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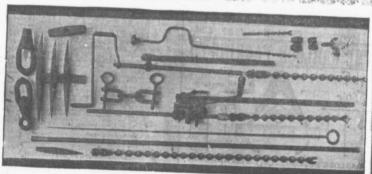
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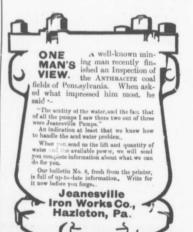
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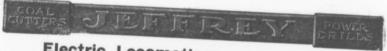
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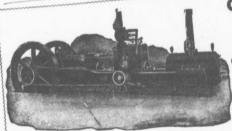


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MINERS AND THEIR LOVE FOR MUSIC.

Readers while attending any of the brass band contests held annually at different centres throughout the country must have been astonished to learn that the majority of the hands entered belonged to colliery districts, and to further increase their amazement the above (Glasgow Mail.) bands generally secured the pick of the prizes offered. This is undoubtedly a state of matters sufficient to create public surprise, because, taking into account the dark and gloomy nature of the miner's daily occupation one is inclined to think that music would be the last thing that the collier laddie would bother his mind athing that the commer fauther would be case, however, and bout. Such is far from being the case, however, and there is hardly any tair-sized colliery village but what other classes of mining, for in addition to the liability equipped brass band. Where the population is meagre and money scarce no small sacrifice has to be made by those concerned before the desire for music of this dester toiling hard all day in the mine, sit down in their homes and devote most of their leisure time to practising hard on their respective instruments, striving manfully to master all the intricate points of some difficult at the Zeigler Mine, in Illinois, killed fifty men, and meet together every other night in some convenient hall er other suitable building for an hour or two, under the leadership of some well known conductor, in order to try and bring themselves to perfection in this musical line, and when the men are hard at work practising for some forthcoming brass band contest small interested ulating freely on the band's chance of securing the much comes marching along the 'collier raws' playing tor all sounds of music instantly suspend all ther operations and fly hurriedly to open doorways, there to gaze in open breaking of the hoisting rope might have been avoided and ny nurrieury to open doorways, there to gaze in open breaking of the noisting rope inight have been avoided mouthed admiration upon the passing performers. Some had the safety clutches been in proper order, but I do of the more excited ones hooch and dance in the most not know whether the company was held responsible or brass band music alone that the hardy underground cidents the responsibility in 8 cases was placed, rightly toilers are famed, many of them being noted for their or wrongly, upon the workmen. It seems next to imwocal powers in singing competitions. Was not the possible to impress upon some miners the hazardous most popular comic of the present day—the world fam- nature of their employment, and to make them take the

the pick all day underneath a hard seam of coal. There is nt a coal mine in Britain but where every day of the week the most popular songs of the day are to be heard proceeding from the mouths of the lads who wear the hort sleeved flannel shirt and the mole-skin trousers,

COAL MINING DANGERS.

READ BEFORE THE AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS, DENVER. By Edward W. Parker.

to accident from falls of rock, premature blasts, accidental explosions of powder or dynamite, falls of cages, and other causes common to all kinds of underground those concerned before the desire for music of this des- work, the coal miner is always facing the danger of ea-cription can be satisfied. The means adopted to raise plosions of gas, or dust, or a mixture of both, and of sufficient funds sometimes take the form of prize draw-suffocation by black-damp (CO2), white-damp (CO), ings, foot-ball sports, etc., and at some collieries the or sulphureted hydrogen (H2S). In 1905, out of 2, ings, foot-ball sports, etc., and at some conteries the or sulphureted hydrogen (1125). In 1905, out of 2, miners generally allow a penny per forinight to be reg. o97 men killed, 252 or about 12 per cent., were victims ularly deducted from their hard won earnings so that of gas or dust explosions each of which killed three or their beloved bands may be kept hourisning. Their more men. I am unable to state how many were view what about the bandsmen? These performers must be tims of suffocation, One explosion of dust at the Virginia mine, in Alabama, was responsible for the death of 112 persons and gave that state the uneviable distinction of the largest death rate per thousand, and the two explosions of dust at the Red Ash Mines, in West Verginia, counted 24 victims,

It is true that in some cases accidents are unavoidable, and it is just as true that in many casss the ac idents could have been prevented if proper precautions some forthcoming brass band contest small interested is also true, unhappily, that in the probable majority of groups of musical critics, composed of horay-handed cases the fault lay in the carelessness of the men them the fault is been highly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening intended to be seen nightly in the vicinity listening in vicinity listening in the vicinity listening in the vicinity list for instance, out of 13 accidents in 1905 which resulted in the death of more than 1 person each, the reports of What a scene when the band the investigations into the causes placed the responsib-Men, women, and children at the first 2 were classed as unavoidable, and in 2 cases the reility in 8 cases upon the victims or their fellow workmen, It is not, however, for not. It appears, however, that out of 11 avoidable ac-And many other highly paid singers besides him know danger all the time. It is such a part of their lives that And many other nighty paid singers besides him above uanger an the time. It is such a part of their shared what it is to sit down on their shunkers and busily ply they grow callous to it and therefore careless. A naked

samp on the cap or in the name of a little in the same of vided for the prompt handling of business. Mr. Howard small pecket of gas which will, in turn, start a train of vided for the prompt handling of business. small pecket of gas which will, in turn, start a trail of video for the prompt handling of business, explosions of dust and gas that will wreck the mine and T. Walsh will be manager of this branch. sacrifice a hundred or more lives. I have seen a miner after having cautioned another workman not to go into the head of a gangway just opening up, as gas was there and the ventilation was not carried forward, lift his naked lamp nearly to the roof, not 20 feet away from the 'dangerous' spot, to see it there were gas enough up there to explode. The only thing that prevented me from running away was the knowledge that if the gas did explode, the force of the explosion would travel about 10,000 times as fast as I could, and that I should only be laughed at if nothing happened.

