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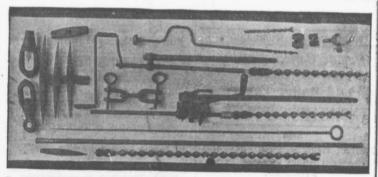
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### REFORMS ASKED FOR BY P. W. A.

A STRONG delegation from the several sections the P. W. A., Mainland and Island, had a conference with the government the middle of the month. The principal spokesman for the P. W. A. was Grand Secretary Moffatt. Mr. Hiram Donkin was present on behalf of the operators. The members from the mining counties, Kendall and Gillies, C. B.; Macdonald, Inverness; Paul, Cumberland, and McGregor, Pictou, were interested listeners.

Mr. Moffatt, on being asked to present a list of the proposed amendments, intimated that the first request they had to urge upon the government was that a law be enacted ordaining an eight-hour day for miners. Last year when a similar request was made the government, those asking it were not unanimous as to what an eight-hour day meant, whether an eight-hour "working" day, or an eight-hour day bank to bank. Mr. Moffatt explained on this occasion that an eight-hour working day was meant, in other words that a miner should begin at the face at 7 a.m., and quit the face at 3 p.m. On behalf of the plea for 8 hours work, Mr. Moffatt urges three main reasons:-1st, A miner's workwas strenuous, was hazardous and dangerous, and was unhealthy. It had been, perhaps, better had Mr. Moffatt not presented the unhealthiness of the occupation of coal mining as a plea for a shorter day. All conversant with coal mining admit it is strenuous work and that it is accompanied by dangers, seen and unseen; but the facts gathered up in recent years would seem to indicate that it is far from an unhealthy occupation. Before the days of mine inspection, and ventilating fans of great capacity, mining may have been unhealthy, but to-day with pure air in many of the mines all the time, and in other mines, except at intervals when blasting is in progress, the belief is growing that there are many occupations much more unhealthy than that of mining.

The second request was for weekly pays. On behalf of these it was urged that they would stimulate thrift. Anything that would tend to the discouragement of the credit system should be welcomed. A fortnight's pay was a large sum of money to be handed to some men on pay day, the consequence being a tendency to "blow" it away. The

credit system was the bane of the country, and it was in order to help along the cash movement that weekly pays were asked for.

A third important request was that iron ore miners should be certificated men, and, undergo an examination as to fitness, same as coal miners. Mr. Moffatt stated that at Londonderry the easiest work and the best pay were given to men who were not capable miners. These men could not timber and were not experts in the use of explosives. The skilled men were asked to finish the work that the unskilled yet well paid men, were unable to do, namely, timbering, etc.

It was asked, seeing there were so few skilled iron ore miners in the province, what would happen if a new ore mine were to be opened up? Where would the skilled miners come from. The iron ore industry was as yet in its initial stages in Nova Scotia, and should not be hampered by restrictions on labor.

Other matters submitted, were: "Checkweighman," "Safety Catches," "Doctor's Act," "Bulletin Boards," "Abandoned Mines" and "A Commission." The duty of this commission, it was stated, was to determine when safety lamps should go into a mine, and matters affecting changes in mining conditions at the collieries.

In the evening the managers had their innings. They were agreed in their opposition to the eighthour day, weekly pays and certificates for iron ore miners. The coal men oppose the first two and the iron men the last named. The objections to an eighthour day were two, chiefly-namely, diminished output and increased cost. The objection to weekly pays was that they would give opportunity for further loss of time on the part of the men. One of the iron ore men said that in his experience monthly pays meant the loss of one day a month, and weekly pays the loss of four days. I wonder if this was a hap-hazard statement, or one susceptible of proof. If it can be substantiated then I might join in an expression of a desire for delay in the enactment of weekly pays. I am inclined to the opinion that the statement is exaggerated. It cannot apply, surely, to any considerable body of men. At the collieries most noted for absenteeism, I would be grieved to learn that forty per cent. of the hands was absent day after pay. I know the per centage is in very many cases high, but that should not tempt us to use language which conveys the impression that all of the men, or a majority even, would lose more time under weekly than under fortnightly pays. The iron ore men dealt so vigorously with the question of certificates for iron ore miners, that it is not likely that the government will concede to the request until there is a larger supply of skilled men available than at present.

