147	5	30c.
N. S. Steel & Coal Co	16,714	40	41c.
Sydney Coal Co	. 54	70	21c.
C. B. Coal Co	685	5	30c.
Inverness Ry. & Coal Co		11	14c.
Mabou Coal Co	6,878	29	55c.
Port Hood Coal Co		41/2	33c.

From the above it will be seen how variable is the consumption at the collieries. The cost, too, varies from 21 cents, in the case of the Sydney Coal Co., to 55 cents in that of the Mabou Coal Co., among the smaller companies. Taking the large companies, it will be noticed that the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. takes an enviable position, producing no fewer than 40 tons of coal for each ton consumed at the boilers.

Omitting the Sydney Coal Co., whose figures being so favorable are inexplicable, it is seen that in the worst case it takes a ton of coal to produce two tons, and in the most favorable a ton to produce forty. In Cumberland County, eleven and a half tons were raised per ton of coal consumed; in Pictou less than nine tons; in Cape Breton as much as nineteen tons, and in Inverness say eight tons. In order of merit then, that is in the order of most production from least consumption, Cape Breton County ranks first, Cumberland County second, Pictou County third and Inverness is at the foot of the ladder. There are no fine fractions in the foregoing calculations, but the figures are sufficiently close to serve their purpose. It is evident that much yet remains to be done at some of the collieries in the way of lessening waste of fuel.

Dividing the total quantity of coal sold to the workmen by the number employed it is found that every employee is a consumer to the extent of 7 tons per annum at Springhill, Chignecto, Westville and Stellarton; 6 tons at Minudie and New Campbellton; 5 tons at Gowrie; 4½ tons at Sydney Mines and Mabou; 4 tons at Stratheona, and 3 tons at the Marsh. The Dominion Coal Co.'s employees are consumers to the extent of 8 tons per man, while if the figures in the Mines Report are correct, the Port Hood workmen send up in snoke no less a quantity than 23 tons per man. The employees of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. are seemingly good stokers.

#### COAL PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYEES.

In the year September, 1905, till September, 1906, two hundred and eighty-five tons of coal were hoisted per employee, above and below ground, at the mines of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Co., Springhill; 220 tons at Joggins; 235 at Chignecto; 269 at Minudie, and 183 at Strathcona Mine, all in the County of Cumberland. In Pictou County, 320 tons were raised per annum for each employee of the Acadia Coal Co.; 360 tons per employee of the Intercolonial Coal Co. and 385 per employee at the Marsh mine. In Cape Breton County, there was produced 730 tons for every employee of the Dominion Coal Co.; 283 tons per employee of the Gowrie and Blockhouse Ltd.; 341 tons per employee of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., and 125 tons per employee of the Cape Breton Coal Co. In Inverness Co. for every employee of the Inverness Railway & Coal Co., there was produced 406 tons; of the Mabou Co., say 200 tons, and of the Port Hood Coal Co., 333 tons. From these figures it will be seen that Cape Breton County takes first place with 610 tons produced per man employed; Inverness County with 356 tons second; Pictou County third with 340 tons, and Cumberland Co. last with 261 tons. The average per man in the mainland collieries is 297 tons, and in the island collieries 590. The average for the province is 483 tons, which, on the whole, is satisfactory.

At the mines in Cumberland County, 1971 persons find employment; in the Pictou Collieries 2,439, or a total for the mainland of 4,410. At the mines in Cape Breton County 7051 men find employment; in Inverness Cpunty, 662, or a total for the Island of 7,713; a grand total for the province of 12,123 persons. This shows an increase over the numbers employed last year.

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We have not had opportunity as yet carefully to examine this publication, which must prove of great service for those wishing to qualify for positions in mines, etc.

In the prefare the gradual development of the mine laws in the coal mining States of the United States is traced, which provided for certificated foremen, assistant foremen, and fire bosses in the mines of the country. For many years the Colliery Engineer and Mines and Minerals have published each month a set of questions as given by the various examination boards throughout the United States, Canada, and British Columbia, together with answers by the editors. These questions and answers have been arranged, all duplicates taken out, and other questions which have been collected from time to time, but which have not been answered through Mines

and Minerals have been added. This compilation therefore faithfully represents the range of subjects and the character of questions given in examinations for certificated mine positions in connection with the coal mines of the United States and Canada during the last two years.

