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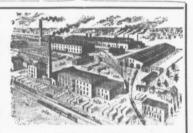


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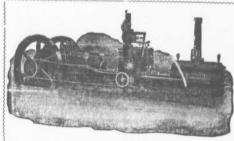


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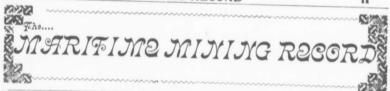
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GOB FIRES IN MINES.

Written for Record by William Oliver,

O .- How are gob fires produced in a mine? How would you deal with a difficulty of this kind.

A. -Gob fires in a mine may be said to be produced

by three causes, namely

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1st. By the oxidation of the organic constituents of the coal. Coal absorbs from 1 ¼ to 3 times its volume of Oxygen, and there is no doubt that the exciting cause is absorption of the Oxygen of the air, by hydro-carbonaceous substances in a more or less fine state of division. This absorption is favoured by heating, moisture, fine division of the coal and absence of light. Coal absorbs oxygen very quickly, producing carbon-di-oxide ard water, and a combination of Oxygen with the coal, This action produces heat chemically while the rapid passage of air through the pores produce heat mechani-The coal must be broken up so as to expose a large surface for the coal to heat. There must be a suf- pings are built a few yards apart, so as to reduce the ficient mass of coal to prevent the heat from escaping as chance of leakage past the walls. Cross packs built up fast as it is generated.

and. By iron pyrites or "Brass" pound of 1 atom of iron and 2 atoms of sulphur, decomposing in the presence of moisture and oxygen proand friction from grinding may greatly assist it.

temperature of return air; (2) Presence of haze or It the return stopping is built first and the stoppings steam in the return; (3) Presence of gob-stink or fire- sealed up from the return towards the intake, the outlet stink due to the distillation of the Hydro Carbons of the for the gases and smoke is closed and they collect, and,

When a gob fire is detected in a mine it requires strict attention and only capable men should be instructed inexplosive. Further the intake air causes the smoke

1. Dig out the fire and send it out of the mine.

2. By the use of hand fire-engines, or water conducted to the fire by hosepipes.

3. Shut off the supply of air.

4. Flood the portion of the mine affected by carbonic acid gas.

In the first instance as soon as heating is discovered in a mine it is put out by simply digging out the hot part and sending it out of the mine, if the roof be fairly intake side stoppings, and the intake stopping the whole good. It sometimes happens that before the fire can be ventilating current should be allowed to pass. A good dug out water has to be used to keep the flame down, plan is to have two sets of men, one relieving the other

after which the hot material is dug out and the place filled with sand. After the place is cooled down it is filled up again and faced across the front with a brick and morter wall backed with sand.

The use of hand fire engines can only be successfully applied when the fire is discovered before it has reached dangerous proportions, or if water is obtainable in the main roads to supply water under pressure, the fire may be successfully dealt with by hose pipes conducting the water to the seat of the fire.

The above two instances may be considered with advantage when there is free access to the fire which is very rarely seen in the goaf of mines. The most success ful means of dealing with fires is by completely shutting off the supply of air, especially under a bad and broken roof. Double brick and mortar stoppings, well plastered over with clay and filled in between with sand or flue dust are put in to shut off the supply of air. In some cases these stoppings should not be less than 30 yards in length of solid packing. At important points stopwith sand or flue dust are built accross the wastes to A chemical com- prevent the circulation of air through the goaf. care and precaution are necessary in preparing the stopposing in the presence of mousture and oxygen pro- pings. Over, endearton must be made to prepare and duces heat. This heat is given off slowly and is probab- build all stoppings at one time, but if the site of the fire Every endeavour must be made to prepare and ly insufficient alone to set the coal on fire. It helps to and the area to be built off includes the intake and resplit the coal up and owing to the disintegration pro- turn air passages and air currents, then the mode of produced it allows the coal to be more rapidly permeated cedure is as follows: Leave the intake air passage unby currents of Oxygen, and the heating produced, though til last and by no means seal it off first. First stopping small, favours the action of such currents. The oxidat- off the return air passage and then seal off the stoppings ion of coal is thus the primary agent, though iron pyrites between the return and intake working from the return towards the intake. Complete the stopping by sealing A general indication of gob fires are: (1) Rise of off the intake passage. The reason for this is as follows: coal; (4) Sweating of roof and coal, this being gener- since they do not support combustion, assist in extinguishing the fires and prevent the formation of explosive mixtures, or cause explosive mixtures to be rendered The method of extinction will and fumes to be pent up and held back, and this arrangevary according to the size of the fire, and may be done ment allows time to build off the intake stopping and work with a supply of fresh air. On the other hand if the intake stopping was first sealed off the smoke and fumes generated by the fire would readily flow towards the return passage and render it dangerous and impossible to ing off the return passage.

