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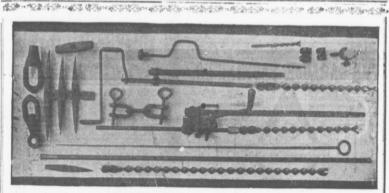
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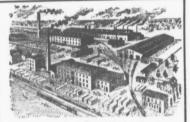


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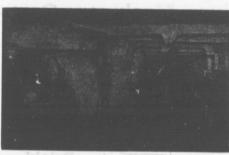
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ACCIDENTS IN COAL MINES.

Last issue we gave an extract from an article written by a Lancashire miner to the Wigan Observer. We give below a further instalment. The subject is an important one, and a Lancashire miner writes forcibly; there are ample justification for publishing the article. We would take it from the letter that conditions in the old country in reference to the examination of places and a supply of timber are not quite the same as in Nc-va Scotia. We are of the belief that, though it was not always the case, at the present time the management of our mines are careful to see that a plentiful supply of timber is kept in the working places, and in some mines at least the Examiners have daily to report on the state of the timbering. The questin the Springhill mines is: ently timbered for safety," The question asked daily for instance "Are all places kept suffici-This implies that timbering is not left to the discretion of the miner even in those cases where he may have to place the booms and set the props. In some of our mines all timbering-that is permanent timbering—is done by company men, in others it is done by the miners. The question has been argued for the past twenty years: "Should the timbering be done by the miners or by shiftmen?" The chief argument in favor of the miner doing it is that no one knows his place like the miner himself-the chief argument in favor of the shiftman doing it is that he will do it carefully. So far as we know the question has not been definitely settled though we incline to the opinion that those in favor of shiftmen doing all timbering are in the majority. Whether wholly applicable or not to conditions in Nova Scotia, Lancashire's miner's remarks must prove interesting:-

The coal face is the most prolific of all sources of accident, and the bulk of these result from falls of roof. Accidents at this point may happen to the miner or to the men who are appointed to do the necessary work in order to maintain the place, such as packing, chocking, timber drawing, etc.; I have already suggested that the latter class of work should be done during the night shift, and that there should be a regular supply of suitable timber taken to the coal face by the employers, and that special attention be given to the quality of the 'caps to be used, but there are other things of equal importance. "Prevention is better than cure", and if we can prevent the roof from breaking up it would be a valuable assistance to the timbering of the place; in many instances the roof is allowed to break, when by attention and proper method it could be avoided. I have often seen places of perfect safety turned into death-traps because officials took advantage of the good root and neglected it until the place was scarcely fit for human beings to work in, and yet if the coal was to be got it was

keep the back timber drawn to within a reasonable distance from the coal. This is a part of mining which is much neglected; at present at many collieries it seems to be the idea that this work can either be done or left alone, and consequently when there is any great pressure placed on the officials with regard to cost of manage-ment this is one of the first places to suffer, and yet it is most important that it should always be attended to. If back timber is left in the wastes the result is that the resistance which such timber offers to the roof often throws the weight towards the coal face, where men have to work and pass : whereas it the timber was drawn with discretion the result would be exactly opposite—the roof falling where no one was working, and as a result the weight would be taken from the 'race'. The withdrawing of timber in itself is a very dangerous occupation, and one which has cost scores of lives. In ordet to prevent accidents from this cause, I would again specially emphasise the necessity of this work being done when the miner is not working at the coal-during the night. By this arrangement they have the advantage of quietness, and all miners know how important it is that they should be able to hear the least signs of the roof giving way. Not only would it be safer for the timper drawer, but it would be safer for the men who are working at the coar face. When both operations are going on at the same time, the man who is drawing timber cannot hear and detect danger because of the noise caused by the miner, and the miner is likewise situated because of the noise created by the timber drawer. I have often witnessed the case of timber being drawn under these circumstances; the result is that continually there is a request from one to the other to stop working, in order to listen to the creaking of the coal or roof, and usually both are reluctant to stop each other, cousequently often both will work in danger because of the unpleasantness which may be caused, especially in the case of the coal getter, who works piece work. Apart from this, if this work was done during the night. there would be opportunity of the roof to settle before the miner came to work in the morning; often the drawing of timber has a temporary injurious effect on the roof nearest to the coal face. There should be men specially chosen for the work, because of their experience and adaptability, and they should be provided with the latest and best contrivances in use, which are intended for safety. Much of the danger which surrounds this work is brought on through the timber not being drawn at the right time-meanwhile the roof having broken between the props; and often where there are 'strata' coming along with the coal this waste stuff has been thrown, so as to almost bury the timber which has te be drawn. Given experien:ed men with proper applianabsolutely necessary that this danger be faced, and some ces; and let the work be done by system, accidents from one must face it. In order to prevent the roof being heavy at the coal face and breaking, it is necessary to ever, say, that though as a system, drawing this back

