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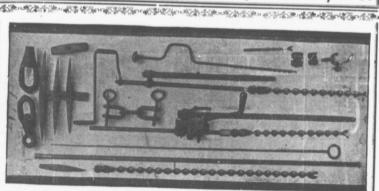
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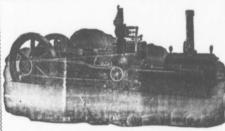


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THE GOVERNMENTS 'DISPUTES BILL.'

ONE MAN AS GOOD AS ANOTHER

In introducing the compulsory enquiry bill the Minister of Labor explained the government bill providing for the 'compulsory investigation' of labor disputes that threaten to tie up public utilities, such as coal mines, steam boats, telegraphs, telephones, street railway comlight, gas and water, a somewhat similar law is already on the statute books in regard to disputes occuring on railways. The present legislation is merely an exten- partment of human activity. sion of the same principle prompted by the experience

of the disastrous coal strike in the Leithbridge coal mines. The bill, as originally drafted, was intended to of the country. Upon further consideration, however, the Hon. Mr. Lemieux has decided to enlarge its scope so as to safeguard the people from the interruption of so as to safeguard the people from the interruption of "The Declaration of Independence says that 'all men what are commonly known as the 'public utilities.' Un. are created equal, Few sentence: of the English lan-Canadian statute books three years ago the parties to any dispute on the Canadian railway lines were obliged to submit their differences to investigation. But nothing three arbitrators, But in addition to a compulsory inare under the necessity of going oack to work wintst the enquiry is in progress. Under Mr. Lemieux's bill, dustrious, others will be apathetic and indolent. when a strike occurs affecting any of the public utilities, the interests affected must notify the Minister of Labor parties to the dispute. In the event of these two being

falls short of what is commonly known as 'compulsory arbitration', that is now in force in New Zealand. The Minister of Labor, however, is of opinion that to such an extent by the public seatiment of the com- to its source as to oppose this law of social inequality. munity that neither party to the dispute can afford to disregard its pronouncement. Mr. Lemieux's brief ar-

From a discourse by Cardinal Gibbons we take the following extracts, bearing more or less directly on a phase of socialism:-

"And now I come to the most practical part of this discourse, to which I invite your special attention. It is in accordance with the economy of Divine Providence arean coars, receptions, tempinous, street failway compast and there is now and always will be disparity and inequality of rank and station and wealth in every de-

"Order is Heaven's first law, and this confessed, Some are, and must be, greater than the re-t,

"The good order, nay, the very existence of society, apply alone to such disputes as threaten the fuel supply requires that some are destined to command and others to obey. Where this order is wanting, chaos, confusion, and anarchy will reign,

der the Railway Disputes Act that was placed on the guage have been so much perveited and distorted from their true sense as this short proposition. Certainly it cannot mean that all men ure created with equal stature, therein required them to return to work whilst this en- ual opportunities. Its obvious import is that all men quiry was going on. The compulsory features of the are born subject to the same physical and moral laws of physicial strength, intellectual endowments or with eqquiry was going ou. And companyly teatures of the anature, that all enjoy the same air and rain and sunshine of heaven and that all are equal before the law. As long as the world lasts some men will be rich, others will be vestigation the men implicated in the strike or lock-out poor; some strong, others weak; some talented, others are under the necessity of going back to work whilst the of dull comprenension; some will be enterprising and in-

"Suppose there were seated before me to-day a thousand young men equal in age and sound health, and ar Ottawa. Steps will thereupon be taken for a full en- to eath was given the same amount of capital with quiry into the issues involved. One of the members of which they were to set forth to embark in some enterthis court of investigation will be named by each of the prise and seek their fortune in the world. If, after a few years I were to call the roll and to investigate the unable to choose a third arbitrator, the selection will be result of these young men's mission, what would be the made by the Minister of Labour. The award of this outcome? I would find that some had successfully court will be publicly announced, but will not be binding climbed to the summit of the mount of prosperity and upon either of the interests at stake. To that extent it distinction, Some were still struggling upward and onward; others had fallen on the way, and the rest were grovelling at the base of the mountain after squandering their capital. You might as well attempt to stem the the award will carry moral force enough and be backed tide of the ocean or to force back the mighty Mississ.ppi

"The most mischievous and dangerous individual to be met with in the community is the demagogue who is gument in support of his bill was to the effect that the habitually sowing broadcast the seeds of discontent agument in support of his bill was to the effect that the manitually sowing proadcast the seeds of discontent at time has now arribed when the parties to any strike or mong the people. He is disseminating the baneful doclockout that ties up a public utility must recognize the trine of socialism which would bring all nen down to a public—whose interest in such matters has heretofore public—whose interest in such matters has heretofore the definition of the demagogue is blaming the latty competition. rich for the condition of the poor and the laboring classes. He has not the capacity to discern, that, after all but no doubt have some left from their last issue, which due allowance is made for human energy, this varied condition of society must result from a law of life established by an over-ruling Providence.'