Whilst building the return stopping or stoppings in close proximity, it may be found advisable to reduce the volume of air, but care must be taken to see that the workmen have a sufficiency of air. When building the

at intervals, the relieved party to rest in fresh air. The gases given off from a gob fire are very poisonous, especially two, Carbon-mon-oxide, and Sulphuretted hydrogen, these being of an exceedingly deadly nature. These renders the work of extinguishing a fire a dangerous task and the greatest care is necessary in order to prevent loss of life to those engaged in the work, hence the need for two sets of men, as one set are always ready to render first aid to any person overcome by the poisonous fumes, whilst the work is more rapidly advanced.

The men chosen for such work should be steady, reliable, and free from nervousness and tear, men of experience in dealing with underground fires and who realise the dangerous task before them, whilst the work should be uperintended by a competent official.

The fourth enumeration deals with the fire by flooding a portion of the mine with Carbonic acid gas, which effectually puts out the fire and has no disastrous effects upon the mine workings. This gas may be produced by pouring hydro-chloric acid upon broken limestone enclosed in very strong boxes lined with sheet lead, pipes being led away from these boxes and conveyed through the stoppings leading to the affected districts.

In some cases it is found necessary to flood the whole mine with this gas, and in this case a scaffold is fixed in the shaft a few fathoms from the surface and the Carbonic acid pipe passed through this, and the gas forced into the mine until it appears at the top of the up-

In fiery mines liable to gob fires it is essential that the workings should be so laid out that a fire occuring in any part of them may be shut off from access of air with as little difficulty and in as short a time a possible, and further, the stoppings isolating the fire should be strengthened by stowing or otherwise so as to be capable of resisting the force of an internal explosion. fire may smoulder in the goaf for an indefinite period ready to break out if the stoppings are opened and air admitted, hence it is necessary that stoppings once built up should remain so as long as it is possible to al-

The only certain way of extinguishing a large fire is to submerge the mine, or district of the mine, under water, after which the water is pumped out again and operations commenced. This, in most cases, is an expensive affair, and never resorted to until every other plan has failed, for generally the water takes a deal of time to get out again besides doing considerable damage, especially if the root and pavement are of shales or any soft substance.

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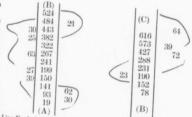
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1. Calculate the Co-ordinates of the following traverse survey, and plot by Co-ordinates to a scale of two chains to the inch.

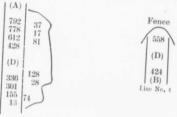
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- 2. Calculate the area enclosed by the above traverse. (60 marks.)
- 3. Plot carefully the subjoined chain survey to a scale of 50 links to the inch. (50)



Line No.1 about N. N. W.

Line No. 2 about W. S. W.



Line No. 3

- 4. A seam of mineral dips  $47^{\circ}$  to the horizontal towards N  $^{24}$  deg. W., what will the gradient in inches per yard of a road in the seam running due west be.(40)
- 5. Describe in detail the construction of the ordinary dumpy level. (35)
- 6. At a given point in a straight road underground, you are required to set out a curve of 8 chains radius which is to be continued as a straight road branching at an angle of 65 deg. from the main road. Describe exactly how you would proceed to set out the work, and state what instructions you would give to the foreman in charge. (50)

7. Three boreholes A. B. and C. are put down in level ground to prove a seam of mineral, each being 271/2 chains from the other. The Co-ordinates of A and B are

A latitude S 1000 links. Departure E 250 links. probably 14" diameter. Even if such a thing did hap-N 18721/2 " E 26601 " C at 2.102 feet. Calculate the direction and amount of matter. Might it not more likely have been a missishot, dip of the seam. (50)

8 Describe the box Sectant and explain its mode of action. (35.)

#### THE CAUSE OF BLASTING ACCIDENTS

"The Home Office has published the report of Captain J. H. Thompson, H. M. Chief Inspector of Explosives, on the fatal accident which occurred on the 14th. March last on the Dearne Valley Railway (in course of construction), causing the death of three persons and slight injury to five others. The accident occurred dur-

Captain Thompson states that there can be no doubt whatever that the explosion was due to the striking of unexploded gelignite by one of the men with his pick, A probable cause of the presence of explosive in the debris is that some portion of a charge escaped explosion. This explanation would be entirely in accordance with experience with similar accidents, which are unfortun-

ately rather frequent in their occurrence

Of the total number of accidents of this description (117) which have occurred in the last five years 87 have been caused by nitro-glycerine explosives, and out of the latter total (87) the number which have occurred between the months of December and May inclusive is 77, or over 88 per cent. It is just within these months that nitro-glycerine explosives are likely to be in a frozen condition, and the conclusion may safely be drawn that in the case of such explosives the freezing of the nitroglycerine plays an important part in producing this class of accident, probably by rendering the cartridges less susceptible of detonation.