I began this article with a firm conviction-based upon facts which are before my eyes every day of my life-that there is no real attempt to deal with the dangers arising from roof and sides in coal mining; that risks are daily run which can and ought to be avoided; and that many accidents can be described by nothing better than the word 'manslaughter.' These are strong words, but they are true, and the only way to clear the "mining conscience" of the disgrace of such a charge is that they should cultivate a higher standard of safety, and place human life at a greater value than the accomplishment of their own or their employesr' ends. 'Life' in our mines at present is not valued more than meat, nor the body than raiment. My charge of wilful neglect against the man gement of our mines does not end in counting the number of accidents which result therefrom. We must not couclude that an accident occurs in every case of dangerous risk. No, the accidents are infinitesimal in comparison with the risks. dangers which are allowed to remain by the official on will be able to avoid an accident. In the majority—in same principle should be applied to mining.

life; and being a miner myself I am determined that a cials remove it? Because it takes money. ter with the natural dangers of his calling, in order to earn a livelihood for himself and those dependent upon him? If the good men who sit in judgment upon him only knew the whole tale, perhaps they would hesitate before pronouncing judgement. before pronouncing judgement. If it were not for the the officials gave their opinion that the roof was safe, fact that the miners as a class are extremely careful, if But think of the position, say, of the fireman in this lousness, the death roll would be far more terrible than these miners leave work it goes down. Can't we easily it is. It is easy to point where seemingly the miner has understand that he will be liable to err on the wrong but who is capable of showing, is it possible to calcul-

timber is valuable, yet there arises cases continually dangerous place—if these gentlemen could witness the where it would not be advisable to withdraw it, such process, the continual stoppages between every stroke of the pick or happens, both ligranium with straingd with straingd every of the pick or hammer, both listening with strained ears, hesitating even in the very act of striking, and scarcely daring to breathe, much less stir a foot, fearing lest they might not detect the creaking of the coal or roof, if these things could be seen by those who look down upon the miner they would find that he was not the ignorant, reckless, careless being he is often supposed to be. think they would modify their opinions.

Let me refer again to this question of risk. It must be remembered that there are two kinds of 'risks' in connection with mining; one kind is the unavoidable or natural ricks, and the other is the kind of risks to which I have referred, the deliberate risk, the risk that can be removed. I lay it down as a principle, in the prevention of accidents, that to deal with accidents we must deal with 'risks'; that is to say, where men are travelling roadways, or working at the coal face, and there is danger which can be removed, that should be stood that I am referring to deliberate risks; dangers might tumble down at any moment, and if we were well dangers which are allowed to remain by the official on chance that it would fall when no one was passing?

What I say is that the aware of the fact, should we all wit to remain, on the the tremendous majority of cases he succeeds, but oc- ways of the mine are often like the street with the dancasionally, in a moment when he may be paying extra gerous building; there are places where large stones castonary, in a moment when he may be paying extra gerous bunding; there are places where large stones attention to his work, and consequently may have relax- are hanging from the roof, and others where it is not each him and we read the work, the roof comes down upsafe through other causes. Men are continually passing on him, and we read the result in our evening paper, along these roads, and the only explanation why both This picture of the miner struggling with dangers the official and the workman are willing to take the risk which can be removed, and avoiding accidents, in the is that they expect the roof or sides will fall when they face of the deliberate neglect of the officfals, may sound are not passing or working, or that they will be able to new to many readers, but it is a picture from real mining avoid it even if they are passing. Why do not the offilight shall be turned on this side of the case, and that the miner unwillingly risk it? Because it he continualnot half of the picture, as is usually given, but that the ly left off work through the state of danger to which I other side shall be held to public view. We hear con- have referred, he would incur the displeasure of the offitinually of miners losing their lives through carelessness, cials, and would suffer ultimately in his wages, or what that is, from coroners and juries, at the instigation of is far more probable, be sacked. Of course, they would We hear how they have deliberately not tell him why he was sacked. Furthermore, he brought on accidents which result in their own, and ot-We hear it commented on about off work he will at least lose time while it is being retheir recklessness, carelessness, and blundering by corpaired. Notwithstanding this, there are continually great carefulness of the miner, his deliberate cool courthey will not risk the danger; there comes a degree of cases occuring where the men do leave off work because age in the presence of danger, and his extreme caution- danger when men will not tolerate the risk, whatever ness in provoking and dangerous circumstances? Who the consequences may be. In my own experience I have is there can describe the whole tale of his daily encoun- seen cases when men have left off work through what they considered dangerour roof, and as a result their wages have been reduced, where the men were told that if they went home they I have also seen cases matter. He is pressed to keep the output up, and if

ate how much danger is avoided, and how many lives are not provided with sufficient props and caps, and es-Another cause of unnecessary risk is that the men If these gentlemen had had the opportunity to wit to the timber being unsuitable. In my own experience pecially is there much room for improvement with regard ness the whole scene—one miner engaged in working I have witnessed free fights over a tram of props; the lamp, so that he would the better be able to see-per- have arrived the load has been literally devoured. In haps he may be holing the last bit of coal out of which this struggle some would get the lion's share, while ottons may be hanging, or drawing or setting timber in a hers would get none. The neglect in not providing