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The B. Greening Wire Co's, calendar is the usual design showing portraits of the President and Incorporator of the present firm, the founder of the business here and the founder of the present firm in Warrington, England, where the late Benjamin Greening came from to start this business. From the cut of the buildings it will be seen that there has been no extensions this year, but we learn plans are being prepared with a view to large extensions which are necessary owing to the in-creasing business of this reputable firm. The Record ity. The firm did not issue a new catalogue this year car wheels.-Mon. Times,

The German "Imperial Labor Gazette," ('Reichsar-

The system of compulsory insurance is operating in St. Gall, "Basle, and Zurich, Switzerland. In Basle authorized the Minister of the Interior to present a report on the founding of a compulsory institution. With the assistance of Professor George Adler, a scheme was brought into factory workers and those engaged in the building trades, and the contributions were graded according to the wages earned. For every factory worker the employer contributed one penny and for builders' laborers two pence weekly. Support was not allowed in cases of-

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There have been two somewhat similar experiments in Italy—at Bologna and Venice. The insured must have a book for his contributions, and as proof of his unemployment he must have a certificate from the employer or the witness of four workmen that his unem-

There is no doubt of the unpopularity of the so-called settlement which has taken place between the Dominion Iron and Steel, and the Dominion Coal companies. contemporary sincerely hopes that the geologists who It is unpopular, more especially among the stockholders attended the recent International Congress in Mexico of the Steel Company; and, not improbably, it is receivtook occasion to visit and study this unusual manifest- ed with a certain amount of doubt by the shareholders ation of nature, and that we may shortly receive some of the Coal Company. The latter will be well pleased with the increased price the Coal Company will obtain from the Steel Company. But the Coal Company shareholders do not like the prospect of having to make up the very heavy damages which the Steel Co. will heap upon them should it win its suit in the Nova Scotia courts. The amount of the damages will be assessed after the principle of the suit has been decided. Pending the settlement of the issue, there will be much discomfort in the minds of the shareholders of both companies. Many express the view that the matter will never be fought out, but that a settlement will be brought about by other means .- Mon, Times,

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REMINISCENT

With this issue we mark the arrival at another milestone, and the closing of twenty seven years of active and direct connection with journalism. 1880 we had indirect connection, as the writer was a 1600 we had indirect connection, as the winer was a correspondent for a Halifax daily. Indeed, the connec-tion as correspondent of that paper is responsible for our tion as correspondent of that paper is responsible for our entrance into newspaper work. It happened this way: The men at Springhill had quit work as a protest against a second reduction in wages within a short period, There was no justification for that reduction. The chief customer at that time of the Springhill Coal Co., as the operating company was then called, was the I.C. R. The contract price in 1879 was not less than the price in 1878. This fact was known to the writer and though he held a semi-official position he considered it his duty to take sides with the men, and he did so by word of mouth and by pen in a letter to the Halifax Herald. That letter did it. There was blood in the manager's eye, but the writer of the letter had counted manager's eye, but the writer of the letter may confident the cost. The manager put the question straight 'Did you write that letter." Of course the question was cheeky, but the straight answer was given, 'Yes,' The two eyed each other for a minute then the manager went off, and sent the other word that he might take a holiday until the trouble was settled. The recipient of this intimation, a believer in discipline himself, made no violent demurrer, but quietly said he would come down every morning in order to have some little excuse for demanding his months pay. And he did go down for a morning or two until the manager concluded this was not a case of fooling, and intimated that his months the remainder of the month-the month had but begunand without the formality of a written notice. On his way home, loaded with the easiest money he had so far in his life earned, he called at the rink, where the men were holding a meeting, every door and every window guarded, so little had civilization advanced even so late as 1879. He was gladly, not to say boisterously admitted through a window. He was asked to speak. He did so. A voice exclaimed, 'Put him on the committee' and he was put on. At that time he had not the remotest thought of becoming a union man, or of assisting in the formation of a union, but Providence ruled it otherwise. A month later and the P. W. A. was formed and he was chosen Secretary.

provincial newspapers. In order that the views of the members of the society be diffused it was decided to start a paper. The first proposal was that it be a joint

