

1920 to build the Plant. Later it was sold for \$1.00 to Western Dominion Coal Co. Ltd. and they too could not make a satisfactory Briquette. We held a banquet at the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Mine in the fall of 1936 for the Official Opening of the Briquette Plant with the new owners. We had very little equipment in the early years to work with. We did all our drilling with a chisel bit drill, forcing the cutting to the surface with water pressure. They can do more work in one hour now than we were able to do in thirty days. We had to do everything the slow hard way. However, we enjoyed it. I have always enjoyed Geology and Mathematics and particularly Mine Machinery.

I worked on the first Mining and Cutting Machine that was installed in Saskatchewan in 1908. At that time I was an operator on the cutting machines in the underground mine at the Western Dominion Coal Co. Ltd.

I have had the privilege in my lifetime of knowing both the operators and the workman's side of the story. I have known personally nearly all the operators in the district for the past fifty years and have had more men work for me during that time I think than any other person in the Coal Mining Industry. I am now 86 years of age - will be 87 December 1st. I still drive my own car and up until now, free of accidents. I have driven a car over fifty years and I think I can drive as good as ever.

I keep in touch with all the world affairs and can discuss what is happening in most countries. I am very familiar with our own political situation in Canada which isn't very good. I don't think any of our Politicians are qualified to give advice to other countries. They should be looking more closely around home. There is lots they could do here. They spend too much time running around trying to tell other people what they should do. Now I must apologize for the grammar as I am not a writer and have had little education but I do the best I can.