suitable timber comes about either through the policy of fully aware that the 'Act' at present makes it a duty of economising and reducing the timber bill, or otherwise the employers to take timber to the 'tace' in case they through the officials not ordering them when required, and often through bad organization, that is to say, that drag the timber for hundreds of yards along roads where they do not take sufficient care in seeing that they go to they have almost to go on their hands and feet. the district which requires them. Whatever may be the cause there is nothing to justify the management for neglect of this kind. With reference to suitable timber, there is not sufficient care taken in getting to know the daily requirements of the different places. It often happens that props come into the place for the collier which are not of suitable length, either they are too long or too short, and thus entail longer time in setting them. This adds provocation in the direction of causing the miner to neglect setting them. We must remember that the miner works on the piece system, and anything which takes him from his real work at the coal face he looks upon as labour which does not count; consequently if it takes him fifteen minutes to set a prop-where if he were provided with suitable timber he could set the same prop in three minutes-it is easy to understand why he hesitates before doing it. Give the men the right kind of timber, and the work of setting it will be so infinitesimal that they will never think of neglecting it. A study should always be made of the different places, and the most dangerous should be provided with specially good timber to support the roof. More attention should be directed to the quality of the 'lid' or 'cap' which is to be placed on the prop against the roof. At present it seems to be the opinion-judging from the supply and the kind usually sent-that anything will do for caps. That is a great mistake. We must remember that a prop has only grip of the roof to the extent of the size of the cap; in many cases small caps render the props practically useless. What is needed is a variety of sizes, but, generally speaking, caps which are intended for one prop only should be about two feet long and say about three inches thick. There should always be a supply of light bars to be used as caps, with two props underneath them. With this method it is easy to cross the breaks and slips, and render them secure. By attention to this question of timber many accidents can be prevented.

It would be a great improvement if the Mines Act defined the working place as the point to where the timber must be taken by the employers; at present it is optional whether they take it to the shunt end or to the coal face. Apart from the neglect of the drawers in not taking it to the miners at the 'face', which often happens when it is left at the shunt, and which is usually caused because of the low roads along which he has to take his box-combined with the competitive pressure existing between the drawers, due to the piece system-apart from this there are many reasons, and at least the thing would be done systematically. If the management took it upon themselves to keep a proper supply of timber at the coal face, and such work was done in the night shift by men appointed specially for the work, whose duty it would be to see that each place should be properly supplied, it would be done much more efficiently, and there would be opportunity to do it in a proper method. The men being ar pointed purposely for the work would see to it more minutely than is the case at present. At present the fireman, whose duty it is to see to this matter, has so many responsibilities crowding upon him that it is impossible for him to attend to this. The men I have named would be a valuable assistance to the fireman, without in any way reducing official responsibility. There is vast room for improvement, and such improvement would have its effect in reducing accidents. I am

won't ride in or on the box. In spite of this drawers

DIFFICULT SHAFT SINKING.

The American Institute of Mining Engineers paid a visit two or three weeks ago to some of the big collieries in the North of England. Their visit to Dawdon Colliery is thus described :-

From Hylton the party proceeded through Sunderland and Seaham to Dawdon Colliery. Dawdon is not yet a colliery in being, but its two shafts have reached several seams of coal of varying thickness, and it may be said to have got over the worst of its troubles. Sinkers drenched with wet and steam may still be seen drawn to the temporary bank head in iron tubs, and as yet the heapstead, screening plant, frame pulleys and the like are things of the future. But the engine houses are erected, and one is in working order, while, what is more to the point, two shafts, the Castlereagh and the Theresa, have after more than six years working, successfully reached the coal measures. The work, how-ever, was attended with considerable difficulty. For fully three years sinking was carried out through the heavily watered ground by means of pumps capable of dealing with 7,000 gallons per minute. Then it became a question of erecting additional pumping plant or of freezing the shafts. It was decided to sink through the remaining thickness of magnesian limestone and yellow sands in a frozen state, and Mr. Wood explained to the company by drawings and diagrams how this was effect-In April, 1903, preparatory to freezing, 28 bore holes were sunk around each shaft to a depth of 484 ft. and 21 feet into the coal measures. These bore holes were completed in April, 1904, and freezing was then commenced and continued until Feb. 16th. 1906. ing this period both shafts were sunk through the frozen limestone and sand into the coal measures, and the whole of the water-bearing strata was lined with cast iron tubbing. Dawdon colliery in a comparitively short while may thus be expected to contribute largely to the prosperity of the neighbouring coal port of Seaham.