The questions are often answered and illustrated more fully than a candidate for the certificate would be expected to answer them in an examination, as the book is intended to be of the most possible assistance to those preparing themselves for examinations. None of the general principles or theories have been given other than those asked for by specific questions, as the book is not intended to replace textbooks on mining, but to be used as a supplement to such textbooks. The position for which the examination was held and the locality in which it was held are denoted by italies at the end of each question, for, as far as possible, local questions have been answered in accordance with local conditions. Where the questions depend entirely upon the judgment of the one giving the answer and not upon general theoretical considerations, an effort has been made when possible to check the opinion of the editors by submitting the answer to some member of the local mining board.

The section "Suggestions to Candidates" gives practical advice to those entering examinations as to how to carry on the work. The last chapter of the book gives very fully the regulations of the various States governing certificated mine positions, and this is the first time this matter has been brought together in a single book. A comprehensive index and cross index and an elaborate table of contents add to the usefulness of the book.

The scope of the book is shown by the following chapter headings:

Surveying; Geology and Prospecting; Mine Gases; Safety Lamps; Inspection and Regulation of Gaseons Mines; Explosives and Blasting; Elementary Principles and Calculations of Mine Ventilation; Comparison of Airways; Splitting Air Currents; Conducting Air Currents; Measuring and Testing Air Currents; Establishing a Circulation of Air in Mine Ventilation; Mine Fans; Practical Points in Mine Ventilation; Opening a Mine; Method of Working Coal Beds; Coal Pillars; Timbering; Steam and Steam Boilers; Steam Engines; Hoisting; Haulage; Hydraulics and Puraping; Compressed Air; Electricity; Duties of Mine Officials; Miscellaneous; State Regulations Governing Certificated Positions.

#### ALUNDUM GRINDING WHEELS,

The Canadian Fairbanks Co., Ltd., with branches in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, have obtained the Canadian Selling Agency for the new Alundum Grinding Wheels, made by the Norton Grinding Wheel Co. Alundum has replaced the abrasives formerly used for grinding wheels—such as Corundrum, and is said to be generally superior to anything of the kind heretofore employed. It is the next hardest abrasive to the Diamond and, being brittle, fractures easily, thereby assuring a sharp cutting wheel at all times. Alundum

is manufactured by a patented electrical process, at Ningara Falls, and extreme hardness and sharpness, with its remarkable uniformity, are the general characteristics. These wheels are being used by the large manufacturing and industrial concerns in Canada and are found to be very economical and efficient.

#### GOLD MINING NOTES.

The new transmission line has over half its poles already, and orders are in for all the transformers and line supplies.

Mr. Forbes Rickard, a well known mining engineer, when he made his examination of the Miemac Mine last fall, advanced this theory of the formation of the Miemac vein, and it is undoubtedly the correct one.

THE Leipsigate Mining District has of late been very much handicapped by violent cases of mumps. In the Miemae Mine, and other mines in this district, there have been a great many men laid up with this disease. Where this malady has somewhat affected the output of the mines of Leipsigate District, the set back is only temporary.

The advent of the new electric transmission line in Leipsigate district is looked forward to with great expectation by miners in this vicinity. Obtaining the power from the Mersey River at a cost of \$12 per h. p. per annum will make the difference between failure and success in a great many mines that have been shut down in the past.

Or late a number of English and American interests have quietly taken under option or purchased, a number of the properties in and around the Leipsigate Gold District. The electric power that is being brought into this district from the Mersey River, 23 miles away, and which is being obtained for \$12 per H. P. per annum, is making attractive mining possibilities in this part of Nova Scotia.