In this case, however, Captain Thompson is disposed to think that freezing does not come in as an important factor in the cause of the accident. He sums up his

conclusions as follows ;-

1,—The accident was due to the striking of an unexploded portion of a charge which remained in the debris after blasting.

2,-The presence of this explosive in the debris may be accounted for by the falling in of rock fragments in the bore hole during charging, whereby a portion of the charge became seperated and escaped detonation,

3,- Such accidents are of common occurrence, and must be regarded as inseparable from the operation of

blasting.

4.—No further precaution likely to diminish the number of these accidents can be suggested."

W. H., Springhill, writes:-

"The above extract is from an English paper. I would like very much if you would publish it in your valuable paper as it will no doubt be of much interest to your numerons readers all over the province of Nova Scotia, You will notice in the summing up the Inspectors report, clause 2, states that the presence of the explosive in the debris may be accounted for by the falling in of rock fragments in the bore hole during charging and thereby seperating the charge, a portion of Works: SYLVESTER which escaped detonation. To my mind it would be impossible for fragments of rock to fall into a bore hole

pen and the shot went off at all the whole of the charge Borehole C lies west of the other two. Borehole A would be exploded instantaneously. Probably some of struck the seam at a depth of 792 ft., B at 143 feet, and your readers will be able to offer some solution of this

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within the immense enclosure

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The Suburban made its first score in its contest with the Record when it was able to disprove the stotement that coal to the Brookline authorities cost \$3.67 and not \$6.67 as quoted in this column. Of course, while pleading guilty to inserting a wrong figure, we have the excuse to offer that we took our figures from a source that is held on all sides to be reliable, viz. The Coal Trade Journal of New York. The probability is that the figure 6 instead of 3 was a printer's error, but the error was not serious, and wasseized upon by the Suburban as a drowning man will seize at a straw. After all \$3.67 is a stiff price to pay for coal in a country where coal is carried cheaper than in any other country in the world.

## = Rubs by Rambler.

If friend McNeil of the Suburban was as knowledgeable as he is earnest, he would be to many folk more a thorn in the flesh than he actually is. His zeal in the interest of cheap coal for the common people-and for the Halifax manufacturers is remarkable; indeed, it may be said of his energy in that direction that it is a consuming zeal. I will scarcely say that his zeal is accompanied with—indiscretion, though there are some panied with managered and state of the Suburban uncivil enough to hint as much. The Suburban Editor would like to show that the people of Nova Scotia generally are being overcharged for their coal, but all he has been able to demonstrate so far is that coal is higher now than in previous years. He asserts that it is awfully high to small consumers in Halifax, but this point he has not backed up by any evidence that may be called conclusive.

The Suburban is either Mogical, or inconsistent or indifferent to the prosperity of the coal trade of the province as a whole. It deciaims against the Dominion Coal Co. as a sinner above all others as regards the price of coal—inferntially.

It accesses it of being a monster combine, of being the ugly Octupus that is fastening its fangs on the attenuated purses of the poorer of the people—also inferntially.

And yet at the same time its latest argument if followed to its logical conclusion would put the coal consumers of the province in the grinding grasp of a greedy combine, or at most two concerns that it might choose call combines.

The Suburban's argument is this. If coal costs the Dominion Coal Co.-the Suburban's standing sore—and the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. put in this company of my own accord—half what it costs the International Coal Co., the Cumb. Ry. & Coal Co., the Acadia Coal Co. and several other concerns, I had almost said not omitting the Port Hood Coal Co., then the Dominion Coal Co. and the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. should sell their coal at half the rate charged by the companies mentioned. If this were done then Springhill, Westville, Stellarton, Thorburn, etc., would in a few months be towns and villages deserted and forsaken. If these two companies quoted coal at half the rate quoted by the other companies, will it not mean that they would get all the trade and that the other companies would be forced out of existence, and that accomplished would the last state not be incalculably worse than the first. Would not all the province be in the grip of two companies that could do,-all competition being removed—just as they pleased and not otherwise. To show that I am not mistating the Suburban's position, let me quote:

"For instance, in writing the interesting account of a visit to the Drummond Colliery, he could not close without wishing that the editor of The Suburban had been there to learn why coal costs so much in Nova Scotia. The ingenious sophistry involved in this is entertaining enough, but the fact that coal costs twice as much to produce at the Drummond as at some other collieries, and that those same collieries sell it at the same price as the Drummond, is that there must be some handy arrangement about selling somewhere."

If, as the Suburban assumes—it was not so stated in the Record—the Dominion Coal Co. can produce coal at half the cost involved in production at the Drummond, then the selling price should be in accordance with the cost. This is a strange proposition. It means that mines, manufacturers, or any kind of producers are not to benefit by location, by natural facilities, such as easy angle of seam, etc., by large expenditures, and or by favorable conditions generally, but to sell their wares inproportion to what they cost, regardless of the cost of production to other in the same line and heedless of what they might obtain for them honestly and justly. Not many people would admit that this was business. sorry that the Suburban's ideas should prevail. Such would mean devastation to hundreds of homes, and scores of thriving settlements in the province, in the mainland more especially.