The Glace Bay Branch of the C. B. Technical School, is having a successful year, there being close on fifty pupils in the different classes.

### IRON ORE.

One of those interested in the iron ore deposits, in Annapolis County, while giving evidence before the government, in opposition to the request of the P. W. A., that iron ore miners be required to hold certificates, incidentally remarked:—

"We have a magnificent heritage in our iron deposits. I believe that the South Mountain is a mass of iron ore and there are many other equally valuable deposits, but how are we going to develop these areas if our hands are tied by lack of labor, as will be the case if every man has to secure a certificate?"

The Record has always admitted the probability of large iron ore deposits in Annapolis County, and we are sincerely glad to learn that systematic prospeeting, extended over a period of half a dozen years, warrants the holders of the areas, or the holders until recently, in making the assertion that there is an unlimited quantity of ore in, and around, Nictaux, of a quality, too, that ensures for it a ready market. The Brookfield-Corbett areas, in Annapolis, have been transferred to a strong syndicate, the leading spirits of which are the Drummonds of Montreal and Londonderry. It is the intention, it is said, of the syndicate to extensively develop the areas and send daily, quantities of the ore to Londonderry. It is hinted that the output may be pushed until it reaches a thousand tons per day. This means that a large quantity of ore will be available for export, indeed must be exported. It is therefore well that the demand of certain parties, heard loudly some months ago, for a honus of a dollar a ton on every ton of native ore mined, was not acceded to. It is now evident why the demand was made. RECORD does not say that the ore industry should not be stimulated by any bonus. What it maintains is that no bonus should be paid on iron ore mined for the purpose of export. The mere mining of iron ore is of little value to the province, compared with the reducing of the ore to pig iron. In mining alone, comparatively few men would be employed, while the smelting of the ore means employment to a large number; furnace men, and coal miners, and the diffusion of large sums of money. Unfortunately for the province the working of the ore areas in Annapolis will not add to the revenues of the province. The lands are held in fee simple, and the minerals on them were not reserved, so no royalty is payable. The same also is true of a majority of the ore lands said to exist in Antigonish and Guysborough Counties. When the old soldiers were given these lands, iron ore was held in small esteem, and was not reserved by and to the crown. It is to be hoped the ore at Annapolis will turn out so well that the owners may be encouraged to erect blast furnaces. Better export the manufactured than the raw article. At the present moment it looks as it a more determined effort, than at any previous period, is to be made to

discover the value and extent of the iron ore in those districts where it is claimed to exist.

### MICMAC GOLD MINING CO.

As the stock of this company is quite freely traded in on the New York and Boston Curb Mining Exchanges, and as the company thereby has attained a wider than a local reputation, it may be well to give Record readers some idea as to the position and the property of the company.

The company's gold areas are situated in the Leipsigate District, Lunenburg County.

The capital is \$1,500,000, divided into 300,000 shares of \$5 par value. The stock is now selling at a little above par on the New York and Boston curb. The stock was first traded in a year ago last February, and has had a substantial market ever since.

During the last 12 months the company has spent about \$60,000 in development work, and is now in process of spending some \$40,000 more to complete the installation of electric power and machinery. After this installation is completed, the company will be in a position to produce about 100 tons of ore per day. The last 26,000 tons has averaged \$10.60 per ton in value.

The deepest shaft in company's mine is now approaching the 700 ft. level. There are nine shafts on the company's property, all in ore. There are two completely equipped working shafts, and there are two more shafts that it is only necessary to equip with hoisting machinery before using.

The longest level is the 300 ft. level, measuring 1,300 feet. All the workings are in ore. The company is now equipped with a 15 stamp mill, and a 5 stamp mill, 50 ton cyanide plant, air compressors, hoists, and all necessary steam machinery for modern mining.

The 600 ft. levels are being driven as fast as possible, and there is sufficient stoping going on to run the mill at full capacity. There are about 75 men at work.

The electric power the company is preparing to instal is being obtained from the Mersey River, 23 miles from the mine. It is being supplied by a company formed for the purpose of building a pole line from the power house on the Mersey River to the Micmac Mines. This pole line has already been contracted for, and will be erected as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The power house is already built and equipped. The power will cost the company \$30 per h. p. per pear. The Canadian General Electric Company is supplying the motors for the mine. Electric power obtained from water power will make it possible to open up several mines in this vicinity that could not be worked at a profit by old fashioned mathed.

