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GOLDWIN SMITH AND UNIONS.

Than Goldwin Smith there is no more chaste and accurate writer of English this side of the water, indeed he has no peer as a pure and forci-ble writer in any land where the English language is used. In some quarters Mr. Smith is in nother page are fac similes of the two medals a-disfavor all because he had the timerity to ex- warded him at the Dominion Exhibition last held. press views contrary to those held by a majority. Prof. Smith has always been friendly to Trades

unions, it is impossible to lay down any precise go to all parts of the wide Dominion. rule. A recognition is generally due and wise as well as friendly. But what has the conduct of the particular union towards the particular employer been? There can be no legal obligation to recognize a voluntary organization.

"The evils and perils of industrial war are aggravated by the prevalence of entaity between to ad including WEDNSDAY, JULY 10th. 1907, for the construction

To of a brick freight shed at Christiatewar, P E I. sympathize with the dream of the socialist is easy office, Clariotteown, P. E. I. and at the Chief Engineer's Office, Clariotteown, P. E. I. and at the Chief for any one who meditates on the band and pecially for a student of history. But dynamite hombs are not heralds of the socialist kingdom Moneton, N. B June 2 and 1997. of universal love, nor are such bitter manifestoes of class envy and hatred as are now being frequently put forth. The artisans are everywhere tending to seraration from the general interests of the community, and to the formation of an aggressive power apart. The employers and the o wealthier classes generally are represented as a to sort of caste holding usurped position, to dispossess them of which violence and confiscation may be rightfully employed. Look over any list of Agent, Dalhousie, K. B., and a the Office of the Engineer of Mainmillionaries and you will find that by far the maintenance, Moneton, N. B., where forms of tendar may be obtained. All the conditions of the appellication must be compiled with jority of them, far from being members of a caste have risen from lower social grades, not a few from the lowest grade of all. If the industrial conflict, and the social agitation continue, some-thing more terrible than any strike will be the end. "I cannot help saying that I think we have a right to demur to the interference of American Dominion a right to demur to the interference of American labor leaders with our disputes. The influence of the American labor party on legislation, has been hostile to Canadian labor. The politicians would, I believe, have let the alien labor law drop if the unions had not insisted its continuance. To the labor party we owe the manufacturing clause, as it is called, which excludes from copyright in the United States a book printed in Canada.'

The story in the papers that the N. S. S. & Coal Co'y, was going to sell the store and the dwelling houses at Sydney Mines was a pure fiction. None of the officials of the company ever heard such a proposal mooted.

In the advertisement of J.W. Cumming, on awarded him at the Dominion Exhibition last held. The medals were given for the best display of a general assortment of tools used in mining. Mr. Unions, therefore any criticism he has to offer Cumming has reason to be proud of the high award should be carefully considered. In an interview made by the judges. That Mr. Cumming is in with the Toronto News Mr. Smith said: is evidenced by the fact that his business is in-"On the question of the recognition of the creasing by leaps and bounds, and that his wares

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MINERS' EIGHT HOUR DAY.

Two or three months ago a British Departmental Committee began making exhaustive enquiry as to the probable effect of an eight hour day on the coal trade, and those employed in mines. One fact brought out confirms the view of the Recoud as to the general healthfulness of coal miners, though some, at least one recent importation, called upon us in appealing tones to witness the emaciated bodies and the hollow checks of the mine workers as they emerged from the cage at the pit-head. It is possible some few of the public were beguiled, but they mistook their audience if they took them all for gudgeons. Among some facts brought out by the enquiry, are the following:—

"Theoretically, the present average day of full work is 9 hrs. 3mins., and the average week 49 hrs. 53 mins. But the present actual average working time underground is 7 hrs. 24 mins. a day, and 43 hrs. 13 mins. per week-that is, less than 5 days of 8 hrs., plus the present average short day (Saturday) of 6 hrs. 13 mins. The present loss of time-131 per cent.-would, in the committee's opinion, be reduced under an eight hours' system, and the effect of the change would be further mitigated by increased efficiency of labour by mechanical improvements and labour-saving machinery and by the extension of the multiple shift system. Still, the change to an eight-hour day would temporarily reduce output and increase wages and prices, though the cooperation of employers and workmen might reduce the inconvenience to a minimum. The committee suggest that in the first experimental stage the Government should in the public interest retain some powers of suspension, regulation and exception in administering an Eight Hours Act. One notable finding of the committee is that tthe health and physique of coal miners compares favourably with that of any other class of workpeople, and an eight hours' day, they say, cannot be expected to make any marked change in this respect.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