At the late local election some of the opponents of the government thought they might work off to advantage the Truck Act, so called, and certain amendments to it passed at last session of the House. The attempts to make capital out of the Act itself or the amendments were conspicuous failures. The large body of the C. B. miners, all the thrifty, industrious, and intelligent among them, and it is satisfactory to know these constitute the largest class, took no stock in the attempt at agitation, as thep know full well that at the present time truck in its offensive sense is practically non existent in C. B. They know that there is not the slightest compulsion in the matter of where a man 'deals', every workman is a free agent; and that the one who chooses to deal

DOMINION NO. 6.

Though Dom. No. 2 may at odd times be facetiously referred to as the big baby of the Dom. Coal Co., the two real babies are the Hub and Dom, No. 6, the latter being the sturdiest and the most stirring, and the one demanding at the present time the most care and attention. The hope is that in the future, when it has reached maturity it will repay its sponsors for all the care, time and money expended upon it, and its friends de-clare it will. When Dom. No. 6 colliery was being planned the impression was received that it would be a model of simplicity and economy while efficiency would not be disregarded. It may have up till now fulfilled the desired aims, but to the casual onlooker it does not seem so simple an af-fair as he may have been inclined to believe. Rather to him do the works above ground appear not unpretentious and informidable, but striking imposing and comprehensive. Instead of being primitive it is modern in its fullest sense, furnished with all modern appliances. True there may be no luxuries, while nothing necessary has been omitted. In outward appearance at least the colliery is one that its projectors need not be as-hamed of Having visited the colliery last fall, when the prospect was perplexing rather than pleasing owing to the variety and amount of construction work being carried on the writer desired to see how the colliery looked now that the entire surface plant was nearing completion.

Having found favor in the eyes of Mr. H. J. McCann, who, in addition to his other duties as assistant to Mr. A. Dick, that prince of gen'l sales agents, occasionally takes a turn round the collieries to see that only properly screened and picked coal is being sent to market, he cheerfully agreed to accompany and provide the necessary transportation facilities which in this instance consisted of a horse and waggon, as there is as ret no passenger coaches running between Glace Bay and No. 6. No letters of introduction were That the writer was fully accredited was attested to by the fact, facts, that the waggon was the company's, the horse the one alloted the General Manager, the overcoat he wore that of Mr. Fergie the Inspector of all the companys mines, and the cicerone Mr. McCann. One need have no trepidation in driving with this gentleman. He knows how to select a nag that will exhibit a proper degree of spirit in passing through thoroughfares, and take it cooly and calmly when away from the public gaze. Away from the town he embraced the opportunity to make himself familiar with the details of the landscape, affording of course the like opportunity to those he carried, and on such a glorious morning, with such congenial company one would not have it other-

There have been changes in the past six monskirted the beech and on each side of which had described a system which has ready to embody in a been dumped in years long gone bye thousands Bill, and form a company to work. The scheme was of tons of then unsaleable slack coal, has been for making London smokeless by generating electricity swept away, and the whole once formidable struc- at the Derbyshire coalfields, and bringing it to London ture is tumbling to pieces or being torn away, by high tension transmission along the public roads. By and by where the trestle stood there may be It would thus be able to provide nearly the whole of the planted summer hotels and bathing houses, for electric power required in London for trainways, railways

in the store is not in any way favored above or before he who does not. The fact is there never was need of a Truck Act in Nova Scotia, unless indeed it had been enacted a quarter of a century prior to the time it was introduced. When it was enacted the germ of the evil it was sought to cure had been killed. Its death was accomplished at the hands of the P. W. A. which protested against any interference with the workmens right to purchase his supplies where he choose. The Act was passed to gratify a few who wished to have some small claim to be called reformers and friends of the workingmen. So far as the workmen are concerned the stores of the company are a matter of minor importance. The amendment to the Act found most fault with is that which says that the fine in case of a successful prosecution shall go to the Treasury and not to the complainant. This is a wise amendment, as a possible preventive of malicious prosecution. It might pay a dishonest workman to take goods from a company's store to the value of five dollars and when the money was stopped institute proceedings, get half of the five and pocket \$20,00 net. The law should afford no encouragement to evil disposed persons to institute proceedings for gain or through malice.