WITHIN a radius of 30 miles from the Micmac Mine, Leipsigate District, Nova Scotia, there is considerable excitement over the discovery of several new fissure veins. The principal and largest of this description has lately been discovered in the Gold River District, 29 miles from the Micmac Mine. This vein, as uncovered, is about eight feet wide, and shows the peculiar characteristics of the Micmac fissure, there being two distrinct series of lenses of quartz overlapping each other, showing a secondary enrichment in the geological younger series of lenses.

The mining engineer in charge of operations at Middle River, C. B., is of the opinion that the district will soon become a large gold producer. Negotiations are proceeding for securing a stamp mill of five to ten stamps, to be used in conducting tests to prove the value of the tests. The engineer is confident that the test will result satisfactorily. In that event a very large mill rivaling that of the Richardson will be erected. The opinion is also expressed that the gravel if properly treated will yield gold in profitable quantities. If the project at Middle River turns out a success, prospecting for gold in C. B. will receive a big stimulus.

The experiments made with turbine pumps in the Micmac Mine have proved so successful that the new electric installation in this mine will include a number of large turbine pumps in its estimates.

THE parties that have obtaine d options on the Brookfield and Malaga Mines, have also it is understood obtained options on properties adjoining the Micmac Mine, and which are on the same vein as this famous old mine.

In the Micmac Mine they have been making relative tests of the qualities of the bituminous coal in this Province. For steam purposes, it has been found that the coal obtained from the Drummond Mine at Stellarton has given the best results.

There is work in the Leipsigate district for at least 50 first class miners, with wages better than ever before paid. The high price of miners' wages in Ontario has affected the wages of the Leipsigate district with great advantage to the miners. The class of labor obtained, however, at advanced prices is better than used to be.

The management of the Micmac Mine is also considering the matter of sliming the tailings from their stamp mill, and turning their present cyanide plant into a slimes plant. It is understood that the plan is to use rock breakers, rolls and tube mills, and the Butter's pany's plans is as to the best method of saving the Filters. It seems that the only hitch in the above company's plans is as to the best method of saving the coarser gold that will not be touched by the cyanide solution, and as yet they are undecided whether to use stamps instead of rolls, or use some other kind of an amalgamating machine.

#### THE MINES ACT-AMENDMENTS.

The following are some of the most important clauses of the bill which has passed the House of Assembly, and which has reference to submarine coal mining. This bill caused a keen controversy between certain of the holders of coal areas and was contested inch by inch. The bill has been considerably altered since its first introduction.

1. Added to section two—"Submarine tract" means a lot, piece or parcel of land covered with water, or partly covered with water, of which one or more leases have been or may be issued, but does not include the land covered with the water of inland fresh water streams. "Tunnel" includes pits, shafts, slopes, way-leaves, right of way, sub-ways, cross-cuts between tunnels, groves, lodgements, sumps and also all roadways, railways, tram-ways, haulage-ways, cable-ways, passage-ways, travelling-ways and all other ways in such tunnels.

191A. In ever lease, covering any tract of ground covered ith water or partly covered with water, there shall be a condition that the Governorin-Council may grant to the holder of any other lease or leases covering any tracts of ground covered with water, the right to make, use and maintain such tunnels, through such tract of ground and through the mines and minerals therein as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of

access to and of mining and working the mines and minerals in the ground covered by such other lease or leases upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Governor-in-Council.

74A. (1) Subject to the provisions contained in the section added by this amending Act every lessee of a submarine tract may, for the purpose of ventilating, draining, working and mining the said submarine tract and procuring and removing the coal therefrom, and for all other purposes necessary or incidental thereto, make, use and maintain, tunnels from any land belonging to him, or from any land acquired by him for mining purposes, to said submarine tract, through the said land belonging to him, or the land so acquired by him, and any intervening land or land covered with water belonging to any person or persons whomsoever, and through the mines and minerals in any such land belonging to him or so acquired by him, or in any such intervening land or land covered with water, and also (notwithstanding anything contained in the Mines Act or other Statute relating to mining) through any barriers, reserved under the provisions of the Mines Act or under any leases heretofore or hereafter issued or required under the provisions of the Coal Mines Rgulation Act.