are responsible for a large number of fatal accidents. A windy shot is apt to stir up an explosive mixture of a disastrous explosion. The explosion at the Virginia King during the autumnal month of November. dust and air which, ignited by the flame, will result in Mine, in Alabama, the worst one recorded in 1905, was

due to this cause.

That the responsibility for accidents in coal mines is placed (officially, at least) upon the workers rather than upon the operators, is perhaps not without reason. is not an altogether unselfish motive that prompts the owners of property to protect it, even if they had no mines will endeavour to prevent accidents which in addition to the sacrifice of lives, may mean the loss of thousands of dollars in property.

It there is any place on or in the earth where a military type of discipline should be enforced it is in coal mines, porticularly deep and gaseous ones, but unfortunately the laws in this country are lax in many particulars, and attempts to discipline employees for disregard of rules established by operators themselves for the protection of lives and property, are apt to result in strikes, which may lay the mine idle for weeks or even months. It seems to me that there is a chance here for a campaign of education that it would be well for this organization to consider.

It is rather a reflection on our boasted progress in civilization that this, the greatest mining country in the A recent editorial in Mines and Minerals, published in Scranton, Pa., and which stands high as a reliable and conservative periodical, states that in England in 1905 the death rate per thousand was only 1,35, as compared with 3,53 for the coal mines of the United States.

We have, in the past few years, forged rapidly ahead of Great Britain as a coal producing country. Previous to 1899 Great Britain produced more coal each year than we did, but we took first place in 1899, and last year (1905) our production of coal was almost exactly 50 per cent, more than Great Britain's. But while we have shown this great material progress, we have accomplished it at a sacrifice of human life that puts us in an unenviable position when compared with other countries. In Belgium where there are some of the deepest coal mine workings in Continental Europe, and where the mines are of the most dangerous character, as far as is barely one-third of what it is in this country.

lamp on the cap or in the hand of a miner may ignite a cisco, California. The best obtainable facilities are pro-

THE LETHBRIDGE STRIKE.

If Canada has gained either honor or profit out of the incidents connected with the Lethbridge coal strike it would be interesting to have them pointed out,

The stories of the coal tamine in the West, where the farmers were keeping their families from freezing to death by burning lumber at high prices and ropes of twisted straw, will make excellent material for the imonly be laughed at it nothing happened.

Improperly placed or carlessly tamped blasting migration literature of our competitors. We have a charges, which result in 'windy' or 'blown-out' shots, sufficiently destructive reputation now as a country of incidents as these fantastic expedients to which our settlers in the West were driven to keep off the Frost

Then, as if to add insult to injury, a Canadian Deputy Minister and a Canadian Provincial Premier were compelled to make a humble pilgrimage to Indianapolis, U. S. A., in order to secure the consent of a foreign citiizen for Canadian workingmen to begin to mine coal in Canadian mines in order to keep Canadian settlers from freezing. As to the question between a national and an international trade union we have no opinion to offer. been that they are not careless of the safety of their So long as a dispute is between a private employer of nat they are not cateress of the salety of their 30 ions as a dispute is between a private employer of labor and his employees, each side of the discussion is best. But when we come to deal with a matter of national importance, such as the breaking of a coal famine in a large section of the country, and when Federal Denuty Ministers and Provincial Premiers feel it a duty to join in the solution of the problem, it is idle for Canadians to pretend that they enjoy the spectacle of these representatives of the country journeying to an American city for permission to mine our own coal.

The Government must certainly take some adequate steps to bring a natural monopoly like the coal business more fully under its control. It ought to make it impossible for any company or any set of workmen to stop the mining of this necessity of life and to strike a heavy blow at the reputation of the nation just when that reputation may be of especial value to us. They may have their disputes as to wages and conditions of labor to worm, includes the worst resond on the hamber of their mappines as to wages and continuous of labor to cidents as compared with the number of men employed, their heart's content; but the Government should in that ing actively in progress until the dispute is over,-Montreal Star.

According to a German scientific journal, a new building material, to which the name Kremnite has been given, has been constructed. Clay, sand and flour spar are mixed in a finely divided state, and melted at a high temperature. The liquid mass obtained can be cast like iron, and blocks as well as castings may be produced. The material can be coloured in black to pale or bright shades; it may be polished or ground, takes glaze well, and is well adapted for the production and imitation of coloured marble and other natural Large pieces of any desired shape have been successfully cast from it. Kremnite is suited for building uses, for architectural and artistic purposes. Hollow tne mines are of the most dampersus sometimes are uses, for architectural and artistic purposes. Extraording explosive gases is concerned, the death rate bricks for buildings and stoves, fancy bricks having the be produced with this material, and success has also been achieved in manufacturing corrugated thin plates The Sullivan Machinery Co. have opened a branch for roofs. Kremnite is made in a factory near St. Pet-

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- Rubs by Rambler.