There seem to be as many differing views on old age pensions as there are on socialism. Some think there never can be a universal old age pension scheme, while others say there can be no proper scheme if it is not universal—that is, participated in by every old person in the state. The Grand Master of the Man-

chester Unity of Oddfellows has views of his own on the subject, as my be gathered from the following taken from the Christian World:—

"At the annual movable conference of the Independent Order of Oddfellows (Manchester Unity) at Folkestone, the subject of old age pensions formed an important topic in the inaugural address of the Grand Master, Mr. J. Harford Hawkins, of the South London district. The Archbishop of Canterbury and others gave a welcome to the delegates, who represent upwards of a million members.

"In his interesting speech the Grand Master remarked: 'I feel almost disposed to say that in my opinion a universal system of old age pensions is utterly impracticable. To give 5s. per week to everyone at the age of sixty-five, we are told, requires a sum of £26,-600,000 per annum. To give the same sum to everyone on arriving at seventy years of age requires £15,400,000 per annum. The providing of either of these sums deals with national politics, and so I refrain; but as a friendly society man, and one who has had a lifelong experience in our work, I believe that we in friendly societies can manage it for ourselves, and can show the country how it can be managed for those who in early life have not been thrifty or provident from either disinclination to be frugal or the inability to save, and are now living on the charity of others. If ever these pensions are adopted,' he added, 'it must be through the medium of friendly societies, and those societies must see to it that no interference with their independent working will be tolerated."

ROBERT BURNS IN A NEW LIGHT.

The following, though it does not refer to mining, must prove interesting to many miners, especially those who are Presbyterians. And if there are any of the unco guid among our readers, how they will be knocked down and out to learn that the paraphrases they have sung so long and so lustily were touched up by the bard they never took with them to the church on Sabbath:—

All genuine students of Robert Burns' works will be interested to know that the Paraphrases, used every Sunday in the Scotch churches, were subjected to the revision of the National Bard, and that many of their best verses owe their metrical charm to his exquisite taste and wonderful imagination. This fact is apparently not known, for Burns's emendations of the Paraphrases have never been mentioned even by his biographers.

Burns' revision of the Paraphrases is not extensive but characteristic. In some cases, a single line gives vigour and impulse to a stanza that had formerly been weak and commonplace. In others a simple epithet imparts life to a spiritless verse.

Two instances may be given in order to show how slight an expense of words was necessary to raise a verse or line from mediocrity. The second verse of the fiftieth Paraphrase originally appeared thus:

Those bodies, then—corrupted now— Shall uncorrupted rise; Mortal they fell, but rise to live Immortal in the skies

The poetical necromancer endues it with life, and it reads:

Those bodies that corrupted fell Shall uncorrupted rise, And mortal forms shall spring to life, Immortal in the skies.

And the twenty-sixth Paraphrase, which had begun:
O ye that thirst, approach the spring
Of ever-flowing bliss

receives the bard's magic touch and becomes:

Ho! ye that thirst, approach the spring Where living waters flow.

There is really nothing remarkable in the fact that the author of "Tam-o'-Sharier" was connected with the Scottish Paalmody, for processed a decided reverential sensibility, despite his frequent entrance into "glaikit Folly's portals." His early religious training and his melancholy temperament are sufficient to convince one of his capacity for Psalm-writing. Yet, strangely enough, no biographer, or anyone else, seems to have thought of it before.

TIN ORE-A NEW DISCOVERY.

From time to time there appear reports of new discoveries of this or that mineral. Few, if any of these discoveries are really new, for in old books giving the geology of Nova Scotia, mention of them may be found. In the case of tin it is otherwise. In How's Mineralogy of Nova Scotia, the reference to tin ore is short, occupying scarce three lines, as follows:—"Tinstone has been found by Mr. Felspan in Tangier, and by Mr. I. Campbell at Shelburne, as I have understood." From this, one would take little encouragement as to tin being among the minerals possessed by Nova Scotia. In this connection, it is interesting to read the following in a late Morning Ohronicle:—

"Mr. E. E. Bishop, who has just returned from New Ross, Lunenburg County, where he inspected the deposits of tin ore, speaks enthusiastically of the prospects of opening up a new mining industry in that part of the Province. The property is now being developed and the ore shows a high percentage of tin. The indications are most favorable, and should the metal be found in any quantity, the discovery would be very valuable and one for which a bounty has been offered.