twenty dollars, so he was obliged to go it alone, and he did so for a time, until the burden became too heavy, when he demanded of the P W. A. that it make good when he demanded of the r w. A. that is made good the loss. This it did for about two years when the Secretary took it off the hands of the Society and ran first the Trades Journal—and afterwards the Journal-News—on the acquisition of the Pictou News---until he severed his connection in July of 1898 with the P. W. A., and began the publication of the Maritime Mining Record. The Trades Journal fulfilled its object, and it is pleasurable to be able to say that the Mining Record is fulfilling its mission. At the beginning of the voyage the waters were much troubled, bht the sailing has been smooth and pleasant, more especially during the past smooth and pressant, more especially during the pass-nine years. All the troubles of a country paper's office were ours, but they must have come in milder form than to many, as we never had it in contemplation to get out of the business or to add to the number of the 'fellodeees, The worst time we had was early in our start. Foord pit explosion had occurred, we had written a fair account---in our own judgement of course---of the accident with its numerous thrilling incidents. This was forwarded to Springhill while we remained for a time at the scene of the accident. On returning to Springhill and asking for the proofs we were handed a mess of what might be mistaken for oriental hieroglyphics The fact is that the two compositors had, in our absence, been having a jollification, and had become so blind for two days that they could not distinguish the various boxes in the case, and had put the letters together at random. The correction of this mix up of letters was the most agonizing we have gone through. Had we not been green at the business time would have been saved by throwing the mess back into the cases and resetting, In the twenty seven years we have only pied two of our larger forms twice, which is proof that on the whole we have been a sober crowd and helped to lift a reproach common, or at one time, common to printers, twenty seven years we have never asked the aid of a J. P, to hurry the feet of delinquent subscribers. may go to show how foolish we were, rather than to show the honesty of many of our subscribers. enjoyed the luxury of two libel suits, one of which went the wrong way, that is this way-against us, and the other laughed out of court. The first was for inserting a paragraph, political, on the authority of a liberal committee in Westville. The costs—though the damages was not a case of footner, and intimated that his memory the committee had not even the courses to send a case, wages would be paid without the necessity of working of condolence. Since that time we have written all our were small—were close on \$800, and will you believe it own political fire-crackers. Its cheaper. There were also two threats of lible suits. In the one case the reply was hurled back "Come on McDuff," and he didn't; in the other case we showed the aggrieved party that he failed to appreciate the kindliness of our intentions. Only once did an offended reader come to the office to turu us out, or get satisfaction. He was asked to transfer his attentions to some other quarter, and he did so. Another man left home with a horse whip, Another instance of unregarded opportunity. We have had many unsolicited testimonals as to character, have had hurled at us the words 'chump' and 'chicken. and he was chosen secretary.

At that time, 1879, unions had no friends among the that we were one and didn't know it. Ah, but it must vincial newspapers. In order that the views of the not be thought that our services, for the good of the company of the compan We have had it thrown at us that we were a fool and start a paper. The first proposal was that it be a joint testimonal. Here, perhaps, it may be explained that stock affair, the members of the society to be the share-holders. Type and press were bought by the Secretary, strung up on a telegraph pole. But there have been pleasing offsets to these chunks of ginger. There have

been kind "Well dones" from that quarter, and encour- and workers of all public utilities an honest one. aging 'Keep at its' from this. Above all there is con-Has the government a right to step in and claim sciousness that even if we failed, we have tried to do as theirs an enterprise which was made possible. faction to us that the Record, where it is most read, is forts and sacrifices of individuals. most appreciated, and that expressions of that satisfaction are frequently received. Many of our readers have clusive right to erect telegraph lines, does any evidently come to the conclusion that the best way to one think we would have been as well served as encourage one is to say one kind word in the life time we are to-day. us, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Good New Year.

- Rubs by Rambler.

There is a cry in some quarters that the government should control all public utilities, railways, telegraph lines, tramways, coal mines, etc. Owing to the high price of coal those who favor the working of coal mines by the government have the most enthusiastic followers. One good thing is that this enthusiasm glows brightest in the coldest weather. It thereby serves the purpose of keeping certain people warm. In order, as it were, to more quickly move the government to a sense of duty in this matter, the owners of coal mines are called combinesters, monopolists, extortioners, and sinners, Yes, indeed, and they are now and again called 'Barons'. Some hold if the shout of coal barons won't bring the government to its senses nothing will. And I think so too. Just fancy the fearsomeness of being at the mercy of a coal baron. Than such a thing there can be nothing more appalling. I am not often found in the list of the shouters, but I'm with them this time. I would just like the govern-ment to take hold of, by arbitration or expropriation, does'nt matter which, a coal area and set to work and develop it. In the early stages of the work it would afford excitement for the government, and amusement for the onlookers. the middle stages the government would'nt see quite so much fun in it, while the onlookers would see more, and in its final stages, development work completed, coal sent to market, and balance sheet taken, the government would be ready to say 'we cannot see where the fun comes in', and the onlookers, 'nor we the profits'. I tell you it would be a capital idea for the government to become coal miners. It would set at rest the long vexed question as to the profits on coal, and stop a large number from making fools of themselves. The government can't put forth the excuse that there are no areas to be had, for they can be pointed to virgin lands, or partly or wholly developed areas. As it would be prudent to commence on a small scale they could try their hand at working the Fundy, the Strathcona. or other of the small mines in Cumberland, Or the New Campbelton or Blockhouse mines, or the Port Hood mine, all in the C. B. district, And if they wanted something bigger they no doubt could secure at a fair value one of the Pictou mines.