You ask one, of another person, 'Has he knowledge? The answer being 'yes,' the next question is, To what purpose does he put it? and on the answer depends almost wholly, whether his knowledge is of any consequence whatever. The important thing is not the knowledge, but the use that is made of it. You ask one of another; Does he earn good wages? The answer being yes, the learn good wages? The answer being yes, the guestion follows: To what use does he put them? Is he in his spendings prudent or prodigal? and on the answer depends whether by wages are of any advantage to the man himself, and whether the man is of the best advantage to the community of the community of the learn product of the port of the port of the learn product of ledge is of any consequence whatever. adian communities worked industriously, adian communities worked industriously, and lived not meanly, but frugally, there would be no urgent need for any clamor for an old age pension bill, 'So, oh, you are on that subject again Rambler,' some one may say. Yes, and I intend Rambler, some one may say. Yes, and I intend to have a whack at it now and again, so long as writers in the press keep saying that this is one of the crying needs of labor. It is urged as a proof in favor of New Zealand that it has an old age pension bill. New Zealand ought to be ashamed that so early in its history there was need for such a provision. Germany and Britain may require a system of old age pension, for these countfor them. Some inquisitive tenow may here step in and that or his province only, but for king, in with the abrupt question, "You are then not in the Deputy Minister of Labor of the Dominion to favor of old age pensions?" I am not in favor of go was simply the weakest and the meekest thing favor of old age pensions? I am not in tavor of go was simply the weakest and the measure the kind of old age pension scheme a majority of that ever a government did. A year or more ago the writers in the press are after, a scheme some level headed M. P. wanted to introduce a facting in Cap. the writers in the press are after, a scheme some level headed M. F. wanted to introduce a which involves no responsibility on the part of bill prohibiting foreign unions a footing in Canthe to be beneficiaries, but looks to the governada. The bill was shelved. Surely the governada. The bill was shelved. Surely the governada in the pressure to the sale when a surface when a second to a partial press when a ment to inther and root an the bills. Indeed, ment will now itself be responsible for such a while I give assent to the scheme of old age pen-measure. It has come to a pretty pass when a sion propounded at last P. W. A. Grand Council, I foreign society can place a whole province at itse sion propounded at last r. w. a, Grand Council, i loreign society can place a whole province at less am not prepared to say that it is one which canmercy, and force the Dominion to kneel at its,
not be improved upon, or rather that it is not capfeet. Of course we will likely hear excuses for not be improved upon, or rather that it is not cap- reet. Or course we will likely near excuses for able of wider extension, so that it may be more the conduct of the Premier and the deputy minisconnective in its application. Look here, ter. The Chronicle, in party fetters as it is, in a subject of the Premier and the deputy minisconnection of the property of the conduct of the Premier and the deputy minisconnection of the Premier a

out in the cold. Why should there be an age limit. Give me a plain sensible answer. Is it not a fact that some men are 'older' at forty than others are at fifty, and some feebler at fifty than many at sixty. If the hale man at sixty is given a pension to make his few remaining years comfortable, why should the infirm or impotent man of forty or fifty be given nothing to make his days, miserable enough at the best, go bye a little more smoothly. Instead of any kind of pension scheme, I think I would prefer a disability or permanent disability fund, in which every male or single woman who could not work should participate and from which the man at sixty or sixtyfive could not draw if he was able to work, and toward this fund the government should contribute and compel every wage earner and every employer of labor to contribute. The sole qualification to become a beneficiar should be that a man was unable to earn a livlihood on account of disability. You may call this a form of compulsory insurance. Good and well. I believe in compulsory insurance as I believe in compulsory arbitration. Very little machinery would be need-bitration. Very little machinery would be need-ed—at our mines, at any rate-to bring the scheme, into operation. It would be but an extension of the present Relief Societies, though, perhaps, an

to see John Mitchell in an effort to settle the dispute at the collieries in the North West, the feeling of contentment left by a reading of the tariff was dissipated, and in its place came a feeling of next to nausea. I was, as they say, thoroughly disgusted and I said not wholly in a whisper, disgusted, and I said not wholly in a whisper, well, I'm blowed; afterwards I said the other word all to myself, as I am careful of example. By George—it takes me all my time to suppress certain adjectives which assert they were made for instance to the consistence. This should not wearing the consistence of the con for just such occasions, Talk about not recognizing the union, talk about open shop, here is a recognition, with embraces, to boot, and not of a home union, either, but of a pestiferous foreign ries have old and teeming towns and cities and it Mine at this time are in my mouth and I have to is in these that poverty, as a rule, staks, but new keep it shut tight lest utterance be given to them. Send and Nova Scotia are young countries and Had Scott gone himself it would'nt have been should have few old people with no one to care so bad, because the humiliation would have been so bad, because the humiliation would have been comprehensive in its application. Look here, ter. the unrolling, in party letters as it is, its Tell me why a man, who through sickness or acpublishing the item makes a half apology and cident, is not able at forty to do more work than says it was better that the extraordinary step and the state of the same of the state of the same of the s a hale man of say, sixty, should be left entirely was taken. Hamilton and Lethbridge are object

and govern themselves accordingly.