Further South, overlooking the coast, is Horden colliery, and here the party were taken to finish the round The plan of the huge buildings of the of inspection. colliery, which almost completely cover the whole of the iron frame work, reminded many of the visitors of the largest collieries in Westphalia. Here everything has been planned on an ample scale. Huge engine houses overlook at either end the shaft head and heapstead, in Huge engine houses which there is a continual stream of moving tubs. double decked cages contain four tubs on each deck, and a feature of the elaborate arrangements is that the tubs on the top decks are discharged by hydraulic rams simultaneously with those on the bottom deck. There are facilities here for dealing with many thousand tons of coal daily, though at the present stage only about 800 tons of coal per day are being drawn. When completed with its three shafts all lifting coal—at present two are not working, pending the finishing of the shaft sidings underground—the colliery will give an immense impetus to the coal trade of South East Durham. Other col lieries are projected in the district by the Horden Col-

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If Germany is disputing successfully the supremacy of British trade in the markets of the world, and who can deny this, this fact is due to the supreme attention given there to technical education.'

Oh, give me a rest. the idea was borrowed from other countries, bordid not show that the younger was rapidly out-stripping the older. Not at all. In some things the older was more than holding her own. can surely admit that technical education is doing much for Germany without being required to say Indien for Germany without being required to say third party—the public. Fublic opinion counts or think that by means of it she is making bank- for much more to-day than it did twenty years rupt all other nations. And then there is New ago, and when the public wakens up to the fact Zealand. We are told it is a sort of second Eden; that is affected by strikes almost as closely as the bearing. We are too it is a sort of second gaes; that is affected by strikes almost as closely as the where every one is happy and where there is no immediate contestants or disputants it will depoor people. In New Zealand can one not only mand that some other means than strikes and poor people. In New Zealand can one not only mand that some other means than strikes and get something for nothing but everything at the lock outs must be sought for the adjustment of same price. This is all nonsense, Ex nihilo, etc. disputes. And the only other way in sight is arrive one one or something has to pay the piper, and bitration. The time may not be distant when, if the harder by and by a when he calls for a settle. it meantime he is playing on tick, it will be an disputants will not voluntary agree to refer their the harder by and bye when he calls for a settle-differences to arbitration that the law of the land

Looking over the Pennsylvania coal statistics for 1905, and comparing them with those of Nova Scotia for the same year I find that one life was lost for every 238,730 long tons raised. For the whole of Nova Scotia the figures are one life for every 252,521 tons. By counties in Nova Scotia I find that Pictou makes the most unfavorable showing, a life having been lost for every 148,281 tons raised. Cumberland shows very little better with a life for every 155,279 tons. Inverness does with a fire for every 100,010 tons.

not compare favorably with Pa. as in raising its
211,000 tons one life was sacrificed.

Cape Breton County saves the situation, so to speak, by losing only a life for every 329,000 tons raised. per cent of the fatal accidents were due to falls of coal or roof. This shows how important it is or coal or root. This shows now important it is that timbering and spragging should be faithfully attended. The article in this issue on "Accidents in Mines" should be carefully read by all whose daty takes them underground. In the matter of lives lost in comparison with number of employees Nova Scotia again shows better than Pennsylvania. For every thousand persons employed the loss of life in Nova Scotia was a little less than two, whereas in Pa. about 3.50 lives were lost per

It is predicted that at the next meeting of the There are two countries International Trades Congress one of the planks on, give me a rest. Increase two countries international reases congress one of one paneta am tired hearing about; Germany and New of the labor platform may be compulsory arbitrary and the property of the labor platform may be compulsory arbitrary to the panetage of the property of the labor platform may be compulsory arbitrary to the panetage of the property of the panetage of t Tam three nearing about; Germany and New of the labor platform may be compulsory arbit-Zealand. If one is to believe all he reads about ration. This is rather a surprising statement for Germany, and comparisons of its growth with it is not so many years ago that arbitration in that of Britain, he must come to the conclusion any form was scorned by unionists, and in some going to the dogs. If Germany has made more terance in the press to the opinion that voluntary cases by employers. Twenty years ago I gave utgoing to the dogs. If Germany has made more terance in the press to the opinion that voluntary trade progress in the last twenty years than arbitration was a delusion and a snare, and that the state of the pressure of the state of the pressure of the state of the s how one should be surprised that he wakened up could be elected in exceptional cases, in those and did things in the eleventh and succeeding cases where public opinion carried weight. Nova hours, I am not a bit surprised that Germany is Scotia led the world I think in the matter of company are the law of the control of now doing things, I am surprised she took so long pulsory arbitration. True the law on our provinto make up ner mind to do them. Will those classitative books does not comper the parties to who preach about Germany's wonderful expans a dispute to leave their grievances to arbitration, sion owing to her systems of technical education but if one side applies for arbitration the other tall as whose of Germany's wonderful expansion over the procedure. tell us wherein Germany has shown her heels to side is compelled to submit to such procedure, her competitors. Apart from her progress due to The present New Zealand law may be in advance ner competitors. Apart from her progress due to The present New Zealand law may be in advance discoveries by the aid of chemistry, discoveries of our Nova Scotia act, but this can be said that not made but adopted by Germans, will some one before New Zealand had any kind of a law dealing say where she has led in the initiative. What in-with labor disputes Nova Scotia had one, and a dispute she also stabilished initiative. dustries has she established peculiar to Germany, fairly good one at that. If it is a good act the question arises how is it not put into operation. rowed and it may be improved upon. The latest disputes, and when there was one or two many figures I saw of the trade of Britain and Germany years ago both sides preferred to fight it out in their own way. Formerly it was generally considered that there were only two parties to a labour dispute, the masters and the men, but it is now dispute, the masters and the men, but it is now being recognized that there may be an interested third party—the public. Public opinion counts will demand and compel them to do so. That a