"Some time ago Chas. Keddy, of Lake Ramsay, who had been prospecting in that vicinity found a dark mineral which he brought to Halifax, and this upon examination proved to be cassiterite (tin oxide). The property was taken up on the 22nd of October, 1906, under a license to search, by John Reeves, Benjamin Meister,

and Chas. Keddy of Lake Ramsay, and E. E. Bishop, of Halifax. On the 29th November Mr. H. Piers visited Mr. Reeves' place and found the small pit that had been dug about 12 feet long by about 5 feet wide, and 10 feet deep, a couple of feet of the depth being soil. From what he saw there seems to be little doubt that the cassiterite occurs in connection with a dyke of coarse pegmatite.

Mr. Piers in his report to the Mines Department, says:—"The finding of tin in setu for the first time in Nova Scotia, in connection with our granites, cannot but be a most interesting discovery, and will lead to a more systematic examination of our immense granite areas which have hitherto been viewed in general as comparatively barren of economic minerals. Certain similarities between these areas and those of Cornwall, tend to strengthen the hope that workable deposits of tin occur in this Province. The high price of this metal and the lack of sufficient supply render the subject one of a good deal of importance and worthy of the attention of our prospectors.

"Mr. Faribault of the Geological Survey Department and Dr. Young, will shortly visit New Ross, and inspect the property."

The above is a little indefinite and it will not be wise to conclude that tin of commercial value is one of the assets of the province. Tin has no place in the following list of minerals given by Prof. How as having been found in Lunenburg County:—Iron pyrites, bog ore, steatite, smoky quartz, azurite, gold, galena, molybdenum, cement, paint stone, umber, mispickel, horn blende, manganese, and ferruginous quartz. If to these tin is to be added, Lunenburg has a collection of which she may well be proud.

GOLD MINING IN NEW ZEALAND.

It seems the gold mines in New Zealand have difficulties of their own to contend with. These are recognised by the government and it proposes to come to the assistance of the mines in much the same way as the Nova Scotia government proposed a couple of years ago. The New Zealand Engineering and Mining Journal gives the regulations pertaining to aid to prospecting deep levels as follows:—

1. A "deep level" to prospect quartz lodes shall mean prospecting operations undertaken to prospect auriferous lodes down to a depth of not less than 1,000 feet below the level of the natural surface of the ground or such less depth—in no case being less than 750 feet —as in special circumstances the Minister approves.

(It seems hardly a reasonable thing to limit the lowest depth at which such aid shall be given. There are often instances where a depth of 400 or 500 feet may be just as suitable and ultimately effective. It is not the depth at which the reef is to be tapped which is often the point requiring consideration, either by the State or private individuals; it is rather the distance to be driven that is the main point. In some cases it

may be easier to tap a reef at 750 than in other cases at 500 feet. In Octago especially, where fuel is scaree and expensive, sinking to 400 or 500 feet is an expensive item on account of the water, whilst on the other hand a long drive through hard schist, for, say, 2,000 feet, is likewise expensive, though when in the working of the reef is less than when water has to be continually raised up a shaft.)

2. A "deep level" in alluvial drift shall mean prospecting operations undertaken to prospect alluvial drifts at a depth of not less than 250 feet below the natural surface of the ground, where it is necessary to erect pumping machinery to lift not less than 250 gallons

of water per minute.

3. The number of deep levels for the prospecting whereof assistance may be granted shall be confined to three mining districts,—namely, one in the North Island, one in the west of the Middle Island, and one in Otago, and not more than one deep level shall be assisted in any such district at one time.

4. Any person desirous of obtaining assistance for prospecting deep levels shall make application in writing to the Minister, stating the locality and nature of

the work proposed to be done.

5. The application shall be accompanied by a plan statement in detail showing (a) the mode in which it is proposed to carry on such operations, (b) the amount of money proposed to be expended, (c) the character and value of the machinery proposed to be erected, and (d) the total amount of assistance to be required. Should mining operations have been previously carried on in the ground proposed to have been prospected at deep levels, the applicant shall also state (c) the amount of money already expended on such operations, (f(the character and value of the machinery already erected on the ground, and (g) the quantity and value of the gold extracted from the mine up to the date of application.

6. Before any application is granted the applicant must satisfy the Minister that the applicant's proportion of the total amount proposed to be expended is available; and upon being satisfied the Minister shall, if he deem it advisable, obtain a joint report of two or more qualified officers of the public service as to the probability of the operations proving successful, and that the proposed site is in the best locality for testing

the deep levels in the district.