Again am I indebted to the Halifax Herald for a text—supplied by one of its correspondents.
I noticed a letter signed "Maple Leaf" in which the writer approves of sentiments expressed by another writer named "Observer". another writer named "Observer". I would not have known what 'Observer' had said had I not noticed a letter from a third correspondent, signed "Miner" and attacking 'Observer's sentiments. I gather from 'Miner's letter that 'Observer' had said that if the workers had public sentiment bever's' critic vehemently scouts the idea and tries to sion that the formation of a new trades union bash 'Observer' to pieces, but fails, and instead shows he is but a so so, not to say superficial, reasoner. Public sentiment is not worth a snuff in his opinion. It wont put a cent in the workers' pockets. it will mean for them nothing, and shouts "Give me a well filled chest". The old idea among trades unionists was that if capital was to be successfully fought on its own ground and with its own weapons the unions needed capital. Capital own weapons the unions needed capital. Capital of fire by fire before the prejudice showed sighs to fight capital may have been a sane cry in the of weakening, Finally prejudice was almost days of private companies and smaller corporation, wholly overcome, and frowns were succeeded by days of private companies and smaller corpora-tions, but in these days of great corporations with favorable glances. By a display of moderation tenormous capital the little, even if it swells to the and common sense the P. W. A. won its way into hundreds of thousands, that the unions might public favor, so that now those who have follow-gather would avail but little in the way of com-gather would avail but little in the way of com-pelling 'capital' to surrender. Capital in the great benefit not only to its members but to the pelling 'capital' to surrender. Capital in the great benefit not only to its members but to the hands of unions some years ago may have been community. It would certainly be a calamity an effective weapon. I doubt its efficiency these should any action, or inaction, on its part, arise days. A just cause is far better than heaps of at this late day to wean the public's good opinion from the strike and the surface of the sur union in the world so strong financially. The union tried a tilt, trusting to its big fund, with the employers, and failed. Why! because public opinion was not strongly on its side. The Clyde boiler makers, a strong society, and with fairly filled coffers, tried conclusions a few weeks ago with the employers, and after seven weeks went in as they came out, because the public deemed the strike untimely even if the men had a griev-ance. A score or more years ago when public opinion did not often leen towards the workingmen I might have pinned my faith for success on a full chest, but these days with public opinion largely in favor of labor I would as soon have public opinion on my side than command a big public opinion on my side than command a big cord it says:

Lot of youths went out
strike fund. I do not say that public sentiment up the collieries in a most irresponsi
will always bring success, but in this province at causing a loss of wages of over \$17,0
least it will more frequently tend that way than through a correspondent further says:

"The boys say \$1,777 lest area." will the full chest, The public and also the press ars now inclined to give labor a fair show and these two are powerful influences. As a reason for holding public sentiment in contempt we are sked: "What did public opinion do for Lloyd Garrison". True it stoned him, and despitefully used him, but with public opinion against him, official action battle. When was the battle won? When did the slaves in the U. S. obtain their freedom? The battle was won in the sixties. and in these years the sentim these two are powerful influences. As a reason battle was won in the sixties, and in these years freedom was theirs. Who gave them this freedom? No man against public sentiment, but public sentiment against the will of a once powerful majority. Many men have suffered for a right

cause, because they had not the public at their tessons to the governments, requerat and Frovincause, because they had only the public saw as they had is public sentiment, sometimes wrong, which is the dictator. If what the critic meant was that the unions should have a big enough fund to fight capital and defy public opinion, then he is setting before them a herculean if not an impossible task.

When the P. W. A. was founded over twenty seven years ago, the like prejudice existed against it as against all societies with similar objects. The records of trades unions in the eyes of the public up to that time had not been an inviting public up to that time had not been an inviting one, and the public hastily jumped to the conclumeant only another instrument for the disarrangement of business by the promotion of strikes. No heralds sang at its birth. On the contrary, its coming into being was looked upon as a calamity. Its promoters were not only ostracized mity. Its promoters were not only ostracized from society but were looked upon as, and actual-ly called 'beasts'. It took years of patient work; it involved even in its earlier years the fighting of fire by fire before the prejudice showed signs rui and courageous, careful not to fail into error, courageous to acknowledge error, and seek a remedy. The late boys strike at Springhill has not, I fear, added to the prestige of the Association. Rather has it led the public to wonder whether some previous judgements in regard to the management at Springhill have not been hasty. This boys strike is the most serious that has occurred in Springhill for many years; was probably the longest strike of its kind in the history of coal mining, and lo the management are declared, by the return to work of the boys as they came out, and by the press, to have been in the right. The Hallfax Herald these days is looked upon as being specially friendly to labor, and yet of its own accord it says: "Lot of youths went out and tied up the collieries in a most irresponsible way, eausing a loss of wages of over \$17,000", and

The boys saw \$1,717 lost every day and before they were brought to their senses the total loss in wages had risen to \$17,170—and that is but part

They yielded at last to the pressure brought to bear by the public generally, and by members of Pioneer lodge, P. W. A., individually, for no official action was taken by that body. something wrong when it is possible for a lot of boys to thus tie up a great industry, contrary to the sentiment of the whole community, and cause the sentiment of the whole community, and cases such tremendous loss to the workingmen and everybody else. Pioneer lodge should take some means to control the youths and probably now (Continued on page 18)

AROUND THE COLLIERIES

A new man engine is being installed at Caledonia

Dom. No. 3 on single shift puts up 1,000 tons daily,

The mouth of the French slope will be concreted for about 50 feet.