There are those, no doubt, who think it a reproach on twentieth century civilization that females should be employed at coal mines in any capacity. A few years ago when on the other side I visited a colliery in Fifeshire for the express purpose of learning at first hand whether or no there was anything degrading in the work allotted females on pit bank heads. After the visit and after seeing the buxom, rosy cheeked lassies at work I concluded that the labor was preferable to employment in a badly ventilated mill or factory, and that less evil might be learned than in many other avocations. The Inspector for the East of Scotland is of a like opinion. In his report for 1905, referring to the increase in the number of surface workers he says

"Female labor accounts for 123 of the surface increase, and is in keeping with what has been recorded year after year. As stated last year, this labor is mostly at the picking tables in connection with coal cleaning; a number are engaged in taking off and putting on tubs at the cages, but the proportion at this class of work is Years ago at many of the smaller collieries it was quite common for women to be employed trimming the coal on the waggon top; but this is seldom seen nowadays, With the exception, perhaps, of the hauling of tubs, the work is not laborious, and is very healthy, and those employed are for the most part of good physique, On the whole, the class of females employed, both as regards health and morals, will compare favourably with any other class of female workers.'

Mr. Lupton, M. P., giving evidence before the Parli-A large portion of the old trestle which amentary Committee on the supply of electrical power, no more enticing strand of flag noises, for each covered an analyst land as the strand of gleaming sand, and factories, and for lighting and warming the streets nor brighter or bigger breakers, nor white surf and houses. The smoke nuisance in London is estimate an be found on any coast. At the end of the ed to involve a loss of £2,000,000 a year.

disappearing trestle we pass the remains of Port head. After emerging from the slope and reach-caledonia or Big Glace Bay, where shipments ing the level road the rope is cast off and the boxfrom the Caledonia mine were regularly made from some cause, a success, though many parties

The colliery works and not the surroundings are the noticeable features on arriving at No. 6. Though the location of the town is considerably above the shore line the houses do not seem to be on an elevation. There is no main street as yet, and only one or two stores. The company has a store well filled no doubt inside, but outside minus attractive architecture. The company's office, too, is unvarnished outside and unfurnished inpiece of track to give proper connection the colliery is idle, and groups of pit men are hanging about. There is much activity on the bank head, in the machine shop, and on the tracks. Every-thing is being rushed for a big output beginning

All the surface buildings are substantial. The engine house and boiler shed are of brick, and so constructed as to admit of enlargement, with system, in the future. There are three batteries of Babcock and Wilcox boilers which supply power to the large air compressors and the winding en-The bank head proper is a massive affair The boxes which will haul the coal from the pit have length as their chief characteristic. Each box holds two tons. When the full box is being tipped into the screens its con-tents are divided into two portions by a simple contrivance, one portion going to a picking table to the right, the other portion to the left. is a simple and expeditious way of spreading the This coal, so that foreign matter may be extracted. The screens are devoid of bars. Instead they are constructed of sheet or plate iron, the upper plate having 14 inch in diameter perforations, down to 1 inch in the lowest ones. There is an arrangement whereby certain kinds of coal may be dumped direct into the cars without passing over the are of the best, and well fitted for the work reover the brow of the bankhead, are supposed to over the brow of the branches, are supposed to where the axies are stationary on pre-boxes run bp gravity to the screens, and the empties to the flange of the creeper grips the axie and takes run in a similar fashion from the tipple to the the box along. In the No.6 boxes a projecting in warm weather. A thing very noticeable on the bank head is that the wire rope used in winding from the pit does not come within several

and carried on for years. On account of the ex- to their respective destinations. Creepers, fores run by gravity to creepers which convey them and carried on for years. On account of the expense of dreuging, the place as a supplied port initiative analysis at time, are the strong reature of had to be abandoned. On the further side of the the approaches to No. 6 bank head. That the Harbor we pass the site of the Clyde mine aban-boxes will run to and from and connect with the creepers in all weathers, without human agency a success, though many parties is what is expected, but what may possibly not be Further along Schooner Pond attained. A similar expedient did not turn out had a triat of it. Further along Sensoner Cond attained. A similar expension and not turn out is passed where in the seventies was operated by an immediate-or ultimate-success at one or two to passed where it to severates was operated by an immediate-or untimate-success at one or two an English Company a slope leading to the Em- of our provincial collieries. Standing on the rake ery seam. This mine had connection by rail with track midway between the slope mouth and the track midway between the slope mouth and the doned as the workings were submarine and there one fails utterly to realize where the simplicity incline leading to the bank head and looking up in construction and arrangement comes in. Left to himself one might conclude that the devices for conveying the boxes to the bank head were a trifle complex, but that might only go to prove that he had not got beyond the novitiate stage in on an elevation. There is no main street as yet, doubt the curves are graceful and the bends classie-if not exactly Grecian, but are they necessary? That the construction, as a whole is a thing of boanty, is indisputable; that it will be a joy to Mitchell, the new manager, in its first optoo, is unvariashed outside and uniturnished in joy to mitchen, the new manager, in its first op-side, but that is the way with the offices at the eration, and forever thereafter, is permissible of collieries generally, though perhaps it might be debate. The Record sincerely hopes that it has been considered to the laying of a will more than fulfil the legislation and forever the properties. will more than fulfil the largest anticipations. Outside of the gravity roads and the creepers there is not even standing roam for friendly criticism. The work has been well and truly laid and completed, and the coal once it reaches the bank head can be quickly handled and thoroughly cleaned. Beginning August it is expected No. 6 will be a producer to the amount of 800 tons per day. The Underground Manager, Angus R. Mc-Donald declares that if he gets a fair show he will bave no difficulty in sending at least 1200 tons per day to bank, but until things find their feet the smaller quantity named should satisfy the ofwith ample room for as many screens and picking the development in the pit has more than kept ficials. One good thing that can be said is that up with surface construction, pit room and places sufficient for a 1500 ton per day output. In making ample provision of places the management is to be highly commended. The coal is to be worked longwall by machine, alike in the interests of economy and the production of coal of superior quality,—as to size. Mr. Chas. Mitchell succeeds Mr. Robertson as superintendent, and it is now up to him to make No. 6 hum, either to "mak a spoon or spile a horn.