7. The Minister may grant assistance, not exceeding one-half the total estimated cost of the proposed operations, or he may decline to grant any assistance.

 Progress payments on account of assistance will be made from time to time as the work proceeds, on the certificate of an Inspector of Mines.

A process for rendering steel rustless is announced to have been invented by Mr. Coslett, a Birmingham chemist. He exhibits specimens of steel treated by the process, which, though they have been exposed to all weathers for six months, show no trace of rust.

Gold Mining Notes.

A subsidiary company has been formed under the Nova Scotia Joint Stock Companies Act, called the Micmac Power Company, Limited, for the purpose of taking over the transmission line which is now under construction, that runs from the Liverpool power house on the Mersey River, to the Leipsigate Gold District. It is the purpose of this new company not only to buy power from the Town of Liverpool, but to take over the Cowie Falls water power, which is already developed, and which is running a pulp mill. In the Cowie Falls mill there are two pairs of Smith-McCormick turbines already installed, developing 1200 horse power. When the pulp mill machinery has been removed and generators installed, this plant will supply additional power to the transmission line, which will be continued from the Micmac Mine on into Bridgewater, a total distance of 30 miles, for the purpose of supplying the Halifax & South Western Railway Car Works, Limited, and other industries with electric power. On account of the large demand for electric power at low rates, it was thought wisest by the capitalists interested to form a subsidiary company, and thus make the proposition a business in itself. Micmac Mine and other mines in the Leipsigate District will profit by the cheap power as it was originally planned, but the power company will be in a position to supply any manufacturing concerns with all the power they want up to a total of 2,500 horse power, including the power obtained from the town,

The Leipsigate Gold Mining Co.'s property, which is now under option to the Micmac Gold Mining Company, will be supplied with electric power, and also the so-called Crowe & Brown property, and other properties in this district. The transmission line passes directly by the Charlestown Mines, which also may be re-opened and worked. The same capitalists interested in Micmac, are seriously considering opening the old Brookfield Mine, which they have under option, and supplying that also with electric power.

The larger and low grade propositions of Nova Scotia must have the cheapest power obtainable, in order to be successfully worked. Water power turned into electricity solves this problem.

Mr. David E. Blake, an engineer of reputation from Mexico, who is now examining the Miemae Mines, expresses his entire approval of the plans of this power company, and believes with other engineers who have visited Nova Scotia mines, that the Nova Scotia water powers are going to revolutionize gold mining in the province.

Mr. Forbes Rickard, a well-known engineer who visited the Micmac property last October, also expressed his opinion very strongly in favor of water generated electric power.

Rubs by Rambler.

Those who profess to know all about it say there are two chief reasons for the recent decline of gold mining in Nova Scotia: One reason, the high price of coal, the other the pilfering of gold by the workers,-without a law to punish the abettors of the petty thieving. It strikes me there are two other reasons just as influential as those; the first, and chief, wretched management, and the second, depreciated quartz. I put forth this opinion with the utmost modesty, for I am no gold miner. The gold mines, through the Mining Society, have for years been appealing to both governments for a law dealing with this alleged pilfering of gold. The local government says prosecutions of peddlars who buy the gold comes with federal jurisdiction, and the federal authorities says the Criminal Code gives all the remedy necessary. The gold miners say it does not, and I am forced to agree with them. Now, I think it is within the power of the local government to intervene and give practical assistance to the gold mines. No one can mine gold without a license, why cannot the law be enlarged so as to declare that no one can buy gold without a license. These licenses would be granted by the Commissioner of Mines, and the department would be responsible for those to whom licenses were given. The New Zealand Mining Act of 1905 gives regulations for the purchase of gold by licensed dealers, as follows :-

1. Any person other than an incorporated bank, desirous of obtaining a gold dealer's license shall, at least thirty days before the hearing, lodge with the Warden an application in duplicate, together with a fee of five shillings.

2. The duplicate shall be posted up by the Registrar or clerk in a conspicuous place, and kept posted and intact until the day of hearing.

3. The applicant shall cause a copy of his application to be published in three consecutive issues of a local newspaper, and shall also keep a copy posted in a conspicuous place, on the building in which he intends to carry on his business as a licensed gold dealer.

4. Objections to the granting of the application may be made by any person, in a proper manner, and the Warden or Minister may, if they see fit, defer granting the license until they investigate the objection.

5. The license is issued by the Minister of Mines through the Warden, for one year or till the 31st day of December following, and therefore the license must be renewed every year.