### ONTARIO MINING BILL.

THE rush to Cobalt has set the Ontario government to thinking. Millions are being made out of the rich minerals in that district, but as the Ontario government enacts no royalty, as is done in Nova Scotia, the millions are for the speculators, while, as far as the government is concerned, to use a yankee phrase, "There was nothing doing." The government naturally is chagrined and has cast about for a way out, or rather, for a way by which it can get in-and it thinks it has found it. A new mining bill has been introduced which will cause the miners to pay toll. The Bill is well adapted to conserve Provincial interests in connection with this great industry which so lately has leaped into prominence. Its salient feature is a recognition of the rights of the people of the Province to benefit in some degree from the rich mineral stores of the north. This will be attacked by the ultra-conservative as a species of Socialism. Still the average man will find but little fault with an alleged Socialism which is likely to produce revenue for the Province and reduce the general taxation.

It is proposed to collect as a tax a certain percentage of the annual profits of each mine in the Province, provided its income after paying transportation and working expenses of all kinds exceeds a certain amount not yet fixed. The amount of the percentage also is still to be fixed. These are details to be discussed in committee. The tax, however, will be a graded one, and will increase in direct

ratio to the increase of profits.

The principle is fixed, and the government is committed to a measure which, although distasteful to many of the mine owners, will preserve to the Province some slight benefit from the treasures of the earth. At the same time it will increase the revenue, and make it possible for the government to spend more in opening up the northern district and providing tansportation and smelter facilities.

An interesting portion of the bill is that relating to natural gas. The same principle which is applied to the mines is found here. A meter is to be attached to every well, and a tax of a certain number of cents (not yet fixed) charged on every thousand feet of flow. In case the tax is promptly paid, a rebate of 50 per cent. shall be made on the amount used in Canala. This legislation is necessary because of the enormous amount of natural gas piped over from the Welland Peninsula to Buffalo. The bill is so explicit that it will be exceedingly difficult for anyone to evade its provisions. The penalties are heavy, and affidavits are demanded from the men in charge of each mine or gas well.

THE Cape Breton Coal Companies will long remember March, 1907, as one in which they did constant battle with storms.

## Rubs by Danie Sammanananananananananananas

Certain Conservative papers crowed lustily over the defeat of the Progressives in the recent London County Council elections. In the defeat of the Progressives, our good friend, the Halifax Herald, professes to read the handwriting on the wall, the not far off defeat of the British Liberal government. Its a wonder to me the Herald displays so little sense at times, fails to recognize the fitness-or unfitness -of things. The victory of the Moderates in London strikes a blow at the principles which the Herald has, in a half blind and wholly blundering way, been trying to enunciate for the past year or more. If the Canadian Conservative party has any present policy it seems to be one tending in the direction of Socialism. The party is seemingly making up its mind to pronounce in favor of the nationalisation of all public utilities. The Herald noticed that that seemingly was the trend of some leading spirits of the party, and concluded that it might be popular to throw in its lot with them, and that is the reason why the *Herald* has gladly admitted to its columns the effusions of red hot, red tied, and red-headed Socialists. Now, I want to know if the Herald is going back on those it took to its bosom? If not, why this bounding glee over the victory of the London Moderates. Why did the Londoners squelch the Progressives and boost the Moderates? Just because that London hates everything that savors of Social-Why should the Herald gloat over an anti-Socialist victory? I am free to confess that the Herald has not quite given itself over to Socialism. It goes a little against the grain to take so big a jump. It takes a little revenge on the dance the Socialists are leading it by rapping them over the knuckles, at odd times. For instance, the following editorial note:

"It is reported that certain Socialist members in the 'British Columbia assembly declined to rise when 'the King's representative, Lieutenant - Governor 'Dunsmuir, entered the chamber,' and that their leader, Mr. Hawthornethwaite, subsequently attempted to defend that course. Many were of the opinion that modern socialism had reached the stage of very bad statesmanship, but they did not know that it had reached the degradation of mere and utter bad man-