There is, by the way, a trim little machine shop, in which it is expected all the repairs at the colliery will be done. There is not the variety of tools to be seen in the general machine shop at Glace Bay, but the machines that are in the shop

metal plate is fastened underneath into which the flange of the creepers fit. The size and the shape of the boxes will necessitate the keeping of ing from the pit does not come within several the pit roads and all other roads over which the hundred feet if not yards of it. The rope is cast boxes travel in good condition, for if a box goes off from the full rake and attached to the empty a sturdy loader, or even two, will not be able to one, at a remarkably long distance from the bank put it on in the old fashioned way, with back and the pit roads and all other roads over which the hands. Originally it was intended that there should be two slopes from which coal should be drawn to the bank head The coal to the east was found not to be up to the high standard demanded at the present time, and therefore the slope is for the time being abandoned. From the one slope however as much coal may shortly be obtained as the picking tables can conveniently handle. The Record wishes No. 6 success.

#### Coal Shipments JUNE 1906.

#### DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.

—Output and			for June	
Dominion No. 1		534		
Dominion No. 2 Dominion No. 3		887 525		
Dominion No. 4		779		000.011
Dominion No. 5 Dominion No. 6		528 \ 460		362 011
Dominion No. 7				
Dominion No. 8 Dominion No. 9	33			
	325	991		362 011
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Increase	44	1906		. 29 491
Shipments 6				
" 6	mos.	1905	1	156 810
Increase 6	mos	1996		272 786

#### INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.

Shipments .		1906		988
Increase	"	1905 1906		693 295
Shipments 6	mos.	1906 1905		543 089
Increase 6	mos	1906	51	454

#### ACADIA COAL CO.

Shipments	June "	1906	
Increase	4.6	1906 2	047
Shipments "	6 mos	1906	
Increase	**	1906 10	029

#### CUMBERLAND RY. & COAL CO.

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Shipment	s June	1906	33	259
44	66	1905	31	184
Increas	е "	1906	2	075
Shipment	s 6 mos	1906	223	474
		1906		
Increas	e "	1906	35	795

#### NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO.

#### -SYDNEY MINES .-

Shipments "	June "	1906 1905		
Increase	4.6	1906	8	657
Shipments,	6 mos.	1906 1905		
Increase	6 mos.	1906	77	451

#### INVERNESS RAILWAY & COAL CO.

Shipments		1906		000
**	44	1905	16	357
Increase	**	1906	1	643
Shipments	6 mos.	1906	72	458
. 44	6 "	1905	56	081
Increase	6 "	1906	16	377

#### RECEIPTS OF COAL AT MONTREAL FOR JUNE.

-1905— $11,031$ $169,813$ $7,131$ $1,345$ $6,062$	Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. Dominion Coal Company Port Hastings Port Morien Intercolonial	-1906- 21,365 157,686 7,082  6,069
9,230 $4,333$	Acadia Scotch and English	12,533 2,988
208,945		207,743

The Albion made a very good showing last month in the face of many difficulties. It is to be hoped the obstacles encountered in the sinking of

the new lift in No. 3 seam will soon be overcome.

As a steamer the Foord pit coal taken from the Allan shafts is turning out of the best. The coal appears to be rich in carbon, and at the same time is an excellent coker.

Mr. Jos. Hudson has by patient labor, secured everything of importance that was ever writtenancient and modern—on sub-marine mining, and the possibility is, that if he does not give it in instalments to the RECORD, the information gathered may be published in book form.

The coal in the Hub is getting better all the time. If at one time it was high in sulphur all that has changed. Mr. Hudson declares that the grate bars show no signs of burning after several years use. The pit is in good condition and things above ground are neat and orderly.