The water shaft at Caledonia averaged during the late wet season from 2,500 to 3,000 gallons per minute,

Some of the Dom. Coy's collieries are having idle days. Banking has begun at Bridgeport and Glace Bay,

Dalhousie is helping the ambitions among the miners around the collieries. If the men want to climb, the ladder is there.

The boys strike in Springhill in November sent the output all to pieces, and a decrease takes the place of what should have been an increase.

The coal in the lower workings of Dom. No. 6 col- the new water shaft up towards the water. Bore-holes liery, so far as looks go, compares favorably with the product of any of the other collieries.

Much of the coal in the rise workings of Dom. No. 6 was left Intact. The wisdom of this was seen lately when the earth around was one veritable sponge from

Three thousand feet of 3 inch pipe is being laid from the Glace Bay mains to No. 3 mine and the fan boilers.

John Morrison, Patron of the boys P. W. A. lodge at Caledonia, has been successful in interesting the boys in the government night schools. The P. W. A. stands for much that is good.

At Dom. No. 7 or Hub a good deal of work is being done preparing for next season. A new endless haulage is being installed and electric pumps put in. new manager can get work done all right.

Dom. No. 3 will have four landings running next Nos, 12, 13, and 14 will be room landings and No, ll be pillar. This will be the largest number of 11 will be piltar. places working at any one time in the history of this col-

The foundation for the new underground brick house for the 200 h, p, motor auxilliary haulage engine has been blasted out. Work on the house will begin at once. This will greatly lighten the load on the Dom, No. 3 haulage engine.

The No. 5 level in Dom. No. 6 has passed through the stone trouble running through that section of the Phalen seam. Stone troubles are to a coal seam what trials and troubles are to the ordidary mortal, They are said to be going through a refining process while going through the trouble.

The pit head of Caledonia is being raised ten feet higher, Safety hooks for the man cage are being put in and other improvements made, and it was found that for these purposes the pit head would have to be raised,

The new water shaft at Bridgeport is being rapidly equipped for the water tanks. At present the mine water at International is being permitted to accumulate. When the shaft is ready a bore-hole will be put through to tap this water and let it run down to the water shaft.

There are three sections of longwall work opened at Dom, No. 6 colliery. This work seems to have passed the experimental stage, and established itself as a success. Those who know about long wall say it has come to stay. The others are silent.

Dom. No. 2 for November showed a big average output per day worked—over 2500 tons single skifted. International colliery continues to send almost its mine. It may be called a general hospital as hor summer daily output. Some managers are like fast from all the mines will be taken there for treatment. A new hospital for crippled horses is being built at this It may be called a general hospital as horses

are kept well ahead to find how far the water is distant. This is receiving the manager's personal attention the whole time as it is a job that requires the greatest precautions.

Caledonia deeps are being cleaned and repaired. This mine has had a very successful year, and the management are eagerly securing the idle days to put things the Glace Bay mains to No. 3 mine and the last bullets, ward, the west deep is being pushed anead steadily. This will place the colliery in a position to fight fire. The other leading places only work when the mine works.

The French slope at Reserve is being widened and straightened in order to permit of the use of a two ton An auxiliary electric haulage for the lower end of the slope will be installed, as the haulage is now too long for one rope. Pumping is now done in the East slope through a borehole to the surface and the East stope through a potentie to the surface and the same will shortly take place in the French slope as well. All of this water will go through a small shaft at the crop of Harbor seam at International, and through a water level in that mine to the shore.

The Drummond Colliery will give the Sydney Steel Works about three thousand tons this month, and the Acadia will endeavor to bring up the total quantity to 10,000. This is not a large quantity for the big plant, but will fill a gap.

The Dom. No. 2 election case which was before the courts has gone in favor of Mr. McBain, the whole of the judges being of nearly one mind, McKenzie the pursuer is put in for all costs. Law is costly. Yearly election of checkweighman will prove year by year a source of annoyance.

We are indebted to the Free Lance for many generous references to the Record last reference almost makes us blink. It says the Record is the most interesting mining pa-per in this part of the world. The statement will serve to stimulate to sustain the status.

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November's was the biggest output in the history of the Acadia Coal Coy.

The extended washing plant at the Drummond colliery is in successful operation,

The latest addition to the steadily growing list of Record advertising patrons is the Curtis's & Harvey Co. of London, makers of all kinds of explosives; a firm whose reputation is world

Says the Suburban:—Sydney sees its first cargo says the Suburban:—Sydney sees its first cargo of foreign coal brought in by the Dominion Iron & Steel Coy. "Would'nt you like to knew the price?" What would the Suburban say to, 'oyer FOUR DOLLARS A TON, and that not in cartload

Owing to the increasing demand for Drumquantities. mond coke the management will be forced in the mond coke the management will be forced in the spring to put up additional ovens. There was talk a while ago of four new ovens, but the pro-bability is that twenty four would no more than fill prospective requirements.

In order to keep the hoisting shaft at Dom. No. 1 from freezing during the winter it was found necessary to change the ventilation. This was successfully done by building two new overcasts and making the north deep the main intake, so that the air goes directly to the lowest part of the mine and ascending up along the faces on its return, ventilating the pillars last, so that no air comes from the pillars into other working places.