I RATHER agree with the leader of the Opposition in his expressed belief that there is not much need of a commission to inquire into the working of pension schemes in other countries. If the object of the proposed commission were to enquire into conditions in Nova Scotia and to report upon a scheme that might apply here it would of course effect some good, in at least furnishing data to build upon. It pleases

me beyond measure to hear that the sturdy miners of Nova Scotia are not going to rely upon solely, or chiefly, upon the government for the establishment of a total disability and old age fund. In one large mining centre the matter has been seriously taken up, and plans are being perfected for the early institution of a scheme. Of course it will take some time to complete details. Roughly speaking, it is contemplated that every workman 17 years of age or over, shall contribute, say 20 cents per month, towards the fund. It is expected that after very little persuasion, the operators will consent to pay an equal sum, that is a sum, equal to the total paid by the men, and that the government will contribute in same proportion to operators. It is calculated, roughly of course, that a sum monthly equal to sixty cents per man, will, after it has accumulated say for three years, permit of a substantial annuity being paid workmen perma-nently disabled, and to all men after attaining their sixty-fourth year. It is proposed or suggested that the government be custodians of the accumulating funds, and that after the expiry of three years, when the fund comes into operation, that the quarterly cheeks in payment of the annuity be issued by an official of the government on a certificate from the trustees of the fund in the localities where the 'fund' is in existence. It is further proposed that contributions to the fund will be compulsory on all over, say 17, or perhaps 18, or, better, on every one earning a man's pay. It is the opinion of those who have the matter in hand that this annuity fund in connection with our present relief fund will give Nova Scotia a better scheme for assisting the disabled, or the aged, than any scheme as yet formulated in any country. Every one who has worked as a miner or in connection with a colliery, for 20 or 25 years, and has contributed to the fund, shall be a participant in the benefits. The fact that a man has a sum sufficient to live on will not debar him from benefits. Indeed, nilly willy, he must become a beneficiary. And there is reason for this. If some only applied for benefits on the limit age being reached, and others did not, then some might be looked upon as recipients of charity. There is to be no smack of charity about the scheme. The man at 65 demands the annuity as that to which he is entitled, as that to which he has contributed, as that he himself with others, created. I hope those who have the matter in hand will go right ahead, staying not for brake, nor stopping for stone.

There is only one effective way of staying the apparently onward march of thesordid sort of Socialism, and that is to put a majority of our population in the way of acquiring a little capital. I preach thrift and economy, because I know that by the practice of these, workingmen can ascend in the social scale, and because I know that the more an individual saves and stores, the less of a Socialist he becomes. The chief duty of the state is to give every man a chance. Of course, I know even that will not

bring about the millenium, for there will always be people who will fail to regard their opportunity. Having given every man an opportunity the state has done all that can be required of it. Perhaps I should say the state has the further duty of providing places for those who wilfully disregard their opportunities, these places may either be asylums or penitentiaries, the former for the weak, the latter for the criminally wilful. When a majority are possessed of a share, not a equal share, for there will be disparities of this world's goods, there will be an end of collectivism. It is the men who have not the knack of getting and holding, who bawl loudest about unequal distribution. Socialism, as expounded at one point in the northern part of the Island of Cape Breton is the most utterly selfish thing one can imagine, and the peculiar thing is that its preachers profess to believe that all, but they, are selfish. I have met with workingmen, innocent of any taint of Socialism who would cheerfully share the one loaf with their poorer fellow, but I never yet met a mouthy Socialist who emptied his pocckets at the wail of poverty. They want others to do the emptying. The visitor to Glasgow should not fail to visit the 'Green' if possible, on a Saturday afternoon. Here one will witness and hear every form of oratory, or every manner of subject terrestrial or celestial, on subjects transcendant or on subjects immanent. In Glasgow every man who thinks he has a mission hies to the 'Green.' He mounts a biscuit box, or a chair, and begins to shout. First he speaks to the wind, then to a solitary hearer, and then to two or three, until a little crowd has gathered. There are big crowds around some speakers and smaller crowds before others. The size of the crowd depends on the quality of the oratory and the attractiveness of the subject. The afternoon is warm and one of the orators has taken off his coat, rolled it up and laid it on the grass. He has a small group of hearers. He is discoursing on the inequalities in life. Though he wears no red shirt, he is without doubt a red Socialist. He has maintained and is maintaining that it is the duty of the state to take from the man who has and give to the man who has not. An individual who is coatless, not on account of the heat, but from economic considerations, has listened open-mouthed up to this point. He now makes a movement to the bundle on the grass, unrolls the coat and is slipping it on for all the world like one who was not performing the operation for the first time. The orator detects the movement and shouts, "Take off that coat."
"Why should I?" "Because it is mine." "It was yours, but the state's duty you declare is to take it from you and give it to me, so I am saving the state the trouble." The orator finally got back his coat, but he never came back to the 'Green' to preach Socialism. It is quite easy to preach the despoilation of others, but when you come to take it from the man who has it, Socialist or no, then will he show his teeth In proportion as men become possessors, in proportion will they forsake the tenets of Socialism. The