Owing to a scarcity of miners the output from the McGregor seam is only half or less what it should be. It is impossible to obtain loaders. Men may come looking for work, but if they are asked to go loading they turn upon their heels. On account of the scarcity of labor it is useless to attempt te discipline some who absent themselves from work without cause. This can be said of almost every mine in the province. More's the pity.

## AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

It is expected that the New Campbelton colliery will ship more coal this year than for several past years.

The I. C. R. called for tenders for some 440,000 tons of coal. It is said bids were received amounting to over a million tons. This does not look very much as if there was a combine. It is said that over a hundred thousand tons of Scotch coal has been offered for delivery at a Gulf port. Prices are about the same as last year except perhaps in the case of water borne coal. In order shipments of the Dom Coal Co. are far and away at a quarter of a cent per ton per mile, bidders for water borne coal had to relax the price a little, even though they could not well afford to do so. way will effect a considerable saving this yea, not ow-The railing so much to any reduction in price on the part of the shippers, as to the fact that coal that can be carried by water will not be taken by rail.

The Hub colliery of the Dom. Coal Co. is now producing all kinds of coal, picking tables, screens and other necessary appliances having been set in motion recently. The Hub is now in a position to ship its product in the best of condition. Of course the colliery can never be a big producer, at least not for a long time, as the workings are sub-marine. What difference does that mean? It means that at present only 30% of the coal can be extracted, in other words while the rooms are 20 feet wide and an occasional 'head' 12 ft. wide the pillars left standing are according to depth of workings from  $50 \times 75$  to  $70 \times 75$ . The cover at present is 300 feet. After it has gained to 500 more coal may be taken. And for the same reason that it cannot be a big producer it cannot be a cheap producer. All the work may be classed as 'leading' work which is the most expensive.

As one travels round the Sonthern collieries As one travels round the southern conferes of C. B. the names of Duggan, Dick, Donkin, Fergie, Blackett, and McCann are frequently heard as those of the greater lights, and among the lesser lights the names of—Well, now, how stupid, I was about to give some names as being in that class, forgetful that there are none such and forgetting also that I may have occasion to go to Cape Breton again ere long. But a name, belonging to one whose services count for very much, not so frequently heard, is that of Mr.Jos. Revere, the purchasing agent for the company. This may be due to the fact that Mr. Revere is not obtrusive or ubiquitous, but sticks to his own far away corner in the general office. far away corner in the general omce. It takes built to the power noise are to be installed dynamics that the to attend to his highly important most of supply light and power to the various department. Where such vast supplies are bought mines where electricity is the motive power. The very good judgement is necessary and Mr. Revere's judgement goes unchallenged. He is per-Power House is rapidly nearing completion. The haps a ttifle matter of fact, and it may be is care-consumption of compressed air at Dom. No. 2 is

ization, indeed if I mistake not he went to Glace Bay before the transfer of the areas occurred. A stranger at first blush might think Mr. Revere a little gruff, but instead of that he is held to be one of the most genial of the company's staff and that is saying a good deal when every one of the members of it is genial and gentle manly,

Though as regards volume the increased coal above those of any of the other companies, yet above those of any of the other companies, yet in the matter of per centage of increase, the Intercolonial Coal Co. runs away with the laurels from its big competitor. While the increase in shipments of the Dom Coal Co. for the six monshipments of the Dom Coal Co. ths ending June, shows the remarkable and gratifying gain of say 24% over the same period of last year the increase for the same periods in the case of the Drummond shows the phenomenal increase of 58%. The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. also shows the splendid increase of 41% for the six months over those of 1905. All of the companies are showing most creditable increases in shipments and these increases will be added to month by month unless the men become too intoxicated with success to care for work.

There was no let up of work at the Allan Shafts on Dominion day. This is proof that there must be the best of relations between the management and the men.

The bankhead excepted, the Power House at Dom. No. 2 is the most extensive structure at the colliery. It is unpretentious in appearance, and looking at it from the outside one forms no correct idea of the space capacity of the interior. The building is some 270 feet long by 82 feet wide. The building with its contents represents a value not much short of a quarter of a million dollars, and not any of that large amount can be placed in the list of unnecessary expenditures. building contains five compressors. Three of these are tandem, of Canadian Rand Drill Co. make. One is American and may be called three staged, and the fifth is of English make. The American

machine supplies air to the motors in the mine of which there are ten. The Rands, and the English machines furnish air to the pumps, to the stationary engines in the mine, and to the shearing and coal cutting machines. In the addition lately haps a tane matter of race, and it may be seen consumption of compressed air at Dom. No. 2 is but perhaps a gainer thereby. Mr. Revere has is required for Dom. No. 2, or the Phelan, and been connected with the company since its organ- 120,000 feet per hour for the Hub or No. 9.

