

*Estevan* Saskatchewan.

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J. W. McCaig, Esq.,  
Chairman,  
Saskatchewan Jubilee Centennial Corporation,  
Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dear Mr. McCaig:

I came to the coal fields at Taylorton in December, 1904. I had twelve years experience in the mines in Lancashire, England before I came to Canada. I worked in the mines in Canada for nine years as a miner and coal cutting machine operator.

I owned several mines and have been Mine Manager in an operating capacity since the year 1913. I was born on the 1st day of December, 1878. I worked for 76 years in and around mines.

When I came to Saskatchewan there was only one mine shipping coal and the output was only about 375 tons per day of ten hours. I saw the mines developed to their highest peak of production and efficiency.

I was Manager at the Crescent Collieries Limited from 1919 to 1926. From October, 30th, 1926 to April, 1938, I was Manager at Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coal Co. Ltd.

In the Spring of 1938 I left the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coal Co. Ltd. and developed a coal mine of my own called the Wilson Mine. In the Fall of 1938 I went in partnership with the Late Mr. J. R. Brodie at the Bienfait Mines Limited. In the Spring of 1939 I was engaged at the Western Dominion Coal Mines Ltd. at the time of the amalgamation of that Company and Truax-Traer Coal Co. Ltd. and Bienfait Mines Limited in the production of coal by the strip method of mining.

I was General Superintendent from 1939 to 1943 of Western Dominion Coal Mines Ltd. and was in charge of all their coal mining operations. In 1943 I developed a coal mine called Havanah Coal Co. Ltd. which I operated in a small way for twelve years.