pith of the matter may be illustrated by a further little störy. Two workingmen were discussing Socialism—oñe a Socialist, the other doubtful. Said the doubtful, "If you had two horses would you give me one?" "Yes, I would," said the Socialist. "If you had two cows would you give me one?" "Yes," was the reply. "If you had two pigs would you give me one?" "Come, Bill, you know I have two pigs." With what he had not the Socialist was all generosity. He had two pigs and the idea that he shrould part with one, was absolutely ridiculous, not in the programme at all. It would seem then that the surest way to counter Socialism is for every true reformr to strive to lessen the unequalities that exist, remove the anomalies, and place opportunities of betterment within the reach of all.

A writer in a recent issue of the Halifax Herald, says the Reports of the Department of Mines, are "year by year a target for the ridicule of the Mining Society." Is that all? I do not think that will seriously affect the reports, won't put them up or down. I have yet to learn that the ridicule of the Mining Society, if it exercises the faculty, has ever had the effect of jarring the most sensitive of nerves, let alone moving a department supposed to be nerveless. The Mining Society, it is true, did a couple of years ago find much fault with the manner and the method, the shape and the size of the Annual Mines Report. It said almost with the Herald writer that they were "wretched affairs." It said there were inaccuracies in the tables, due to slip-shod proofreading, and the book was void of pictures, and so forth. Then a challenge was flung by a member of the Society at the members as a whole. Those who censured, were challenged to suggest improvements. Here was a grand opportunity to perfect a useful periodical. What came of it? Not very much. The secretary wrote to every member of the Society, asking him to forward suggestions as to needed reforms in the Mines Reports. There had been such general fault-finding that, naturally a big volume of wise suggestions of practical value were looked for. Vain expectation. When the suggestions were all in and tabulated, it was found that the sum total of them did not amount to the proverbeal row of beans. The one omission from the report which a majority called attention to was that of illustration. Some wanted pictures. Now, pictures are pleasing, but whether they are profitable and of much practical value in an annual report is debatable. The government did not think it was justified in going to the expense of securing photographs and then half-tones of some little mine in the centre of a barren. True, it might look picturesque, but would not tend to increase the interest in mining. The Mines Reports can no doubt be improved in certain respects, and the way to improve them is for every one or any one who is possessed with a bright idea to send it to the mines office. If the suggestion is a wise one and will add to the value of the volume, and will not be too expensive, I have no hesitation in saying it will be

adopted. I have one or two suggestions to lay before the department and I think they will be adopted in the Report for 1907.

The taking off, for a time,—while navigation is interrupted, of the double shift at Sydney Mines, affords a member of the red-shirted fraternity located there, occasion to have a snarl at the P.W.A. because, for sooth, on general principles, it recommends its members to exercise the virtues of industry and economy. Is it for the purpose of keeping body and soul together in a time of stress that men are asked to be industrious and economical. Further, it is asked, with fine scorn, of what avail is industry and economy if men, at the will of the operators in the dead of winter, are to be cast off from the works. Softly. It may well be that a reason, why economy and industry are enjoined, is that just such interruptions as the one referred to are possible of occurrence. But if the flaming-hued individual were ofa philosophical turn of mind he might have perceived that were the injunction to be industrious and economical more generally acquiesced in, these very interruptions might not occur, or a least neither so frequently nor violently. How do I make out this? Very easily. Let me ask, "Why are double shifts necessary at very many of the collieries?" Because of the very large number of absentees. Here, for instance, is a colliery with places for 300 men. No more than 75 per cent. of the number can be depended upon to turn up regularly. It is a busy season and the operator has sold coal and must have it. He could manage to get the quantity needed if his full force would work with ordinary regularity, but they will not, and hence he has to resort to the double shift. The double shift gives hime more coal than he can handle in time spread over several months, and the time comes when he must cry out "enough, and men are thrown idle, because more men were hired than needed, because of the irregularity with which some work, -because of a lack of industry.