6. An incorporated bank shall apply in writing to the Minister direct for a general gold dealer's license, and on receipt of a fee of five shillings, together with a fee of five shillings for each branch at which gold dealing is to be carried on, when the license may be granted.

7. Such license shall authorise the bank to deal only at the specified branches.

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8. The manager, accountant, or officer in charge of the gold buying department for the time being at every such bank or branch shall be deemed to be the "licensee" within the meaning of the Act.

9. A gold dealer's book in required form shall be kept in the registered place of business of every gold dealer, and every branch of an incorporated bank holding a license. Every licensed gold dealer other than an incorporated bank, and in case of a bank the legal "licensee" shall personally conduct and carry out every transaction relating to the purchase or sale of gold, and shall, after every purchase or sale has been effected, enter the particulars in the prescribed Gold-dealer's

10. On or before the fifth day of each month, every licensed gold dealer or bank shall forward to the Under-Secretary of Mines a return, on the prescribed form issued by the Department, showing the particulars in regard to every transaction for the preceding

The gold dealer's book requires the following particulars when gold is sold :-

Number of transaction.

Nature of transaction, stating here whether the transaction was a sale, purchase, advance, or deposit for safe keeping.

Name and address of purchaser or seller.

Particulars of gold bought or sold.

Number of lease, claim, or holding where gold was obtained, and the locality.

Where and how treated. Value given or received.

Signatures of parties to the transaction, other than the licensed gold dealer.

The return to be forwarded monthly by licensed gold dealers or banks is really a duplicate of the above.

When one considers how much the welfare of Nova Scotia, and her revenue, depends upon the development of her mineral resources, he must be amazed at the seeming indifference of her governments to render aid, in the prospecting for, and developing of, the minerals with which, it is claimed, the province abounds. Years ago, in these columns, I urged upon the government to assist in iron ore mining, or at least in first prospecting for, and then working the ore, when discovered. The example of Ontario, in this respect, was pointed to, but to no purpose, it was like speaking to a stone wall. We have asked for the establishment of an assay office, where analyses could be had at merely nominal cost, as is the case again in Ontario. But, no. The government had no money to expend or could not be bothered with such trifles. Trifles! why the prosperity of the province depends upon the development of her minerals. Instead of aiding the mining industry, as it should, it looks, at times, as if the government

was bound to bleed it to death. Last year an ill considered bill was introduced to increase the burden on prospectors and others, holders of rights and leases. To some it appears as if the chief object of the government was the casting about for some means, new means, of milking the minerals. Instead of the government putting burdens on the legitimate prospector, it should ease prospecting of all burdens. Indeed it should come to the assistance of prospectors. That is what is done in some countries. The government agreed some time ago to give dollar for dollar in the sinking of two shafts to prove whether gold existed at great depths. Somehow this offer, though the boon was asked for by the Mining Society, was never accepted, for what reason is not publicly known. But why should the government be willing to aid companies or corporations, and not be willing to assist the solitary prospector? For the discovery of minerals, Nova Scotia owes little to companies and much to individuals. It is the individual prospector, or an operation of prospectors, who should be encouraged. In New Zealand it has been decided to give to prospectors a pound for a pound. If a prospector spends a pound of his own in searching for minerals, then he gets a similar amount from the government to assist in the search. And why, indeed, should not the government of Nova Scotia assist? If anything results from the labors of the prospector, the government is sharer in the benefits. It will receive its reward in the shape of royalties. They tell us, they shout it at us with vehemence, that Nova Scotia is rich in very many minerals. Is that really so? What minerals then are being wrought? Some coal, a little gold, and a trifle of iron ore.

I was a little surprised to read in the papers some days ago that a Montreal gentleman had been sent down to Nova Scotia to report on some coal properties. I know the gentleman has had something to do with gold mining in Nova Scotia, but I am certain he never was looked upon as an expert on coal mining. And that he cannot be called an expert, on coal, is borne out by one of the recommendations to the company who engaged him for the work. This particular coal company had thought of sinking a slope on newly acquired territory. I have heard that the "expert" very strongly advised the sinking of a shaft, giving as a reason that "a slope is away out of date in mining." Now, this all depends-on the seam. Some may think I am impudent in referring to a matter that only concerns two parties,-the company and the expert. Is that a fact? Does it, or may it not affect the people? Shortly after the sinking of the Broughton slopes had begun I was taken to task for keeping silence, in the RECORD, instead of speaking out, and showing that-1st, the slope was badly located; and, 2nd, that a shaft, and not a slope, should be sunk. I replied that it was not my business to get ill will; that the government should do the interfering. No doubt I ought to have protested against a slope, in the interests of the coal trade, for the sinking of the slope proved fatal to the success of the company. The officials of the company, in the