demand for arbitration should come from the be bought, they are weak of mind and can be detween nation and nation or between capital and labour is a foolish and expensive way of settling face of the globe. difficulties.

Truly, I am greatly indebted to the Halifax Were it not for it I might be puzzled at times to select a text on which to base or build a few remarks. In respect of texts, the Herald ald of 4th. inst. I read:

"On Friday, August 18, 1906, the Provincial cause. Workmen's Association of Cape Breton, held Workers of America." He wished to address the rary powers. decided there should be no speeches made.

Because it is evident that the employers of labmans Association of Nova Scotia. Why?

of labor in Nova Scotia know full well that they Cape Breton. can control and if necessary fight the home or ganization to a stand still and a finish, either by deceit, cajolery and finesse, or by betrayal and treachery.

Well, now, put that in your pipe and smoke it. that body, put up a ferce and relentless opposition. Was there ever display of such cheek. A representative of a rival society wanted opportunity at called no halt, until the last vestige of "When the celebration of the birthday of the P. W. A. Knighthood was in Flower" had disappeared."

Not until the 4th. of September, 1906, did I every the content of the property of the content of the content of the property of the content of the co tators, and walking delegates. and can be cajoled, they are dishonest and can years, publicly recanted his errors, and declared

labour representatives of the present day is sure-ceived, they lack grit and can be easily ground. ly a sign of advancing civilization, and that men Not only that, but the language implies that the are beginning to realize that war, whether be great majority of the members of the P. W. A are the veriest soft heads and weaklings on the It should not be forgotten that the leaders of the P. W. A., if by leaders are meant the officers of Grand Council and the chief officers of the lodges, are not self appointed. committee who name the delegates are chosen from among the members of the lodge, and their selection of delegates has to be submitted to the presents an embarrassment of riches. A text may lodge for approval. The delegates duly accredit consist of a few words or of many verses; the ed from the several lodges nominate at Grand Heralds are in the latter category. In the Her- Council the Gd Officers or leaders if you will. Any Gd. Officer is removable at any time for cause. The leaders in the P.W. A. have less powers than those of the U.M. W. Who ever Who ever their annual picnic at Caledonia. At that picnic heard of the Secy. of the P. W. A. ordering a there was a representative of "The United Mine staike or declaring one off. He has no such arbit-In this respect the P. W. A. is a workmen and endeavored to arrange the matter much more democratic society than a majority with the leaders of the Provincial Workman's of unions in America. It was when the influence Association: but after a hasty conference, the of the Knights of Labor was waving in the Unitleaders of the Provincial Workman's Association ed States that the greatest efforts were made to establish it over Canada, and it may be to save appearances that the U. M. W., a foreign institution would like well to obtain a foothold in Nova or in Nova Scotia are opposed to any conferences Scotia. The miners of C. B have little or nothing or semblance of union between "The United Mine in common with those of the U. S. Conditions Workers of America" and the Provincial Work- are wholly different. We are told the U. M. W. would give the miners of N. S. prestige. Indeed. The U. M. W. better settle its internal dissensions Because the great corporations and employers before attempting to extend its borders as far as

> "Eight years ago, the "Knights of Labour" were organized in Cape Breton. and straightway the employers of labor, fearing the strength of