For many a day it was thought, because per haps it had never been seriously tried, that Sydney Mines coal would not make good coke. It has been demonstrated that it makes coke that is O. K. The Drummond Colliery people in a similar fashion concluded that Scott pit coal was no ar fashion concluded that Scott pit coal was not coker. The Londonderry people thought to give it a trial, with the verdict, good coke, a trifle high in ash. It is possible the Sydney Steel people may try an ad-mixture of Sydney and Scott pit coals for coking purposes. The Record, will not be surprised to learn that the experiment is a coals for coking purposes. succes

The Dom. Coal Co. is again supplying coal to the Steel Co. A truce for two years has been a-greed upon. A funny sort of truce as the war is simply transfered from the directors to the

From the Sullivan Machinery Co'y, we have received Mine and Quarry and their new air comcourts. pressor books. The former contains an interest-ing sketch by Mr. R. Chambers of the N. S. Steel and Coal Co., of the manner in which operations are conducted at the Wabana Mines. Both pamphlets are very interesting.

RUBS BY RAMBLER.

Here are two paragraps from the address of Sir. Geo. Drummond to the Bank of Montreal workingmen who are now earning excellent applicants for pensions is gradually decreasing,

The absurdity of regarding capital with susditions to our railways and other enterprises essential to the opening up of our country would be impossible without the aid of outside capital.

"It would be contrary to all experience to hope for an unbroken continuance of the present ors to the scheme it should not so be held. condition of prosperity—periods of reaction and of suspended enterprise may be expected, but we ing their coming and dealing with the bad times when they come, is the exercise of prudence and caution in prosperous times like the present."

I would take it, notwithstanding its numerous beneficial laws affecting labor, that New Zealand is not as good a country for the average laborer as this Canada of ours. From the Department of Labor report 1905-1906, though the year is called a very prosperous one, and that wages were low though earnings were not diminished by enforced idleness, I judge that labor was abundant and not extremely scarce as with us, In Canada unemployed labor had no necessity to call upon the government to assist in getting work, whereas the New Zealand labor department assisted 6,712 persons in getting employment, no fewer than 4,783 of these getting gov-We have been told that New Zealand is the workingmens' paradise, if that be so then Canada must be a very heaven in comparison. I should fancy that a man had exerted all his energies in seeking work before he would apply to the Labor Department. If this is correct then the supply of labor is greater than As there are only 70,000 factory workers the demand. in the colony, the number who applied for assistance to gst work was about ten per cent. No doubt New Zeaand is a wonderful country, yet it is possible that its goodness and greatness have been overated. For a comand will participate in the old age pension scheme. In en above the idea that man lives by bread alone. Nova Scotia, and in other parts many workmen are carried away by the cry of Old Age Pensions I am inclinwhat an old age pension means. Some, no doubt, think the scheme implies the planting down of old people in some chosen sunny spot, where by means of the bounty of the government they will spend the years that remain to them in ease and comfort, if not in lux-This is drawing too fine a picture If any one thinks that, under a scheme such as the New Zealand one, he can be as prodigal of his earnings in his younger days as he chooses, and that his pension will make it all right for him, when his shadow has lengthened, he is under somewhat of a mistake. If he has been living till pension time comes at the rate of \$30,00 a month and did'nt think he was living 'fast' he will get an awful shock, when he is forced to feed and clothe himself for less than half that amount. The best that the New Zealand scheme gives is a little less than three dollars a week. That no doubt is a great deal, yet is an awful

come down from twelve to fifteen, and will make the recipients bemoan their folly in not having voluntarily practiced economy when the sun shone, instead of being forced to practice it when the frost nips. of more than bank shareholders. The last parapasion scheme at its best is. One remarkable feature workingmen who are not not heart by many about the New Zealand scheme. wages, but are taking no thought for the morrow: doubt this is partly due to the smallness of the allowance, and in some degree, pride. No one gets a pension picion is evidenced by the fact that the vast ad- except on application, and as some would rather worry along than apply, others follow suit. And why do not all old people apply. Because after all a pension in New Zealand may be held to be in part a charity, though where the workmen are proportionate contribut-

*10 A Sydney Mines correspondent writes the Editor in may be assured that the surest means of postpon-reference to some remarks of Rambler in last issue, criticising, say, a society at Sydney Mines This correspondent expresses his own surprise and disappointment, and says many members of the society regret the tone of my remarks. If I have been unfair it was unin-tentional—though that may not be deemed a sufficient excuse. The correspondent says a thing or two that is not flattering to my previous informant but as I left out the harsh word he applied to the members, I shall also leave out any harsh expression of the present correspondent. The idea is abroad in Sydney Mines that it was a member of the society criticised who sent me the cir-cular and note. That is scarcely possible, and I cannot think the comment was sent to sow discord but for the reason that it was thought the circular tended in that direction. The circular, for instance, says "there is no secret society formula, no ballot box, no black balls, no regalias," and the inference is that there is not even a nomination. Now if a member of a society whose officers wear regalias, which uses the ballot box, and which has a formula, reads these declarations as a sneer, at his particular society, cau he greatly be blamed. The only condition seemingty to membership is payment. I confess that the doors of a society on these lines are a little too broad for me. I am told now it is not a socialistic society. I am real glad to hear this for it is different from what I was told in the summer, and what I have heard later, viz., that a principal member thought that a trades union should not inculcate Industry, Econparitively new colony it has a wonderfully large pro- omy, Sobriety, in my opinion the cornerstone, key-portion of old people. This year some thirteen thous- stone, and copingstone, of a trades union, which has risthe society actively endeavours to make its members ried away by the cry of Old Age Pensions I am inclin-better morally, greater intellectually, and more prosper-ed to think that very many have a very vague idea of our materially, then assuredly it has my best wishes for its success.