present instance, are right and the expert is all wrong. Out of date or not out of date, the officials would have proved their lack of sense had they listened to the expert. If the outcrop of the seam is a few hundred yards from the water's edge, and the dip is seaward, what benefit would be derived in sinking a shaft, and what benefit seeing the pitch of the seam is nearer thirty than fifteen degrees? What sort of grip on the coal could be had with a shaft less than a thousand feet deep, and if a shaft does not give a big grip of coal, what is the good of it? If a company has unlimited capital, to start with, it is possible that, in the long run, even in seams of considerable pitch, a shaft might be the most economical, but for many reasons in numerous instances, the advantages rest with a slope. The management of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. is not antiquated, and yet they prefer slopes to shafts. One shaft is enough for them. The newest colliery of the Dom. Coal Co., No. 6, is a slope, and that company, by this time, ought to know which is best. Unless in the case of a seam that has been proved by many bore holes, or in some conclusive manner, the sinking of a shaft involves a great deal of risk. Had the Intercolonial or the Acadia Collieries sunk shafts insteads of slopes, in what position would these collieries be to-day? They would have have been hybrids, half shafts and half slopes, with two hoisting plants, one above and one

I AM not going to comment at present on the Emmerson-Crockett libel case, but I am going to say a few words on a passing utterance of the Montreal Star, in its account of the proceedings:—

"After the interview (with the lawyers for the defence), Lloyd and Dean were never let out of sight of some or other of Mr. Crockett's personal friends." Why? Were the 'friends' of the prosecution not to be trusted, or were they the witnesses from Montreal? Further, says the Star, "Both sides are availing themselves of the services of detectives." Again, I ask-Why? I thought the trial was for the purpose of ascertaining whether a man's character had been blackened, and if another man was the culprit. What in the world have detectives to do, in a case of this kind? Who are the 'crooks' they are watching? Are they supposed to be in both camps? Is each side afraid, unless there is a sharp look out kept, that a lot of perjury may be committed? If the real object of the trial is to clear a man's character, why need detectives, and what need of such display of legal talent? I hope neither side wishes to avail itself of mere technicalities, in its efforts after vindication. These days we have too much law. Why, even in cases left to arbitration there is too much technicality, too much form, and too much adherence to the 'rules of evidence.' What should be the one and chief aim, is to get at the bottom facts, and if these can best be secured by a non-adherence to the 'rules of evidence,' then to the four winds with these. It looks at this writing, as if the Emmerson-Crockett suit is nothing less or more, than another political squabble, at the finish of which, no matter how it winds up, the public will know about as much as before the fracas commenced. It is really too bad that there is scarcely an occurrence, these days, but is judged of solely as it appears after being looked at through political spectacles. If some are getting tired of the everlasting 'political' game, is it any wonder? The judge in the Haywood trial seems to be a judge in a thousand. He is willing to admit any evidence that

will fucilitate an arrival at the truth. There can be no question that these days there is scarcely such a thing as the administration of justice. It may be called that, but really it is the administration of law. The man who is eleverest at putting forward technical objections generally wins. He wins dead sure if the objections are interspersed for the benefit of some scoundrelly defendant. Law is being made to suit the growing needs of a growing army of lawyers.

* AROUND THE COLLIERIES *

DOMINION No. 3 must be an exceptional colliery, as the outputs are satisfactory. That means much,

The Drummond colliery still suffers from a scarcity of loaders and to all appearances there is no present remedy.

A LARGE, new Rand Air Compressor is one of the latest additions to the fine plant of the Maritime Coal, Railway & Power Co.

SEVERAL of the Cape Breton collieries are adopting the contract system, in paying roadmakers, landingtenders, etc., and so far have found it to work very well indeed.

A New tubular boiler is being installed at the Drummond colliery. There is plenty of power at the Drummond, and plenty of places; the one thing of which it cannot be said there is sufficient, is labor.

MR. HARRY COLL's paper on the "Sinking and Timbering of the Allan Shafts" has been issued in pamphlet form by the Nova Scotia Mining Society. So also has Phil Moore's paper on "Turbine Pumps." Both papers are excellent

Mr. F. W. Warren, general manager Duggan's energetic and efficient assistant, has gone on a trip to Brazil. Mr. Warren's health has not been robust of late. The Record hopes the change of scene will have the desired result.