well. We are not boasting when we say that it is satis- which was made a success only by the great ef-Had telephone lines been left rather than a dozen enlogies after the candle has gone wholly to them, would we have the present facilout. To all friends new and old, to former opponents, ities enjoyed even though they are somewhat but now friends, and to even those who still misjudge costly. If the local government had had the power, and it only, to build tramways, do you think there would be to day electric communication between Sydney Mines and North Sydney or Trenton and Westville. I do not for a moment believe it. If the government had had the lighting of our cities and towns, would we have had gas works and electric lighting stations? No one be-No one believes it. Suppose the government of Nova Scotia for the last fifty years had had the operating of our coal mines is it supposed that we would have so many coal mines as we now have, employing so many men? By the way it may be said that the government has had a public utility and are we all enamoured of the way it has handled it. What greater public utility can there be than the highways of a country, and what is said, rightly or wrongly of the condition of our roads? Are they not spoken of frequently as night to impassable? Will any one venture to say that if the taxes levied for roads were put in the hands of a corporation that the public would not have been about as well served? The roads in the highlands of Scotland are claimed to be good, and yet it was private enterprise that laid the foundation of their goodness. The abolition of the toll bar was demanded and granted, yet, while the public got rid of an nuisance in a way, did they get better roads. I would not like to say, Public owner-ship in certain utilities would certainly mean the cessation of private enterprise and that would be a calamity. Instead of casting about for new utilities to manage, the government might extend the workings, the benefits of those it has. instance in the matter of parcels by post what sort of service have we as compared with Britain and how is it that so much money is sent by Express, unless it be that its easier or cheaper to send that way than by means of Postals or Money Orders. Governments, I admit, should have some voice in the controlling or conducting of public utilities but it should not, as yet, attempt to become miners, shippers, oil refiners, sugar refiners, or tobacconists. Some one may say '0h, thats going to extremes, a tobacco factory is not a pub-lic utility' It is'nt! I would just like to know why. More persons use it than use the telephone, the telegraph, or the tramway, and use it oftener.

The government evidently have learned a lesson from Leithbridge and have made up their minds to do away with any necessity for a deputy minister to hie away to a foreign country to effect the settlement of a home dispute. A bill has been introduced at Ottawa for the regulation in some way of labor troubles. At first it was intended only to apply to mines but its scope has been extended. As far as I can learn from the scanty report in the papers it is not a compulsory Is this cry for governments to become owners arbitration bill, but one giving compulsory pow-

ers to demand both sides to make known their here all the day idle because 'No man hath hired grievances. The introducer of the bill said no me.' could not well do that. What strikes me as curious is that the government makes it obligatory on disputants to arbitrate but provides no means of compelling either side to obey the award. If neither side can be compelled to obey the award, how will the government compel either to consent to arbitration. The bill says to the men "You shall not strike" and to the employees "You shall not lock out" and the one or the other laughs the order to scorn. What then. The government easily can compel by means of a penalty the employers. How can it compel a thousand strikers. Of course they can compel, but it is as easy to compel a compliance with an award, than a compliance to give evidence. Indeed I am sure of the two the latter is the easiest, if a money penalty can compel. It is thought that all awards may be complied with as neither side will be willing to risk opposing public opinion. There is a good deal in that, I admit, and it may be prudent to give the scheme a trial, even if it is a new kind of arbitration. If in ordinary affairs it was not obligatory, to comply with an award, surely arbit-ration—as a means of deciding disputes—in cas-

respectfully remind the Halifax Herald, which has been very bold in asserting that there Scotia, "that I asked it, kindly, to publish the names of all the coal operators in the province, distinguishing the names of those in the alleged combine from those not in it, by the color of the ink, the one set black the other set red. Herald these days is loudly proclaiming the loftiness of the principles that guide it, the purity of its motives, the honesty of its purpose, and the utter unselfishness of itc conduct-and we all, of course, believe these things of our aimable contemporary-and therefore in order that no reproach be cast upon its veracity, no sneer at its courage, and no doubts muttered, even timidly, as to its manliness that it at once complies with the request. Not even the thought that my inshould prevent the Herald from doing duty 'in the premises'. A full confession of error, or an assurance of repentance will be accepted in lieu

I have read a rather nice letter in the Inverness News, by a correspondent who criticises some remarks of mine reprinted in that lively paper. *Cape Breton's' vision is bounded. He tells us, for instance, that labor last winter was abundant, and that many a man had to exercise independ-ence on dry bread and black tea. Let me tell him, the fact, that labor was in demand and that at