iance to the P. W. A. and recognize foreign dic- er hear that the advent of the Knights of Labor Fancy the Rev, to C, B. had raised a single hair on the heads of Mr. Glashen asking Rev. Father McInnis at the the operators. Against the Knights of Labor the latters annual church picnic to be permitted to operators were guilty of no sin of commission. address the crowd on the benefits of their becom- Their only sin was one of omission. They refusing affiliated with the Presbyterian church, or the ed to collect the dues of the scattered members Rev. Father McDonald requesting the Rev. D. M. of that order on the ground that they were al-Gillies and his elders to allow him on their anniv- ready collecting for one labor society. And was ersary to show the members the desirability of not that enough, was not that more than was accatholic Church. Would'nt there would be, and they looked on when the P. W. A. men, the loyal that those addressed would deem the request, as men of the P. W. A. fought them—and won, that those addressed would deem the request, as the writer in the Herald is ignorant of the real unheard of, unreasonable impertinence. Gall, The writer in the Herald is ignorant of the real why that is no name for it. We are told, in the causes which let to the invasion of the Knights of words of the text, that a hearing was not granted, Labor eight or ten years ago. It was not sought not on account of the insanity of the request, but for by the honorable workmen of Cape Breton, it not on account of the insanity of the request, but for by the honorable workmen of cape Breton, it because the employers of labor are opposed to was forced upon them by a set of self-seeking conferences or semblance of union with the Mine politicians who were alarmed at the influence Workers of America, because the employers of which the P. W. A. attained. Its main object Nova Scotia are afraid they might not be able to was to break the power of the P. W. A., regard-control the United Mine Workers, while they can less of the consequences to the workingmen of control the P, W. A. This is a mean contempt- Cape Breton. It affected a landing in Cape Breible and cowardly way of assailing the leaders of ton, but no more. It never secured a footing on the P. W. A. It is saying in effect they are soft the mainland. One of its chief abettors in after

that it was well that he and his fellow machina- housie College in many industrial centres are the Dominion Coal Co, there would be no hope for low that they are within the means of all. ther we are told that the Dominion Coal Co. with the U. G. M. I don't think so, indeed I am official position requiring training and knowledge. sure if it came to a life and death struggle the sure in it came to a life and death struggle the chances of the P. W. A. winning would be infinitely greater than those of the U. G. M. Why? First, because the P. W. A. having a reputation for reasonableness would have the sympathy of the public-and that counts these days; they would have the sympathy of the government—and fers to accidents in mines, chiefly, but we desire that would be no small factor—and there would to call attention to the following incidental repany. Whereas the probability is, fifty chances pany. Whereas the probability is, into changes the employees inside of the American indicate to one, that if the miners fought under the patare producing more coal per person than the emto one, that it the miners lought under the pate are producing more coal per person than the en-ronage, auspices, red flag of the U. G. M., both ployees of the mines in any European Country, the public and the government would be unsym- and are also earning more money, than the for-What would the miners of C. B. gain by affiliation with the U.M.W. Listen—"It-organized labor—'would receive as a dower the benefit some of the brainiest men in America." well. Maneuvers: I should say so. The boiler-makers of Victoria, B. C. can tell of how they were maneuvred out of work, a good fat job-by the members of an American society, with which as a seperate country, and not a portion of Nova the members of an American society, with which as a seperate country, and not a portion of rowal they were affiliated. Ask the miners of B C. Scotia. In that event we might present figures from Nanaimo to Fernie what the brainy West-that would induce the Pa. Mines Inspector to draw ern Federation of Mines did for them. They will tell you that these American societies may have brains, but they have no balance. Better twelve Nova Scotia mines is greatly and annoyingly to ounce brains and balance than sixteen ounce the disadvantage of the latter. While Pa. shows brains without it. It should not be forgotten an output of 727 tons for every man employed in-that these same American societies which are side and outside the mines, Nova Scotia can only coming knocking for admission are the very ones show an output of 469 tons; or assuming that workmen. These are the societies which clamor-reducing the Nova Scotia output to short tons aled for the 'Aliens' bill, to exclude chiefly Canadian so, the output is 525 tons, or say no less than 200 from an employer across the border to come and States. If we take the output and divide by the ieties have a new found affection for Canadians, let them show an earnest of it by demanding the against an output of 883 tons in the case of Pa. repeal of the unfriendly, unneighbourly 'Aliens'

schools have done excellent work. It is true in a sense. They have served the purpose of many gap. They were the only means almost of acquirgap. college or too poor to do so. But where their of the four coal producing counties of Nova Scotia best work has been is inciting to study. They machines are not in use, cannot well be employed, have compelled the student to zealously devote owing to the high angle of the seams. If we comhimself to the work set him under pain of failure, pare the average output per man inside in Pa, But as we have said frequently, Correspondence schools cannot fill the place of the inspired voice, we find that the difference in favor of the Ameri-In Nova Scotia, at least in all the towns and vill- can is scarcely worth mentioning. In Cape Bretages in the mining counties, something better has on County last year there were employed 4,626

We are told by this writer best means for enabling ambitious young men to in the Herald, to put it shortly, that in the event obtain an elementary, at least, technical education. of a struggle between the miners of C. B. and the And to use a hackneyed phrase, the rates are so grind them under their 'heel'. Not so fast. The towns largely availing themselves of the privilements of the P. W. A. do not think so.

Fur- eges within their reach. There is no doubt that Fur- eges within their reach. There is no doubt that might be able to squelch the P. W. A., but the these classes as well as having secured a governby and bye the man who has taken a course at hight be able to squesen the r. w. A., but the these classes, as well as naving secured a govern-boot would be on the other foot in any contact ment certificate will be the man selected for an

CONCERNING COAL OUTPUTS.

In another column we give a part of the re-

eign employees.