(2) Every lessee of a submarine tract who desires to acquire or exercise any of the rights, privileges, eascments and powers conferred by the next preceding subsection, shall first serve upon the lessees of the mines and minerals in the land and land covered with water, through which such tunnels are proposed to be made, used and maintained, a notice in writing, which shall state: etc.

74B. (1) If the lessee of such submarine tract fails within thirty days after service of such notice on the lessees or lessee of the mines and minerals in the land and land covered with water, through which such tunnels are proposed to be made, used and maintained, to make an agreement as to the rights, privileges, easements and powers to be acquired or exercised, and the compensation to be paid therefor, he may apply to the Governor-in-Council for an order-in-council vesting such rights, privileges, easements and powers in him, and fixing the compensation.

74D. (1) The Governor-in-Council, after hearing the evidence adduced, and after any such investigations as have been ordered, may determine the matter of such application and by an order-in-council may vest in the lessee of said submarine tract for the term of the lease or leases covering said submarine tract or any renewals thereof or substitution therefor the rights, privileges, easements and powers applied for, or any of them, or such other rights, privileges, easements and powers as are deemed advisable by the Governor-in-Council, and may, in such order-in-council specify the number of tunnels to be made, etc., etc.

and the payment of such compensation as is fixed in said order-in-council (or the giving of security satisfactory to the Governor-in-Council for the payment of such compensation), the rights, privileges and powers mentioned in such order-in-council shall forthwith, for the term of the lease or leases covering said submarine tract,

or any renewals thereof, or substitutions therefor, vest in the lessee of said submarine tract, and the said lessee may forthwith exercise the same.

(3) All coal and other minerals mined or removed in the making or maintaining of such tunnels by such lessee of said submarine tract shall become his property.

- 74E. (1) Except as hereinafter in this section provided, the lessee of the mines and minerals in land or lands covered with water, through which or through the mines and minerals in which, such tunnels are made, used or maintained, or who are affected by any of the rights, privileges, easements or powers vested or exercised by virtue of said order-in-council, shall not be entitled to any compensation or damages for any loss or injury sustained or suffered by them, or any of them, or the making, using, or maintaining of said tunnels, or otherwise howsoever, provided that nothing in this section shall exempt the lessee of any submarine tract from liability for loss or injury caused by negligence, or in consequence of any violation of the provisions of said order-in-council, or of any Statute in force relating to
- (2) Lessees of the mines and minerals in land and land covered with water, through which such tunnels are made, used or maintained, shall be entitled to such compensation as the Governor-in-Council determines. The amount of such compensation and the time or times when the same shall be payable, and so far as possible the persons to whom the same shall be payable respectively, shall be fixed by such order-in-council vesting such rights, privileges, easements and powers.

(3) Lessees of the mines and minerals in land covered with water, through which such tunnels are made, used or maintained, shall be entitled to such compensation as the Governor-in-Council may determine. The amount of such compensation and the time or times when the same shall be payable, and the persons to whom the same shall be payable respectively, shall be fixed by such order-in-council vesting such rights, privileges, easements and powers.

74F. (1) The amount or amounts of compensation payable by the provisions of such order-in-council may be paid by the lessee of such submarine tract at the time or times therein specified, into the office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax in the following cases:

(a) If the person entitled thereto refuses to accept the same, or,

(b) If such persons is absent from the Province or cannot, after diligent enquiries, be found, or,

(c) If he fears the existence of any claim or incumbrances affecting the title, or,

(d) If the Governor-in-Council deems it advisable.

(2) Upon the making of such order-in-council • the lessee of the said submarine tract from all liability in respect to the said compensation, and the person or persons entitled to such amount or amounts shall, on establishing his or their rights thereto, on a summary application or applications to the said Court or a Judge thereof, be entitled to have the same paid over to him or them on order of the Court or a Judge.

## AROUND THE COLLIERIES

EVERYTHING is running smoothly at Sydney Mines.

The Emery seam, at Dominion No. 6, will be further prospected at an early day.

ALL the men who worked at the Hub fire are given the preference when work has to be done at that colliery.

THE mills of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. are being pushed to their utmost capacity, in an effort to overtake orders.

