

PROBLEMS

Some problems I had while I was engaged as Mine Manager. At the Crescent Collieries Mine, east of Bienfait, a large slough of water broke into the mine and nearly trapped all the men and horses in the mine. The mine workings were sloping at about one per cent grade to the North and this gave the men time to escape as the water all ran to the north end of the mine. Approximately ten million gallons went into the mine and flooded all the mine workings. At the same time I was doing my own surveying and engineering. I had to dig a shaft a half mile away taking the measurement from the mine map. We sank a six foot shaft and put up a temporary head frame and hoisted ten million gallons of water out of the mine and had the mine in operation again inside of thirty days. When we completed the shaft at the workings of the mine, we were just one foot from the main Hailage entry in the mine. In the year 1926 Crescent Collieries ran out of coal at its then location and we moved th houses, buildings and equipment to a new location three miles West.