> I am going to hand a small score over to Wm. McLean, Esq. M. P. and editor of the Toronto McLean, Esq. M. F. and editor of the Toronto World, jeeringly called by his political adversar-ies, 'Billy MacLean,' and to my excellent friend Alex, McNeil, Esq., editor of the Suburban, af-fectionately called by his conferers 'Aleck Mc-Neil.' The latter has all along told us it was a crying shame that coal could be bought so very much cheaper in the United States than in Nova Scotia. The former evidently has no high appreciation of the States as a cheap coal producer. Speaking in Hamilton the other day-and Hamilton is only seperated from the United States by a strip of land and a sheet of water—he said:—
> 'In the United States the control of the coal areas

ton, whereas, if the state owned coal it would be a little over 9 cts. a ton. How the duty on the able to deliver the commodity to the people for British article should be 9 cents only and that on able to deliver the commonly to the people for British article should be y cents only and that out less than \$2,00 a ton. I am afraid Mr. McLean the American 11 cts. when it is considered that is not up on coal matters, or is it Mr. McNeil. It the duty was supposedly advalorem, and that the must be one or the other. The latter tells us if value put on the British slack was about \$2,50 as must be one or the other. The fatter tens us it value put on the British slack was about subject to the government worked the mines, Halifaxians against about 68 for American slack, is above the could get coul for an odd dollar a ton, whereas comprehension of those who do not profess to be the former says two dellars, and is speaking of the financial experts.

United States, where according to Mr. McNeil, coal is mined dirt cheap.

When reading a speech, or part of one, rather, delivered by the Countess of Warwick the other day, the force of association conjured before me, a Capell fan "Bless me," does some one say what has the Countess of Warwick to do with a Capell fan.' On, well, if I wished to banter, I was the Coal Co'y so solicitious for orders from Steel Co. might say they were each wind producers, but for coal in 1903, and now complains of being over-run thats not what is a new mind to say. Old Capell with all 1903, and now complains of being over-run. thats'not what is in my mind to say. Old Capell, as he is now called, invented the fan, or hit upon the principle of it, for the modern Capell fan has been improved upon since it first was put on the market, is of blue blooded stock, and among his relations he counts the erratic Countess of Warwick. Those who have had business relations says he is a curious old soul. He is a parson of says he is a curious old soul. He is a parson of the Established church, and it is asserted is a firm beliver in the dogma of making the best of both worlds, more especially of this.

The Coal Trade Journal's Toronto correspondent is surely away off when referring to the duty on slack coal. He says :-

went in effect in Canada on the 28th. ult. means considerable to coal interests, both on this side of the border and the United States.

The duty on slack coal, which heretofore has ranged from 15 to 25 cents per ton, has been put on a flat basis of 14 cents per ton. The duty on this size has formerly been based on an advalorem tax, computed according to the price at the mines, and only when this coal sold as low as 30 to 40 cents at the mines did the duty fall below 20 cents, at which time it was assessed at 15 cents. The prevailing price on slack for the past two years has made the duty on an average of 21 cents.
When it is taken into consideration that the duty of 53 cents per ton on run-mine and screened coal remains stationary and the slack duty lowered, there is no doubt but that the consumption of slack in Canada will greatly increase, and importations of run-mine should fall

We had always fault to find with the duty on practically to nothing slack coal, on the ground that it was advalorem, and when supposed to yield about 15 cents per ton duty it ranged previous to last year from 7 to The statement of the Toronto correspondent that the duty has heretofore ranged from 15 to 25 cts, is puzzling. If that much duty was collected on the slack coal imported into To: onto, then the duty on slack in other places must have been nominal only. According to the Trade and Navigation Returns for year ended 30th, June there was imported into Canada from the United States 750,489 tons, on which a duty of \$83,732 was paid. Dividing the amount in dollars by the quantity in tons it is found that the duty was a will be boys, and boy nature has to be restrained, fraction over 11 cts. merely, and that a flat rate controlled, reproved and directed. From the info of 14 cts., instead of lowering the duty is adding fancy of the P. W. A. its members have been in-

was in the hands of a few. They controlled the to it. There were 725 tons of British slack im-railways and charged the public from \$6 to \$10 a ported on which a duty of 62.88 was collected, or

The Montreal Witness, the other day, had an article on the Coal Steel controversy, and which was reprinted in the Chronicle. The Witness takes the ground that the Coal Co'ys reports do not show that the Coal Company was being greatly injured, so far as the profits went, by selling coal at a low rate to the Steel Co. When those who defend the position of coal are asked "How last annual report, possibly make good its assertion that if they were to continue to supply the Steel com-pany at the old rate. Sl 24, the company would son be a financial wreck." It must be admitted that are two posers, the latter an especially sharp one. Yet, to my mind there is a readier answer to the last than to the first, and that is, the profit shown for 1905 was the apparent and not the actual profit. It is not everybody who understands a big companys annual statement, and it is not expected that everybody should. There must have been a clerical error in the report, one of those kind that creeps in quite unawares, as it were, Taking the quantity sold-exclusive of that to Everett and Sydney, at a little over a million and a half tons, there on since cont. He says:—

"One of the items in the new tariff revision which would have been too big a profit per ton if the gross the items in the new tariff revision which profit given is correct. Those best conversant with the ble to coal interests, both on this side of the border coal trade do not believe that any of the companies are the conclusion is come to that the annual report of the Coal Coy, was not full enough to allow the ordinary reader to grasp its true import. Had the last report of the Coal Co. went into details its opponents at the present time might not have so keen a weapon to brandish before it by way of argument.