There were many vineyards needing laborprovision was made for the enforcement of the ers. Some men will rather pinch with hunger award of the arbitrators. Sir, Wilfred Laurier and cold than 'get a move on.' It seems almost in answer to Mr. Foster said the government to be a law of our poor human nature rather to bear the ills we have, though these include bread void of butter, and tea minus pekoe flavor, than put on our snow shoes and tramp to some other locality where, if we could not feast, we could fare on coffee, ham and eggs. No, not eggs, for, these days, eggs are no poor man's fare, but available only for princes' tables. Well then coffee, toast and bacon. But what about porridge. they could not get porridge then I can imagine the Inverness enforced idle mens misery was complete, and my sympathy is theirs. 'Cape Breton' very candidly says I am in error, nay ignorance, when I speak of socialists as sorrowing, I con-fess to it. The word was wrongly used. I ought to have said complaining, or hasty, or hot headed. It may be quite true that I am ignorant of socialism, but I have had some experience of socialists in parts of this province, and it has not been happy. Judged by its exponents have been content ands it is not attractive. The Eugene other lands it is not attractive. The Eugene not appeal to a moderate's fancy, and these all claim to be exponents of the cult The doctrines ration—as a means of deciding disputes—in cas- they propound and the principles they put in es of lands, for towns or incorporations, would practice do not commend themselves to the pat-The least that can riot. I am not a socialist, as the word goes, and soon come into distayor. The least that can the right acknowledge it; 'Cape Breton' thinks he is one, while realy he is not. He, like myself, is merely an honest would be reformer. "Cape Breton" says "Human progress is really a determined evolution of perpetual motion toward better conditions of life. All the socialists have to do is to read the signs of the times and tell people what is coming." My conscience. Is that all that is required of pro-fessional socialists. If so then assuredly they do not know their own business; they do not know the one purpose for which they were called to the kingdom, in their zeal they have exceeded far what is demanded of them. Instead of merely reading the signs of the times and telling unobservant folks to look and listen, they have sought not only to produce the signs but to make the very times themstlves. Socialism as I hear it in some parts is directly the opposite from a determined (ordained?) peaceful evolution. Rather is its end and aim the waving of the fiery cross, the the request. Not even the thought that my in-breeding of discontent, and the striving after con-tention is to condemn it out of its own mouth ditions which can only be realized at this time by revolutionary methods. Socialism as we see it consists largely of violent hysterics and vain glorious heroics. Socialism an evolution; or, as more assurance of repentance will be accepted in fleu above the solution. The Herald must do one of the aptly expressed, an unfolding? Ah, not at all, three things or stand condemned.

Rather it islan impatient snatching of the natural standard specific standard specific specif ally expanding bud, a violent tearing of it open, and a consequent blighting of the bloom. A reform, truly, may be hastened, as truly may it be hindered if rushed. We radicals realize the former; you socialists seem not to realize the latter. 'Cape Breton' may not have bee ; qu't fair in disregarding the context, but I do not complain. the fact, that labor was in demand and that at 'Cape Breton' is a socialist, I should not perhaps most points the supply was insufficient, and that have attempted any reply to his letter. My exno man, except perhaps in Inverness Co. needed, perience of Cape Breton (?) socialists is that to say, in answer to the query: 'Why stand ye they fly into a fury if one even in a whisper chal-One cannot elaborate in a newspaper column. If

in a display of impatience with common place plodders like Rambler. If we plodders are ignorant why should our pride be wounded by being told so, why rather should we not be taken by the hand and led gently into the light. At first we might mistake men for trees, but gradually we might come to recognize them all as brothers.

Our friend the Suburban, is in error in claiming for a Halifax man the idea of a Bureau of Information. Years ago it was pointed out to the then premier and to the Department of Works and Mines, the desirability of a register in which should be kept a list of every vacant firm, its situation, its extent etc. A list of every area taken ro, what the area was supposed to contain, the name of the lessee or owner, the value set upon the property, and whether or not it was available ve too great trouble and expense.

foolish thing and standing in their own light. I was never misled by the statement. I believe But in some districts recognition of unions means that the coal now being imported by the Domina far different thing than with us. Shortly after ion Iron & Steel Co., did not cost less than 2cts a the P. W. A. was organized a committee from the a ton below \$1.25 at the mines at Pa. lodge went to interview a manager. He refused I put it that way is that I am not positive to a to recognize the committee as representing the cent. The rate from the mines to the shipping employees or a majority of them. In words he refused to recognize the union. coming convinced in a very short time that discretion was the better part of valor, he consented to hold converse with the committee, and in so doing 'recognized' the union. That man was sensible and right. But suppose half of his men had that all their employees should be members of a possible losses in Montreal. union, and when the workmen will consider it ions should be 'recognized' or not is a disputable or two at least, who exhibit interest in you. Yes, point it need not be wondered at. There have been it is, even though you half suspect that their solseveral serious attempts this year to compel recognition, but the attempts have invariably endcognition, but the attempts have invariantly end. I have received or acceptance in bled in failue, which proves, at least, that the de-with articles marked, sometimes in bled in failue, which proves, at least, that the close other times in red circles or squares, mand is premature. It is curious that the close other times in red circles or squares. unions love for the Canadian workingmen is per course I have some suspicions, and that is where maked with quite a large grain of selfishness, the injustice, of my anonymous friends comes in. The fruits of connection with American unions It is possible I may be debiting one with malice are seen, in the troubles at Nanaimo, Fernie, and and crediting another with humor, while I am Lethbidge. Let form Canadian workingmen, rehells in area in the relation. Lethbridge. Just fancy Canadian workingmen wholly in error in the so doing. This A. M, a pa-

lenges their opinions. They belie their profession not being able to settle a dispute without 1 eave