Does the Inspector look upon Nova Scotia as a foreign country? It is in America, but it is not in the United States, therefore, we presume, Nova of long practical experience, and shrewd maneuv- Scotia was not excluded in the desired application ers thought out and put into practical form by of the Inspect as remarks. The boast is a proud one, and it is no doubt worthy of a special toot, but is it literally correct? Reductantly we may be forced to say it is, unless indeed the south portion of Cape Breton County, could be looked upon in his horns.

short tons are referred to in the Pa. report, and number of men inside the mines in N. S., we find that for each person there is an output of 692 tons. This leaves a difference of no less than 191 tons in favor of the American workers, inside the It is frequently said that Correspondence idea that the American pit men are superior workers, were a ready reason not forthcoming, In any comparison of figures as between Nova gap. They were the only means amount of acquired and ra., it should not be forgotten that ing information of those too remote to attend machines are in general use in Pa., while in three with that of the inside man in Cape Breton Co. ages in the initing countries, sometaing octre, has on County has year there were employed 4,020 come to take the place of the correspondence persons, who produced 4,060,600 short tons of coal schools. The evening classes instituted by Dal- or, say, 880 tons per man. In Pa. 136,000 men

stated, an average of 883 tons per man or only agers have not quite realized the necessity for three tons over the yearly average per man in economy of labour outside the mine. Surface Nova Scotia, But we can do better than that for costs tell of a surety. Let us take Cape Breton County. Nova Scotia. south, and we find that the 3,383 men inside produced 3,445,000 short tons, or an average, per man mine is affected by machines let us cite the case in the mines, of 1181, which is better than the of the sixteenth district in Pa. The output from American districts, all of them, by twenty tons per man, with the exception of one district, the fifth which shows no less than 1315 tons per man inside, but this large showing is more than neutralized by the fact that the number of men out- men employed in this production being 41,000 odd side the mine is out of all proportion to the num-side the mine is out of all proportion to the num-giving an output of only 267 tons per man. Low ber inside; the figures being, inside 6.472, outside as these figures are they are 11 tons per man bet-4,685, which brings the average per man inside ter than Cumberland Co, or say the Springhill and outside down to 767 tons or 66 tons less than mines. We have been told in the press that the the average of the Dominion Coal Co. In the old country miners work five days per week only, whole of the sixteen soft coal districts in Pa., and that this is done to restrict the output. per man as the district of Glace Bay, C. B. The Nova Scotia miners have no equals, so far as being Nova scotia miners have no equals, so far as being they do work, than the men of Monmouthshire, efficient workmen go—on this side of the water, for while they have bigger seams and better conand if there were not so many summer pic nicswhich are a worse evil than summer cholera—to coal per man. ducing twelve and a half per cent more coal than which we have overlooked. is produced in any district in the United States.
This, of course, applies to the C. B. machine mines As for the hand pick mines, they are not in it with those of the U.S, with their seams at slight angles, and coals that work more freely. As showing the difference in the output per man in the several districts of N. S. we subjoin the following figures:

Cumberland Co. 256 tons per man inside & outside Pieton ** 44 Inverness 66

Cape Breton " 626 " " Average for all of Nova Scotia 469 long tons or 525 short tons. Confining the production to the to Rates for Excursions, and other days persons engaged within the mine we find that Springhill produced 414 tons; Pictou 514 tons and Cape Breton 788 tons approximately per man. The great difference between Springhill and Cape Breton is due to the fact that no machines are in use in the former. An examination of the figures of production leads one to the opinion that one of our weak points in Nova Scotia is the greater number of men employed outside in proportion to the production than in Pa. For instance if we take the Dom, Coal Coy's, outppt, we find that 1181 tons are raised per year per man inside while for every man employed in connection with the mine the output is 833 tons. Taking the ninth district in Pa. the output per man inside is 1161 tons, while the output for every man employed is 860 tons. If no larger number of men were employed outside at the Dom. Coal Co's, collieries than in those of the ninth district in Pa., the output per man would be 875 tons instead of 833 tons A difference of 42 tons per man in a year may seem at first blush a small matter, but it is not so, os it means that it took the same number of mun to raise 3,445,000 in C. B., and 3,618,000 tons in Pa. The questions to be asked in view of bottom is being cut out, these facts are :- Are our coals more expensive to prepare for the market than those of the United States, or is our system of preparation defective, le coal. It has been difficult to reach, but the The probability is that the first question has to management are economical, and bound that no be answered in the affirmative. At the same coal of the quality of Syd. Mines will be wasted.

produced 120,000,000 tons, which gives as already time the Record is of opinion that some man-

To show how the number of employees in a this district was 10.700,000 tons and the total number of men employed 12,698. This gives an output of 884 tons per man. In Monmouthshire, Eng. 10.978,000 tons were raised, the number of there is not one which shows as good an average Springhill miners must either work fewer than The five days a week, or take it much easier, when ditions generally they do not produce so much coal per man. There may be some explanation draw them away, they would, this year, be pro- of this seeming inferiority of Cumberland men

> The I. C. R. is doing for the Dominion exhibition what it never did before in the history of It is, in addition exhibitions in Eastern Canada to the low rates that prevail all through the show giving four special excursions from Amherst, New Glasgow and the East.