A GEOLOGIST by the name of Ferrier has been down at Mahou prowling and peering industriously in the nooks and bogs and along the shore, in the district. He says he came down on a vacation. He selected a spot which should not only interest but puzzle him. The Mahou shore is as interesting almost as that at the Joggins.

Facsimilies of the medals awarded at the Dominion Exhibition to Mr. Jas. Cummings, of New Glasgow, for his most excellent display of mining tools, etc., appear elsewhere in our columns. Mr. Cummings is doing a large and ever increasing business. He seems to know the exact kind of tool best suited to the several branches of mining. His picks are sent to all quarters, far and near, so also with his boring machines.

It seems to be the prevailing opinion that these spoken of cottages for the Acadia Coal Co. will not be built this year. The season is advancing.

THE Allan shafts will not furnish the promised—in the papers—10,000 tons for June. Probably the output will reach close on 7,000 tons.

Good work is being done in the sinking of Sydney No. 4. Sinking is being done by hand, and is being done at the rate of about six feet per day. It is said the price paid for sinking is \$2.00 per foot.

Mr. Geo. B. Burchell, who was manager at the Joggins when that property was worked by the Canada Coal & Railway Co., retains the position under its new owners. Mr. Burchell is manager likewise of the railway.

The Sullivan machine at the Mabou slope is doing what the management think satisfactory work. The average cut of the machine is five feet per shift. It is expected the work of straightening the slope will be finished early in July.

Among the changes of overmen at the Dominion Coal Co.'s collieries are the following:—A. Lind, lately of Reserve Mines, goes to Sydney Mines, and is succeeded by D. A. Ferguson, latterly of Broughton; A. J. Scott succeeds J. A. Nicholson at Dom. No. 1, and Nicholson may go to Reserve Mines.

Professor Carruthers, of Halifax, has been making the rounds of the mining towns in Cape Breton County and conferring with those interested in Technical Schools. He endeavoured to ascertain the differing views as to the best methods for furtherance of the government's scheme of mining schools, trade schools, and a college.

SYDNEY No. 5, of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., is doing excellent work, the average output being close on 400 tons per day. This, from a pit that was abandoned very many years ago, as worked out, so far as profitable working went, is highly creditable to the holders. In the old days coal was too plentiful, and therefore no efforts were made to exhaust one pit before attacking another.

A NUMBER of new bridges are being erected on the line of the Joggins Railway. The building of these is proceeding satisfactorily.

Considering the many drawbacks, the Acadia has been making some remarkably quick water shipments. Ten days ago a steamer docked at the "Landing" in the morning and went loaded at night, with over 3,000 tons of coal. A steamer of 4,000 tons has been loaded in two days. The two steamers employed by this company are doing excellent work.

The Bastern Journal says that the Inverness Railand Coal Co. shipped "5,000 tons in two days."
If the company could keep this up the Record would give them credit for making best shipments, comparatively of course, in the province. A haul of sixty miles from the mine to the shipping pier is considerably longer than any coal haul in the province, and goes to show what could be done at Country Harbor if that part had connection with Stellarton.

It is said that the old Richmond Mine, which has shipped no coal since the sixties, has been pumped out and that the mine is being put in repair preparatory to shipments. Of course there can be no immediate shipments as there are, as yet, no railway connections or water shipping facilities. Those operating at the Richmond Mine, and in the vicinity, deserve to be successful as they have expended, and are still at it—a lot of time, patience and money in an effort to get coal of suitable height and quality.

There was a report to the effect that Hiram Donkin, of the Dominion Coal Co,'s staff, was to be made Deputy Inspector of Mines. The report lacks confirmation. The possibility is that Mr. Donkin may be asked to superintend the construction of the Halifax-Guysborough Railway, should the government be obliged to take up the work, in event of failure to secure a company to do so on reasonable terms. Hiram Donkin could build the road easily, from starting point to terminal, at a less figure than twenty-one thousand dollars per mile.

The Sydney papers published a few days ago a statement to the effect that two dynamite cartridges have been found in the hold of one of their charter steamers, and drew the inference that they had been placed there by some Montreal 'longshoremen. Here is what the Montreal Star has to say on the subject:—

"The Dominion Coal Company characterizes as absurd the story from Sydney to the effect that two sticks of dynamite were found in the bottom of one of the Company's colliers. The company says that the facts of the case are that about two weeks ago a couple of sticks of safety powder were found in the coal, on one of the colliers at Quebec, and it must have been from this that the story started. This safety powder is absolutely safe, and there is no danger from it whatever, and the chances from any disastrous results are absolutely nil."