The Dominion Coal Company's heaps, or coal banks, will be enormously large before shipping begins if the present outputs continue, and are added to them.

THE falling stone, or thill, is being successfully kept up at Dominion No. 6 Colliery. As the mine gets deeper it may turn out that the stone will adhere better to the top rock.

Austen King, who formerly was superintendent of mines of the Dominion Coal Co., and was asked to resign, refused and was dismissed, brought action against the Dominion Coal Co. for three and a half years' salary at \$15,000 a year, and incidental expenses, totalling over \$80,000. The trial takes place in a few days before the Supreme Court, Halifax.

IT seems that the coal mine operators are not alone in their apprehensions of a scarcity of labor the coming season. The complaint of the gold men is that suitable labor is scarce, and growing scarcer daily. The gold miners are leaving the province for Cobalt. The other day from an eastern county no fewer than thirty gold miners lifted their graith and went west.

In the late stoppage at Springhill, when all the firemen, pumpmen, etc., stopped, the staff had to buckle to to keep the mine free from water, and for novices it must be said they performed their duties well, and except in a bottom lift kept the water within bounds. One of the officials had an arm scalded, and if he used strong adjectives, when referring to the members of Mechanics Lodge, he is to be excused. This coming out of the mechanics is not to be justified. It is not done in other countries, as it tends to a destruction or to a loss of porperty which of course reacts on the men.

It was thought from the character of the borings at a depth of some 2,240 feet, that the Standard Coal Co., which is boring at Newville, Cumberland Co., had at length bored through the conglomerate. A few feet of pebbly fire clay was encountered at that depth. But the borers, unfortunately, had not done with the conglomerate, as after boring ten feet further it was again encountered. At a depth of 2,270 the bore hole still shows conglomerate. The company purpose taking out the calyx drill, which will only cut two feet or so of the refractory stuff per day, and again resort to the churn drill. It may be four weeks before boxing is recommenced.

SINCE repairs were effected at Dominion No. 1 good work is being done in the way of big outputs of coal.

THERE has been no further trouble with the lately heated sections in the Springhill Mine. There is scarcely any indications of heat.

The miners generally at Springhill do well, indeed do splendidly, when they work. The several mines are in good condition, and are well ventilated.

CALEDONIA Mines is having its semi-annual supply of water, in consequence of which the pumps are absorbing most of the air pressure, and the shearing, in sections, had to be discontinued.

Was the late stoppage of work at Springhill, seeing it occurred not through any difference between the employers and the employees, a strike coming within the scope of the Industrial Disputes Bill? What is a strike?

THE surface around Reserve Mines is at present a very busy place; the new bankhead for the old mine, the bankhead for the Emery, the electric transmitter, and the new railway sidings betoken boom times at the col-

THE Dominion Coal Co. will have at least six steamers of 7,000 tons carrying capacity employed carrying coals the coming season. These steamers alone should carry more than a hundred and twenty thousand tons monthly to Montreal.

THE McKay seam, North Sydney, is four feet, clear, of good coal. The seam is a clean one without fault. Sufficient work has already been done to warrant the assertion that the property, if not large, is valuable. It is expected that the mine will be able to supply more than a local demand, and therefore arrangements are being entered into for shipments to Newfoundland, and other points.

It is stated that the management of the Dominion Coal Company has intimated to the executive of the P. W. A. that should there be any more stoppages of work at any colliery in an effort to induce non union men to join the society, that the company will withdraw the privilege at present enjoyed by the lodges, of having the dues of their members collected through the company's pay office.

At the suggestion of their Canadian agents, Messrs. Peacock Bros., of Montreal, the Hadfields Steel Foundry Co., of Sheffield, England, have issued a new Canadian catalogue. The Messrs, Hadfield have the largest steel foundry in the world, and have unequalled facilities for turning out their gyratory crushers, manganese steel castings, wheels, axles, tool steel, picks and shovels, etc., etc., for the mining industry. If any mine manager, mining engineer, or others interested desire a copy of this catalogue the Messrs. Peacock will be pleased to furnish same on request.