September 26th. 1st. Excursion 28th. 2nd. 3rd October 1st. 4th. 4th.

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The horse racing will be the very best ever seen in Eastern Canada; the Vaudeville and 'Carnival of Venice' will be nagnificent; and the whole Exhibition, with its premium list of \$100,000 will be on a splendid scale.

Bridgeport water shaft is now down about 230 feet. Considerable water was met with at this depth A No. 9 Cameron pump has been put in and the water can be handled easily,

The new Walker compressor at Dom. No. 6 has been started, the old ones are now out of commission. This will mean plenty of air for mining machines if required.

Dominion collieries are down to work again, big outputs are recorded in most of the collieries in September.

Inverness colliery may try a section of long wall. The land district may safely and no doubt practically be experimented with.

The Emery shaft, Reserve, is cribed and the

Queen pit, Sydney Mines, is giving considerab-

AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

Coal Shipments AUGUST, 1906.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.

-Output and Shipments for August 1906.

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The new man engine which was ordered for Caledonia is to be used as a coal engine at the Emery shaft, Reserve. The present man engine at Caledonia will be repaired and put in good condition.

A new induction heater has been put in use on feed water line at Hub colliery. The exhaust steam from two Norwalk compressors is used for heating. This is a great saving and is almost equal to another boiler.

Preparations are being made to put the Emery shaft at Reserve in shape for hoisting coal. Men are at work breaking off levels at the shaft bottom.

The machinery at Reserve is receiving a general repairing and in a month or two this colliery will have one of the finest plants owned by this company.

A new 75 H. P. return tubular boiler has been installed at Caledonia Water Shaft, also a new smoke stack 70 ft. high, 3 ft. 6 in. in diameter is being erected, the old boiler and stack having been condemned.

Caledonia has now one of the finest steam plants of the Dom. Coal Co. The last new boiler and the 'Parsons' system allows one boiler to be off all the time for cleaning and repairs.

The new electric plant at Dom, No. 2 has been running for some days, and everything appears to work satisfactory; of course the mashines were running light not developing any power.

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lie ries, Limited, and Horden, large as it is designed to be, will only be one of a group of several neighbouring big pits. It is to be hoped that in the opening out of the collieries at Hesleden and Castle Eden less difficulty may be experienced in sinking through the water-bearing regions. At Horden continuous pumping actually took place over a period of three years.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The following timely remarks came lately from Mr. John McKeen of Amherst. The subject, the Record is pleased to say is securing at this time a good deal of attention. In all probability we will hear more on this subject when the next speech fron the throne is heard. While the local government is debarred from enacting legislation in restraint of trade, there is no ba upon it for doing all possible to extend it:

"The Maritime Provinces, with their wealth of raw material, are destined by nature to become the workshops of Canada, just as the West is destined to become her granary and food producing source. If immigration is supplying us with consumers in our great West, let the Eastern provinces see to it that we supply the manufactured goods. If this opportunity is to be seized, the key that opens the door is technical education and skill. If we fail to discern this, we drop out of the race and join the procession following where we should lead, become charlatans instead of specialists

I have nothing to say against the system known as the Correspondence Schools; they have done splendid work. It has been alleged that some \$60,000 is absorbed by these schools in this Province. If this be so it only goes to show the eager thirst of our young men and women for technical knowledge. The difficulty, however, of keeping up this long-range method of solving technical problems causes many to forfeit their deposits for the course and the system is but a poor substitute for the hypnotic inspiration which comes from actual contact with the professor's chair and the wholesome stimulus of student life and laboratory work.

The Province of Nova Scotia reaps a large revenue from sources where the highest technical skill must be exercised. What better appropriation could our Government make than one to assist and encourage technical education? We may talk of bounties and subsidies, but no amount of artificial stimulus can compare in actual commercial and industrial results with the sane and substantial ones that will follow a thorough system of technical education."

The buildings for the Dominion Exhibition are in splendid shape for the Fair, which opened on September 22nd. That the Live Stock Show will be the largest ever seen in Canada, barring none, East or West, is assured.

The railway rates to Halifax will be very low. Return tickets from St. John to Halifax will be as low as \$4,00 by the D. A. R. and \$4,75 on I. C. R.

It will be possible to come from Sydney to David Mitchell,

Halifax, enter the Fair, and return for \$3,25.

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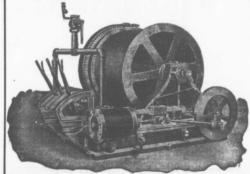
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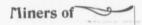
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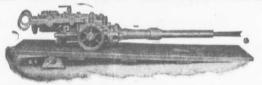
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