A New fan for the No. 1 Allan shaft is one of the requirements which will receive prompt attention. The present fan is a little light for so deep a shaft.

It is the intention of the new owners of the Joggins to abandon the present slope. It may, however, be kept open if it can be worked to advantage, that is, to make it pay, until such time as the new slope is a producer.

Some work is being done at Mabou in preparation for future activity, another kink or crook is being taken out of the slope, which will, when completed, facilitate the work of hoisting. The west levels are also being driven. The reason that coal raising and shipping is not active is due to the fact that the company is being re-organized. The number of crooks is to be considerably reduced.

THE Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. is the second largest producer in Canada, coming after the Dominion Coal Co. The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. ranks third as a producer, but the Record will not be surprised if in a year or two it shows its heels to the Crow's Nest Pass Co. The average output of the latter Co. is close on 3.500 tons per day, about a fourth of the quantity produced by the Dominion Coal Co. When it comes to profits the Crow's Nest Co. takes no second place.

According to the Sydney Post, the Dominion Coal Co. are to bore at South Bar in an effort to discover one of the Lingan seams, which is supposed to underlie the land in that vicinity. There have been previous attempts to discover coal in that vicinity, but they were not successful. An area held by lease at South Bar, or thereabouts, was for a long time freely offered for sale as a good "prospect" or a "speculation." There were no takers. If there is coal there, the task of finding it should not be difficult, as the metals are fairly well exposed in more than one spot.

In last issue, referring to certain statements that had been made as to decreased coal shipments for 1907. owing to the lateness of the opening of the St. Lawrence shipping season, the RECORD stated that there was no necessity for so pessimistic a fear, and held to the opinion that full recovery might be made before the season closed. We further said, "We will be disappointed if there will not be increased shipments to the St. Lawrence notwithstanding the delay. It is all well enough for companies to make big shipments under favorable conditions; it is up to them to show the stuff they are made of by making large shipments in face of a handicap. The coal can be shipped into the steamers fast enough, and if it is as quickly unloaded we hope for bigger shipments than last year in face of the odds." This was a sort of challenge, and it has been taken up. A few days after the foregoing appeared in print the Dominion Coal Co. showed the stuff it was made of by shipping, in one day, close on 19,500 tons of coal. This beats all records. If there are a few big days like that the shortage of the first five months of the year will be more than overcome.

They are having a little trouble at Chignecto owing to a fault that has been met with in the slope. It is one consolation that faults are not peculiar to Cumberland County, but obtrude in all mining localities in Nova Scotia.

The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co.s shipments show an appreciable decline for May, as compared with May of last year, but things are humming now, and it is expected the June shipments will reach seventyfive thousand tons.

The location of the new slope to be sunk at the Joggins by the Maritime Coal, Railway and Power Co. is between the present slope and the shore of Bay of Fundy. This slope will tap the submarine areas owned by the company. A line of railway will swing off near the Fundy Mine and go down to the new opening.

We have been given a reason why the shipments of the Cumberland collieries—outside of Springhill—do not appear regularly in the Recond. We had thought that the smaller fellows were jealous of each other. That was an injustice. The real reason, it seems, is that they are abanned of the smallness of their shipments in comparison. Pride of course, is not nice, but when one feels ashamed there is hope of better things from him.

The Record was hasty in saying that the furnace at Londonderry was being laid off for re-lining. It is said the furnace is much in need of repairs, but the management are putting off re-lining from time to time, owing to the extraordinary demand for pig iron. The shipments of coke from both coal companies in Pictou were cancelled the beginning of the month, but a train load went forward the other day, as the furnace was still in operation.

"I would not give a fig," says Andrew Carnegie, see himself a partner or at the head of an important firm. Do not rest for a moment in your thoughts as a head clerk, a foreman, or general manager in any concern, no matter how extensive. Say to yourself, 'My place is at the top.' Be king in your dreams. Vow that you will reach that position with untarnished reputation, and make no other vows to distract your attention."

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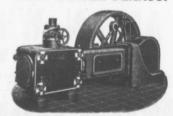
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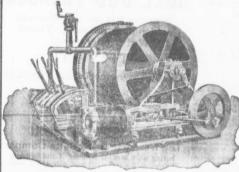
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