PORT HOOD may be one of the first collieries to test the effectiveness of the new Industrial Disputes Act.

Several minor amendments to the Mines Act, having reference to the fencing of old shafts, the use of safety catches on cages, and check-weighman have been introduced and passed at the instance of the P. W. A.

The electric plant at Dominion No. 2 is one that almost rivals the compressor plant in size and power. That it will be of great help to the compressor plant, which it was intended to supplement in the way of pumping, etc., there can be no doubt. There has, however, been some delay in connecting the plant with the various collieries.

Tiers are still being proceeded with in Dominion No. 2 with the explosive Axleite. The general opinion is in favor of any explosive that tends to greater safety. Further improvement in the size of the Axleite plug is necessary to ensure effective blasting. The plugs now used are too small and extend too far out in the holes to be effective at the point of greatest resistance.

THE Eastern Coal Company continue to make fair progress in development work at Maccan. It is expected the company will be in a position to make shipments in August or September, by which time the "sidings," it is expected, will be completed. At present the company is teaming a considerable quantity of coal to the railways and are selling quite a lot of coal locally. The quality of the coal is good, indeed in respect to quality it is exceeding the expectations of the management. It is steadily improving as the sinking proceeds.

The No. 1 government drill is in service near the Gardiner Mines, boring on the property of the Atlantic Coal Co. The areas of this company have been bonded to the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. It is said a five foot six seam of coal has been struck. The No. 2 drill is employed at Long Point, near Judique, Inverness County, boring in search for coal. There is no reason why coal should not be found in this locality. The No. 5 drill is boring near Homeville, Cape Breton County, on area of Cape Breton Coal, Iron & Railway Co., and No. 6 is at Newville, Cumberland County, doing service for the Standard Coal Co. Drills Nos. 3, 4 and 7 seem to be resting at Hantsport.

THE much derided Mullins seam may yet, and that not at a distant period, play an important part in coal production in Cape Breton. As is known, the Dominion Coal Co. is doing some heavy prospecting in the Lingan and Victoria areas, and the results to date are to give the Mullins the favorite place in the running. It has been struck three miles back, of a good thickness. Before however even this famous seam is selected there will be much more exploratory work. The company have so many seams to choose from that the officials are in a quandary. There is the Lingan main seam, the David's Head seam and another, the name of which has escaped the memory of the writer, and then in the Victoria areas there are, some say seven others say eight, and still others more than eight seams. What will the company do with them all is the problem.

The Hub pit bottom is clear of water. Close inspection shows the shaft, and the bottom pillars less damaged than was at first supposed and generally expected.

THE shipments of coal for March are very disappointing. Only one colliery, the Inverness, shows increase in shipments. Stormy weather was the main cause of the falling off.

It is thought that when the fire section in the Hub Colliery is passed, that the water will not be so hard on the pumps. The salt water will no doubt beunderneath and then the pumps will have a chance of something like fair treatment.

THE Port Breton Railway Co. has been incorporated. The incorporators are John T. Tyler, I. Bouvier Peterson, and Chas. S. Dolly, all of Philadelphia, and Hiram H. Pearl of Port Maleom. The purpose of the incorporators is to build a railway about five miles in length, from Wright's Cove to a point near Port Hawkesbury, where it shall connect with the I. C. R.

It is said that the 7 foot seam of coal being exploited at Port Malcom gives promise of losing its high angle. The pitch has dropped to about 40 degrees from the almost perpendicular. Those in charge are of the opinion that the angle will continue to get less as a greater depth is attained. About 100 men are employed, off and on.

The output of the McKay Mine from this out will be steadily increased. Not only is the coal excellent for domestic and steam purposes, but is also from the small percentage of sulphur it contains, a first class coal for metallurgical purposes. A temporary landing has been laid in the 275 feet level to facilitate the handling of boxes till the lift is worked out. But for the stormy weather the first lift would have been won before now. A new steel wire rope is ordered and new draw bars and couplings will be put on the boxes at once, and in the course of a few weeks a large hoisting engine and the necessary boilers, etc., etc., will be installed. A number of new pit boxes are to be built, so that there will be no delay in output from want of rolling stock.