I wonder if a soft answer will turn away the wrath of those correspondents, who, in the Pictou Co. and other Provincial papers, threaten to petition in favor of the repeal of the coal duty if the mine owners do not reduce the price of coal and make steadier, prompter, deliveries. Would the adoption of such a course be any remedy so far as Nova Scotia is concerned. Might it not, like many acts prompted by revenge, or the outcome of a rash impulse, hurt more the assailants than the assailed. Let us quietly look into the subject and reason together. Some jump to the conclusion that the removal of the duty would result in the result. That is quite results, it wight cheaper coal. That is quite possible; it might cheapen coal a little, and it might not to consum-ers in Montreal, and almost certainly reduce the price to consumers in Ontario, but there is no ation of all inside or outside the province. The reason to believe it would reduce the price to consumers in Ontario, but there is no ation of all inside or outside the province. The reason to believe it would reduce the price to go, of that day thought such a step would involve too great trouble, and account the province to great trouble and account to the province to great trouble and the great tr provinces as a whole. From what they have read in a paper or two in this province, local consum-Some folk when they read of a company or in the United States, and that we could have some corporation refusing to recognize a union, jump of that cheap coal here were it not for the duty. nting the cent. The rate from the mines to the shipping In other port was \$1.25, and this is a low rate. Freight alon. Befrom Philadelphia to Sydney, I put at a dollar a that distribute to not that distribute to sydney up to say consented three dollars and fifty. Now, if U.S. coal in six thousand ton cargoes cost the Steel Co'y that much a ton, how much would it cost Pictou Co. people, brought in by schooner loads. I should say four dollars a ton at least. Remember that is been non unionists and the other hart sought to say four donars a con at least. Remember charts have it declared that they and not the non union duty free, for I added no duty to the Steel Co's men were his workmen, and the one only entimportation. It is alleged in some quarters that tled to consideration, he might have been justifiture is a combine, and if its two main objects as ed in not recognizing the union. In other words alleged are to keep up the price of coal to the I. C. the might not have been justified in saying, "I R, and to consumers in this province, how would R. and to consumers in this province, how would shall, at your request, give no non-union man a the removal of the duty compel any alteration of place at my works." That in many quarters is the policy of the combinesters. Indeed it might the kind of recognition the fight has been over, have the contrary effect and cause them to inthe time may come when employers will believe crease prices in the province in order to make up

Isn't it nice to have a friend or two, a person I have received, of late, a number of newspapers with articles marked, sometimes in blue and at mand is premature. It is curious that the close other times in red circles or squares. These are shop idea comes from the land of the free in its of course, sent for personal delectation—or others unadulterated state. It is curious, too, that the wise. I might scold—or try to -the senders, in Unions' in the United States who are desirous of some cases, and sympathize—or pretend to-in ot-clasping Canadian workingmen in a loving ember cases, if the beggars did not forget, not only clasping Canadian workingmen in a loving ember cases, if the beggars did not forget, not only clasping those who are only for a rigid enforce; to give names and addresses but to give the clasping Canadian workingmen in a rigid enforce-brace are those who cry out for a rigid enforce- to give names and addresses, but to give brace are those who cry out for a rigid enforce-brace are those who cry out for a rigid enforce-ment of the Alien Labor law. The American slightest mark by which they may be traced. Of ment of the Alien Labor law. The American slightest mark by which they may be traced. Of ment of the Alien Labor law.

ragraph in prose, and some verses of poetry, have Scottish blood. This is a little matter, is it? Well, come to hand duly marked. The sender evident- the things that make up the sum of our chafings slump instocks in 1903, and has not yet got over it. Scots, and some of us are still Scotsmen though The moral is that such as he should look not upon the ticker. If he can't have a shy now and then at the stock market, as a sort of pastime, as many people do lotteries at church bazaars, but goes at it in a gambling spirit, he should eschew the stock quotations in the newspapers, be blind to the figures on the bulletin board, and deaf to the suckers who send out tips. Men of his temperament, who take losses seriously, should avoid all temptations to speculate. Let him devote himself to hard work or ordinary business. Perhaps the paper was sent to remind me that it was reported, that I myself had been caught in the swirl. It appears to me like a dream that I was, but it could have left no aftermath, as it never worried me. If one was hit a bit in his pocket, may have been hurt, at a realization of being af-ter all a little lamb. I commend to my unknown

Aⁿgool there was, and he bought some stock (Even as you and I!) He was told it was strong as eternal rock. (We called him a lamb of the newest flock) But the fool he bought an enormous block. (Even as you and I !)

Oh, the risks we take and the deals we make, And the spoil of our head and hand Belong to the Magnate who knew too much, (And now we know that he knew too much) But we didn't understand.

A fool there was and his stock he held. A foot there was and his stock he held.

(Even as you and I.)

And the price went down like a tree that's felled

(Yet somehow the Magnate's surplus swelled)

But Ruin for that same fool was spelled. (Even as you and I !)