When fires, or explosions, occur in coal mines, rescue work is rendered dangerous and difficult on account of the poisonous gases encountered. Some men can withstand the effects of these gases, while others, as was the case in a mine fire in Pictou County recently, succumb in a very short time. Science has for a long time been at work endeavoring to find a device whereby men can be enabled to withstand the gases by carrying with them a supply of pure air. Experiments, it is believed, have at last been crowned with success. The Dominion Coal Co. have purchased a number of the latest life-saving machines, or devices. The machines are of German origin and are the best in the market. Men at all of the collieries of the company will be trained in their use. The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. are also experimenting with this valuable apparatus, and will also equip their mines with them and train men in their use.

## AROUND THE COLLIERIES

DURING the storm of the 7th inst., one of the smoke stacks at Dominion No. 1 toppled over.

Mr. Martin Weir is now underground manager at Dominion No. 9. He is a man of wide experience and no doubt will do well.

Nelson Wilson, son of Mr. Benjamin Wilson, was unfortunately instantly killed at Dominion No. 1, by the wire rope which hauls the cars in the yard springing over and striking hime. He was a young fellow very much liked by all who met him.

The new manager of Dominion No. 5 is getting busier every day. At first he felt as one feels when moving into a very large house, but he is getting his bearings, and there is no doubt we will hear from him this summer in the way of record outputs.

Large numbers are attending the Mining Schools in Cape Breton this winter. There is no let up to the ardor of the younger men who are determined, having the opportunity, to fit themselves for the best positions going. The mining schools are wonderful institutions, and next to the relief fund, the pride of

IF Mr. McVey is wise he will insist that the new mine at Lingan, or Low Point, won't be called simply Dominion No. 11 without any affix. It it simply gets a number people will not know to give credit to the veteran. So far no report has come from No. 11. They say that the first attempt to locate the outcrop at a particular spot was not a successs. What of that? Every success is built on failure.

The pumping out of the Hub is not to be unattended with difficulties. The water is very bad and quickly plays havoc with the linings of the pumps. On this account the work of pumping may be slow, and the unwatering of the mine take longer than anticipated. There is not much work to do at the mine until the water is out, down at least to the pit bottom, and for that reason all the men still at this mine will be given work at No. 2. The No. 7 men will not, on this account, require to remove their

Dominion No. 2 lost no fewer than seven days, the beginning of the month, through a peculiar accident. The rope on the grooved drum of the hoisting engine slipped, causing a break which sent the big big truck to the bottom, where it went through 12inch steel beams, and wedged itself solid in lining below the landing. This same accident caused the Harbor seam to be idle a couple of days as well, as the coal from the two seams is hoisted up the one shaft. The old proverb has it that it is imprudent to carry all the eggs in one basket.

Safety lamps are now in use in Dominion No. 6. This is early for a new mine.

The second new air compressor at Dominion No. 6 is finished so that there is now no lack of pressure.

MR. C. OCHILTREE MACDONALD, in company with an expert, visited the Port Morien district last

PILLARS are being very successfully drawn in Dominion No. 2 by using a Longwall machine for the undercutting.

THE executive of the Mining Society have named C. J. Coll, of the Acadia Coal Co., as president for

The new electrical machinery at the water shaft at International was expected to be started by the time this appears in print.

THINGS are going on fairly well at Dominion No. The parts for the disabled man-engine had not arrived at the date of writing. The New Glasgow shops have seemingly no ambition to be credited with

PREPARATIONS are all but completed for the installation of electric haulage at Dominion No. 3, and to improve the method of hauling coal on the bank. The mine will be idle for a week or so while the changes are being effected. After that, No. 3 will be fit for a big summer's work.