Dr. Ellis, M. P. P., prepared and had printed a bill which went to its first reading, dealing with gold mining leases. The bill proposed some drastic changes with regard to the tenure of leases. Some of the features of the bill were as follows:

No one was to be permitted to prospect for gold, or silver, or both combined, without first procuring a permit which could be obtained at the mines office for three dollars.

No license or lease was to be granted to any one who had not previously taken out a prospecting permit.

Forty days' labor was to be performed yearly on each area, with a discount growing larger as the areas held increase over ten. No one was to be permitted to hold less than 6, nor more than 10 areas. Dr. Ellis wisely withdrew his bill, in view of the present depressed state of gold mining. At the present time gold mining must be tenderly handled as it is, according to a high authority, suffering from numerous ailments.

NORTH Sydney Harbor was closed the whole of March, which accounts for the decreased shipments of the Nova Scotia Iron and Coal Co. Ordinarily the company, in March, supplied a considerable quantity of coal, as bunkers and cargo, to the "Bruce." This year the "Bruce" did not get into North Sydney in March. The car supply too was very far from satisfactory.

Good progress is being made at the McKay Mine, North Sydney. The slope has been sunk to nearly five hundred feet, and the main roads brushed. A large amount of work has been done at a comparatively small cost. The mine is now in order for a considerable quantity of shipments. Progress is being made with the sidings. Once a connection is made with the I. C. R., shipments will commence to be made with Sydney, where one or two fair sized contracts can be secured. An agency will be established at Sydney for the sale of the product of the mine.

THE Nova Scotia Technical College bill has passed both houses almost in the shape in which it was introduced. The bill is bald, and gives no idea how the scheme is to be carried out. The bill is divided into three parts, the first referring to the college, the second to trade schools, and the third to miners' school. The bill does not show any connection between the three. If the act is to benefit the miners, provision will have to be made, when details are being gone into, whereby the work of the miners' schools will be accepted as equal to the work of two years at any of the colleges in the province. Our suggestion is that anyone who has secured a manager's certificate shall be able to enter the technical college without examination. If something like this is not agreed upon then the college will not render the aid to the ambitious among our young miners that is expected of such an institution as a technical college.

A COMPANY with a small capital, but with extensive powers, has been incorporated at the present session of the local parliament. The charter is open to the charge of being a "blanket" charter, but the incorporators were able to give reasons for the small amount of capital, and why incorporation should be granted. It seems a number of persons interested in the development of Inverness County, are of opinion that the coal industry would be greatly benefitted, and of course the whole country, if an amalgamation of the several coal companies-that at Chimney Corner, at Inverness, at Mabou, and at Port Hood-could be effected. They hold that at present all the companies, except one, are handicapped by not having a proper port to ship from. The one good port at present is at Port Hastings, and is owned by the Inverness Railway and Coal Co. Further, the promoters hold that so long as facilities for shipping by rail are controlled by the Inverness Railway and Coal Co., itself a shipper of coal, the Mabou Co. and the Port Hood Coal Co. are bound to be disadvantaged by the Inverness people appropriating an undue proportion of cars for their own purposes. It seems one or more of the companies are favorable to amalgamation; and incorporation is asked for so that all of the companies may be approached by a company having legal status. The Port Hood people are under the impression that they have not been generously dealt with by the Inverness Railway and would no doubt gladly welcome any modus vivendi.

#### COAL SHIPMENTS, MARCH 1907.

#### DOMINION COAL CO., LTD.

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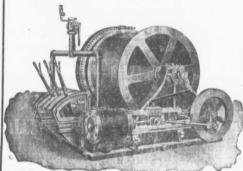
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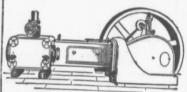
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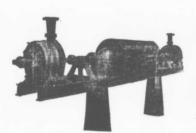
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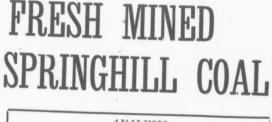
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