> The Acadia is distributing some fine coal these days whichever pit it is coming from. A load of coal received lately was the best Acadia coal we It didn't look like have had in a dozen years. Acadia proper coal, nor yet like Albion, and it could scarcely be Allan Shaft as that coal all goes to the Steel works. The coal is not bright, is rather a heavy coal, but yet is economical, as its 'last er a neavy coal, but yet is economical, as its most counterbalances its weight. After the gas has gone off in a flame the coke burns with a bright glow, and the ash in a good draught is light.

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It would be a great pity, in the interest of the cause of labor at our collieries, if such an incident as this at Springhill should occur again.

With these remarks I heartily agree, but I do not blame the boys nearly as much as I do the men, or, in other words, Pioneer Lodge. men, or, in other wonder that to be restrained, will be boys, and boy nature has to be restrained, controlled, reproved and directed. From the in-

structed to impress upon the management of col. the woman was roused to white heat when she structed to impress upon the management of col-lieries that it is in their interests to assist the began to speak of the strike. "Strikes have sent society, on the ground that it is better to trans- more men to perdition than anything I know, act business with five or seven men representing They say they are striking for more wages. More the whole, representing a tangible responsible wages! Why, were their terms granted to mordividually. If on the next visit of Pioneer's Com- money they have lost. Look at our case. through its sec'y and in the interests of the P. W. A. to tell how it happened that Legere was not a member. Was he under 17 years of age? not the boys in taking up his case throw con-tempt upon Pioneer Lodge? Did Pioneer sympathize with the action of the boys, and was it ashamed to own it. Or did Pioneer disapprove of the action and had not the courage to avow it? Of course there can be no boys lodge in Springhill else Pioneer would have avowed its responsibility from the first, as no junior lodge can take radical action without approval of the parent I have been refused any more credit both at the was remiss in its duty, and as the Herald says it was remise in the duty, and as the same provided. Until there is a better way strikes may have for the prevention of a recurrence of similar to be employed as weapons offensive and defendent

Strikes at the best are terrible things, and those who order or assent to them assume a fearful responsibility. Some strikes may be justified, but many should never be entered upon. are unselfish let me admit, and some terribly selfish. If a man by consenting to a strike hurts only himself we may admire his standing up for what he believes a principle, and his self sacrifice but when a man realizes that in consenting to a strike he is sure to inflict injury on others, he is horribly selfish. The Boiler-makers strike on the Clyde is a case of this kind. The strikers knew that while they would get aid from their union, the many common laborers, dependent on the continuation of work, would be irreparable sufferers—and this the while, in theory, the unionists called these laborers 'comrades.' I have known of men clamoring for a strike who took no thought of the consequences to others, and I have known sanction to strike being refused, not on the ground that a few might not have a just grievance, but that a great many would be involyed in suffering, and distress. There is a time to standard strike and a time to refrain from striking. There produce should have been no strike on the Clyde in Nov.; tion in the season of the year and the state of trade were unpropitious. Strange that everybody saw that but the chief participants. During the time of the Clyde strike a press representative visited a number of the homes of those thrown out of employment. We sometimes here of women being strong strike abettors, but these women may have full larders. Was the pantry empty they might not be so enthusiastic. Here is an account of one of the press man's visits:—

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body, than to treat with irresponsible persons in- mow they would never make up in their lives the dividually. If on the next visit of Fibrager's Colar money they have lost. Look at our case. It is mittee the management of Springhill should ask: typical of many, My man made good wages, but "Why chould I treat with you; what guarantee he spent the half of them in drink. I did my "Why enough I treat with you; what guarantee he spent the nah of them in drink. I did my can you give me if we arrange this matter that a best to save, but its disheartening when you section of the employees will not throw the pit know it may be pounced on at any time. Now idle?" The committee might reply, "We will see we are up to the ears in debt. My two daughters to that," and the management could throw back who were out in a laundry, have left us to fight to that, and the management could throw back who were out in a laundry, have left us to light at them the ten days boys strike and say, 'Where the battle alone. I don't blame them either, was Pioneer then?' And that is a question many There are three young children—I am his second would like to know. It devolves upon Pioneer wife—and I can't give them what I have not got. The factor will have to whistle for his rent. man usually puts in the peg before rent day, so that we can pay up, but this time, of course, he had not the chance. You hear the men blethering of what they are suffering for their principles. A lot they are suffering! It's their wives and children. They always make sure that they have their tobacco and their glass of beer out of the strike aliment they receive. Then they can take themselves out of the house when the children are crying for a dinner which cannot be made. grocer's and butcher's, and I really don't know

sive, but all the pros and cons, the possibilities as well as the probabilities should be well weighed and considered before a decision is come to. I do not say that on the shoulders alone of those who ordered or voted for the strike all the responsibility rests. No, it is possible that for the suffering, starvation, perhaps death, that may follow, the employers must be held responsible in that their injustice forced, tempted, the men to resort to 'foreble' measures.

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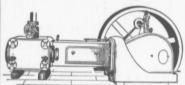
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