Manager Mitchell has built a house at Dominion No. 6, which is to serve as a temporary hospital for injured men. In the event of injury, men will be hurried to hospital, where first aid will be rendered, and the men made as comfortable as possible until able properly to be taken home, or to St. Joseph's Hospital. At all of the collieries there should be buildings for similar purposes.

Ir is said that the proposed merger of the Broughton, Port Morien, and North Atlantic Collieries, has fallen through. It is whispered that a merger on a smaller scale is now proposed to include the North Atlantic and the Gowrie and Blockhouse Companies Before the North Atlantic Company could reach its sea areas a great amount of tunnelling, some through foreign territory, would have to be done. By merging with the Gowerie and Blockhouse, continuous connection could be made with the outlying areas, and, besides, they would have a colliery from which shipments can be made from the moment the merger is completed. The North Atlantic Company, it is understood, have secured from the owners on the other side an option on the Gowrie, and it is expected that something definite will be done before

The new electric pump at Dominion No. 1 is still at work, but is not doing as much as was expected of it.

Mr. Maxwell, the new manager at International was confined to the house for a week or so owing to a bad cold, contracted at the water shaft during the stormy weather.

Mr. Harry Coll is to read a paper before the Mining Society at its annual meeting on the 27th inst., the subject being, "The sinking and timbering of the Allan shafts."

THE RECORD is informed that it is expected that beginning June, the Allan shafts will produce 10,000 tons monthly. This, surely, means big development during the next two months.

Those who are vociferous about the supposed high cost of coal should spend a few days before the winter is over, at one or two of the Dominion Collieries, say No. 3 or No. 5, and learn some of the difficulties in the way of cheap production, such as long hauls and stormy weather. To turn out 500 men and produce, for the day's work, 400 tons of coal, might not appear to them after all, as a highly profitable business.

The second and third week in March saw a great break in prices in the New York market. The lowest price for years in many of the leading stocks was reached. The character of the stock made no difference, the best as well as the doubtful were hammered out of sight. C. P. R., which one might think superior to adverse influence, declined 45 points or more from the highest price for 1907. The stocks traded in Montreal held their ground surprisingly well. Those with money to invest, have now the chance of their lives, but strange to say, money is tightest when it could be the most useful.

Mr. J. H. Plummer, the leading spirit in the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, was in Halifax last week. His friends were really pleased to see him looking as if he had fully recovered from the illness superinduced by the excessive energy expended in bringing order out of chaos, when things were bluest with the company. To all enquirers, Mr. Plummer had the one cherry tale to tell of progress at the steel works. Of course the stoppage of the supply of coal caused for a time disarrangement in all lines, but now the several departments have fully recovered and doing excellent work.

The Standard Coal Co. are at length congratulating themselves that they are through the conglomerate at the bore hole at Newville, Cumberland Co. The bore hole is now down about 2,400 and the stuff being cut by the drill may be called fireclay. The inding of coal within a hundred, or less, feet of the present depth may not mean an immediate fortune to the finders, as it may not be prudent to sink a shaft a depth of 2,500 feet in the hope of producing coal in competition with shallow mines. The probability is that further holes will have to be sunk, in an effort to strike the seam under considerably less cover. The Eastern Coal and Mining Company is the name of a concern applying for incorporation. That is its name, but "where its home," no one, not in the ken, can tell. The company begins with the modest capital of \$10,000.

Grand Master McNeil and Grand Secretary Moffatt visited the P. W. A. lodges in Pictou County last week. The two officers had a splendid reception from the members of the several lodges. They report the order to be flourishing.

The Emery seam at Reserve is to be put into good shape and straightened out in order to induce pressure. This will make the working of the seam much easier. The brushing is to be changed and two shots fired (in brushing leading places) instead of one.