And it isn't the dross and it isn't the loss That stings like a red hot brand. It's coming to know that we don't know much (Seeing at last we can never know much.) And can never understand.

Ah, but, the magnate himself was a bit taken in, and that is a heap of consolation.

Some writers, Rambler among the number, faulty, they are content. They are content to use language they think terse at the expense, perhaps, of literary style. And yet that is no reason why of interary style. And yet that is no reason why listout out a word that is very free of our face, or that of our brain, the amount named less quently, yet should not be, used. The Suburban, at least a clear thousand. Seeing Mr. Seldon was an a literary journal, tells us that with the new ideal state socialist the world did pretty well by him, year, it will tell us truly the history of the early A big German trades unionist, when in London, saw 'Scotch' settlers, says every 'Scotchman' should John Burns, member of the British government, honest read this history, as it will be written by one of the most brilliant writers produced by the Highland 'Scotch' and will describe the ancestors of democrat, in a continental sense, he was not a state socthe different 'Scotch' families. Every man, the ialist, When this comes to the ears of the Cape Breton Suburban says, with 'Scotch' blood will be thrilled socialists, honest John is sure to be cast out of the synby a reading. Will the Suburban please say where agogue. The kind of socialism that now emanates from by clicense to call a thing Scottish, Scotch, and C. B. is the kind that calls upon the state to level up what authority it has for calling a Scotsman a things a bit, and that immediately. None of the C. B. (Continued on last column page 18)

ly is fishing for sympathy and I take the bait. are generally little things. We do not in history The poor beggar was evidently caught in the read of the Picts and Scotch, but of the Picts and

For guid's sake help! I am weak,, knocked completely out. Oh, you may count ten, and more, I can not come to time. That last one of the Herald's was a not come to time. That hast one or the Heratu's was a real jaw smasher—(this phrase is capable of two readings.) Did you hear the thud? No? The blow fell when the Herald shouted: "This great family and RELIGIOUS JOURNAL". Is'nt that a 'peeler'. No indications of broken wind about that. Religious! why, of course, I forgot. There are more religions than the Christian, and it is one of the other kind certainly that the Herald claims to belong to and be spokesman for. If one gave half of all he possessed, for half the cheek of worried me. It one was nit a bit in this prode old phrase 'nothing succeeds like success' must from now read 'nothing succeeds' like cheek'. Seeing that the friend the stanza last quoted. If he has come to now, like some of perfect assurance, give us the hour and the place of its conversion it is to be expected that we will never again see the Herald in the habiliments of old Adam, hear of it sowing discontent among the common people, or trying to raise Cain, generally, in the ranks of the coal Barons, If the Chronicle, and some other papers we might name, would, Herald like, stand up in meeting and make profession, those of us who are desponding might begin to think that the dawn of a brighter day was breaking. And yet if the Herald is really religious, some of its contemporaries are fairly bubbling over-or if that is too scottish-brimming over with piety, and all the while they are too modest to publicly avow it.

We have it unceasingly pointed out that New Zealand is par excellence, a land where milk and honey is the common diet of all; that the extremes of wealth and povery are invisible. Perhaps so. But that is not saying there are not some men comparatively rich and others, by comparison, poor. It may not be a land of unequal riches, yet, certainly does not fill the bill of the socialists in being a land where wealth or poverty is equal. The estate of the late Premier Seldon has gone to probate, the foremost of state socialists as we have take no great pains over the phrases or words they them, and yet one who had least a nest egg. His estate employ. If they speak or write in the everyday is worth at least \$70,000, which at 5 per cent. would language, so long as that is not conspicuously give him a sum, independent of his salary, of \$3,500 per annum. Some of us, who are not state socialists, never professed to be, would be quite content if our reserves would yield us, in addition to what we earn by the sweat John Burns, member of the British government, honest John, as he is called. In the course of their talk Mr. Burns informed Herr Benner that while he was a social agogue. The kind of socialism that now emanates from C. B, is the kind that calls upon the state to level up

AROUND THE COLLIERIES

The local government has secured as a member Mr. B. F. Pearson, the most progressive business man in Nova Scotia. He should be a tower of strength.

We are glad to welcome back again to our ad. columns R. S. Newell & Co., the well known wire rope manufacturers. In the matter of wire rope the operators have many sources to draw from.

The government commission appointed to enquire into the working of the present legislation, affecting stationary enginemen, etc, will hold their first meeting in Halifax, on 3rd Jany. 1907.

The members of the government at Ottawa seem to have been as much distressed over the final proceedings in connection with the Lethbridge strike, as the Records' Rambler. In proof of this it may be pointed out that they have lost no time in introducing a bill designed to prevent a recurrence of such regrettable and undignified incidents.