## AROUND THE COLLIERIES.

The Allan Shafts contributed a little to the total of the Acadia Coal Co's shipments for June. cheapest producers of the mines of the Dominion

The output of the Dominion Coal Co. for June was not up to expectations, accounted for in chief part by the scarcity of labor, or to be specific, of loaders in the mines.

The best days output of No. 3 so far this year was 2100 tons. It is expected that for the balance of the summer No. 3 will add 40,000 tons per month to the Dominion Coal Co's output.

Work is rushing at the Allan Shafts, and order is gradually being evolved out of what to some may have looked confusion. Lots of work is being done and there is a great lot yet to do.

The wire rope that hauls the coal from the mine to the Dominion No. 3 bankhead is 21,000 ft long, and yet there are those who wonder why woal costs more to produce than a dollar a ton.

The number of men employed at Dom. No 3 is The output averages say 1800 tons per day, which gives a little over three tons of coal per

The biggest day's output so far this year for Dom.No.2 was 2332, and for the Harbor 1616, a to-tal of 3948. This is not quite up to expectations, and as in the case of other of the collieries it is to be attributed to shortage of laborers. loaders could find immediate employment in the mine, and sixty more in a fortnight hereafter.

There are those who say that the Emery seam coal is not the best on the Island. Again there are those who say it has no equal. Among the the latter may be classed the enthusiastic Mr. Mc-Vay. He was the Research of the say that the say the say the say the say that the say that the say that the say the say the say th Vey. He says the Emery is a fine coal and contains little or no sulphur, that for three years it was tested under the fire doors, and not a burned bar had to be replaced,

Operations are quietly being conducted in opening out a seam of coal at Greenwood, a short distance, say three quarters of a mile, from the Marsh Colliery. A slope is being sunk which may be called experimental. The coal is a few inches over four feet thick, and competent judges who have seen it speak favorable of the quality.

There are Scotsmen of recent arrival at all of the collieries. Some of the managers find them them fairly well. Until the newcomers become familiar with conditions in this country, firmness with considerateness must be exercised. Many of the new comers criticise the system of work, but after they have cone uded they must 'govern themselves accordingly they do not so bad.

The Record judges the No. 3 is one of the This month their contribution should not be less Coul Co., nothwithstanding the long distance the coal has to be hauled below and above ground before it reaches the screens. Mr McInnis, in spite of those who predicted to the contrary, has proven himself to be a most capable superintendent. Everything about the colliery is working smoothly and the superintendent experiences little trouble is breaking in late arrivals from the

The bulk of the product of Reserve Mines comes from the French Slope. When speaking When speaking of the Drummond slope as the longest on the continent, reference is made to a slope in a seam at a high angle, for the Drummond while deeper does not reach in length so far as the French slope. From the surface to the face of the slope the distance is 10,000 against say 7000 feet for the Drummond. But then the Reserve dips only one in twelve as against one in three or so, and the cover overhead at the face of the French slope is some 500 feet only as against 1800 feet at the Drummond Mine slope face.

man employed. This is a satisfactory average, mine how it was that his output was not increas-and from these figures it is deduced that No. 3 is ing, was there not a sufficient market for coal? The Record asked the manager of a mainland The reply was "We can sell more coal than we are producing, but the simple truth is our men won't work regularly." Are they making good pay when they do work," was asked, 'Yes', indeed one cause of the irregular work is that times are too good.' Is it not a pity men are not providing for the future, putting money in the bank so that they may be quite independent of any old age or other delusive pension scheme.

> Operation in the mine, Allan Shafts, has been somewhat retarded by the want of air, both of compressed air for the machines and of natural air for ventilation. These two obstacles to development have now been overcome. A fan which did service at the Acadia with a capacity of 60,000 feet per minute, sufficient for requirements for a year or two, has been set up at No. 2. Compressors also have been installed so that from this out development work should proceed without interruption. The fan is driven by a 150 H. P. Robb compound engine.

The six largest coal producing concerns in the provinee have to their credit for the six months of 1906 no less a quantity than 464,000 tons as increase over shipments for the first half of last year. The increases in fractions, while others seem to get along with the smaller companies such as the Blockhouse and Gow rie and the New Campbleton on the Island, and the Maritime, Minudie and other companies on the mainland should bring the figures up to the round half million. If the latter half of this year does as well as the first, then 1906 will come fully up to expectations, a rare



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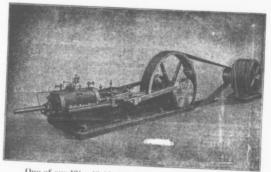
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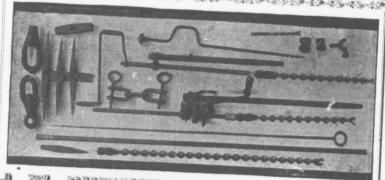
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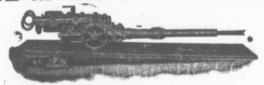
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