EASTERN COAL COMPANY.—A good deal of work in a noiseless manner is being done at the mine of this company at Maccan Station, where Mr. Robt. Archibald is supreintendent and J. W. R. Simpson, underground manager. There is not much bustle in the mine, due to the fact that sinking the slope and the breaking of cross-cuts for the two back slopes, is the chief work. The company evidently has capital at its back, and are not parsimouious in its expenditure. They are determined to have a thoroughly equipped plant. Two Babcock & Wilcox boilers of 250 h. p. have been installed. A 500 h. p. hoisting engine is being constructed by the Robb Co., Amherst. A large air compressor has been ordered from the Canadian Rand Co. This compressor is to supply power for pumping purposes and also for underground haulage. Early next month experiments are to be made with a Rand coal cutting machine. Owing to the high pitch of the seam the tests will, necessarily be severe, and will be watched with interest. There are some substantially constructed buildings around the colliery, such as offices, engine house, boiler house, etc. These buildings rest on good concrete foundations. The surface buildings as a whole, look well and have a solid look. The main slope is 12 feet wide and fully 6 feet high under the timbers. The average gradient of the slope is 30 degrees, though the coal is pitching, say, 45 degrees. Thus, the slopes are being driven across the metals and this is not only a slow process, but necessarily costly, as if driving on the pitch as much progress could be made in one shift as in three shifts across the metals. To complete the slope will require a considerable expenditure. The coal in the lower seam is 5 ft. 9 in., but unfortunately it is not free from fireclay bands. It is the opinion of the management that these will thin out if not wholly disappear to the deep. Then there are three feet of fire clay between this seam and another five foot seam, which also has bands of clay in it it. It is hoped in this case also that these bands will tail out. The screening apparatus and other bankhead arrangements are to be constructed by the Brown Machine Co. of New Glasgow. The cost will be between \$15,000 and \$17,00. Railway sidings will be laid, running alongside the track of the I. C. R.

All the coals mined from under the sea, around the Cape Breton coasts are found to be harder and of closer texture than those inland. This makes it easier to put the coals into market in good condition.

The top coal question at the Inverness Mines has been satisfactorily settled. As soon as active shipping begins, the top coal will be taken down as formerly. The management declares that there was a misunderstanding. It was left up during the winter, so that it might not interfere with banking arrangements.

The P. W. A. men at Dominion No. 1 ceased work last week in an effort to induce non-union men to join the order. There were some 150 men who could not be induced by ordinary means to join, so an extraordinary course was adopted. The means employed were effective and all the men joined. Then the logic committee waited upon the management and reported the readiness of the men to go to work. Manager Debison said he was not ready. The men having stopped work voluntarily, he thought the time opportune to make repairs, which might take a week or two.

Steel and Coal. - Will the Dominion Iron and Steel Co, go into coal mining? There are those who say it will, and there are others who say it may, while some others say it will not. It is contended by those for the affirmative that it is necessary to the ensuring of safety from such misunderstandings as the present, that the Steel Coompany should have a coal supply of its own. It is the opinion of experts that this is the wise and proper policy. Those who are content to say the Steel Company "may" go into coal mining mean it to be understood that capital to develop mines will not be forthcoming until every effort has been exhausted to bring about a satisfactory arrangement with the Coal Company. Those who say the Steel Company will become coal miners are those who think that no permanently satisfactory arrangement will be come to by the parties. Should the Steel Company go into coal mining it will operate both on the north and the south sides of Sydney Harbor. Two collieries will be established near the waters of Lingan Bay. These will not be large collieries as the seam or seams of coal are of no great thickness. Probably two collieries of a capacity of 600 tons each may be opened out. The main source of supply will be from the areas at Point Aconi, where a large colliery of say 1,500 tons capacity will be established. The coal at Point Aconi is submarine. The areas likely to be worked are those held by Mr. J. W. Burchell. Intervening, there is an area of the Dominion Coal Company, and negotiations have been going on for the past ten days in Halifax, relative to the damages to be allowed the Dominion Coal Company for the appropriation of its property. If the areas are secured and should development work be determined upon, it will take two years before coal in any considerable quantity can be brought to the surface.

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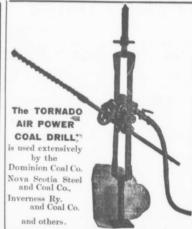
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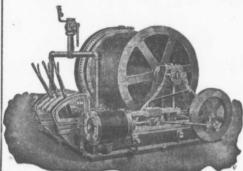
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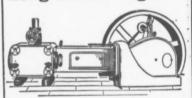
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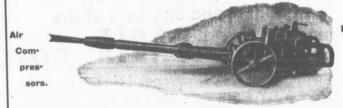
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