The Nova Scotia Steel & Co. also had its little fire at Trenton. It would scarcely do that the Dominion Coal Co. would monopolize street talk. The damage in this case was triffing, and only caused momentary interruption of work. Some of the buildings at Trenton are not modern and the fire serves as an intimation that the time is about due for the remodelling of some of the buildings

The Dominion Coal Co. is the sixth largest coal mining company on the American continent. The biggest Company is the Frick Co. with 13,000,000 tons, the second the Pittsburg Coal Co. with 11,-000,000, the third the Mon. River Coal Co. 4,900-000 tons, the fourth the Bernard White Co. 4,200, 000 tons, the fifth the Rochester & Pittsburg, 3, 600,000, and sixth the Dominion Coal Co. with over 3,200,000 tons.

The Dominion Coal Co. is having some experience in underground and over ground fires. The damage done by fire at the Reserve Mine, overground, has not been made good, when fire breaks out at the Hub, underground, making it necessary to flood the colliery. In the case of both collieries the fires did not result in so great a direct pecuniary loss as in the indirect loss entailed from an interruption and disarrangement of the coal supply. Bad as the fire at the Hub is there is the consolation that it occurred at a time when the piers are nearly empty of shipping. The loss by fire at the Hub may reach \$175,000, but the greater part of that is covered by insurance. The of-ficials seem to have acted with promptness in taking measures to stay the fire, though there has been some criticism. On the occasion of a serious fire and the consequent excitement, and the necessary uncertainty as to how a fire in a mine ation and without a name, again writes on "socialism" may act, it is not to be wondered at if the coolest heads are, for a time, at sea.

The Cleveland-Cobalt Mining Co., have purchased from Allis-Chalmers-Bullock, Limited of Montreal, a mining plant, including 3 belt driven compound "Ingersoll" air compressors, 'Ingersoll' Rock drills, plunger sinking pump, 'Lidgerwood' hoisting engine, and necessary fittings.

Merit may long be overlooked, but sooner or later in many cases it meets its reward. speaker, no one was better known in Cumberland County than Peter Murphy. But the ability to speak on every subject is not his only qualification, He is an experienced miner though comparatively a young man. Recognizing his activity and industry the Underground manager offered him a position as night overman at the Joggins. This Peter accepted. The loss of the P. W. A. will be the gain, it is hoped, of the Can. Coals & Ry. Co.

Halifax has at length put its shoulders to the wheel and has without looking beyond its own walls subscribed the amount of capital asked for the establishment of car works. This is the first time in twenty years that Halifax has really exhibited itself in a practical way. Hitherto its energies have been chiefly spent in the passing of With this new spirit cumbersome resolutions. there is hope for Halifax. Let Halifax continue to assert its rights in the matter of the mails. Let it be shown to the government and the C. P. R. that it is in dead earnest, really and truly means not to be bluffed or brow beaten, in short that no longer is it going to take it lying down. The Chronicle is doing its part, for which it is to be commended.

(Continued from page 17) socialists are members of a Self Help society. I prefer the Burns sort of socialism. Perhaps unconsciously I am one of that sort myself. Whatever John Burns may call himself he has given proof that even in his exalted position he has not forgotten his first love, a love for the oppressed and down-trodden. The red flag socialists are continually calling the world to do something and telling the world what they are bound to do. time these are boasting much, the social democratscommon name reformers,-of the Burns kind are doing an excellent practical work. I am convinced that some of the C. B. socialists who are telling harrowing tales of men trying to raise families on \$1,38 are making over \$800,00 a year. How much are they distributing among their 'comrades' in the \$1,38 class. A 'clergyman' writing from Cape Breton—must be an itinerant, without a fixed abode—tells us through the Herald that things began to mend in New Zealand when the workingmen went to the polls, won, and formed a government. Before this 'clergyman' without a habithe better read up a little bit, about the movement in New Zealand.

The McKinley-Darragh-Savage Mines, Cobalt, have purchased from Allis-Chalmers-Bullock, Ltd. of Montreal, a large amount of mining machinery. or Montreal, a large amount of mining machinery, including a powerful cross compound air and compound steam "Ingersoll" air compressors, "Ingersoll" rock drills, two 80 h. p. boilers, a feed water heater, condenser, air pump, 'Lidgerwood' standard mining hoisting engine, air receiver, etc.

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The vessel which attracts the most attention at Glasgow Harbour at present is the Norwegian ship Lancing, in Princes Dock, loading for Honorous Lancing, in Princes Dock, loading for Honorous Control of the Frinces Dock, loading for Honorous Control of the Canadian Pictorial and with the Canadian Pictorial on the Frinces Dock, which is duly rescaled in her log book. Messrs Macmillan and sons, of Dumbarton, have contracted to build two first-class carge steamers of fair size for Montreal owners.

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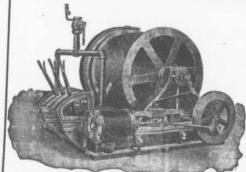
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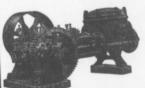
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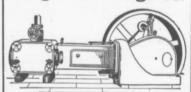
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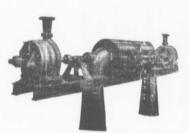
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