

their own expense all props and all the requisite timber that may be used in the working of said mines; and as the miners employed at work therein proceed with the working of their excavations, it shall be the duty of the owner, lessee or agent of said mines to furnish a sufficient quantity of timber at the place where the miners are at work; and whenever the said workmen engaged in the said excavation shall deem it safe and proper to have any of the props or timbers removed from said excavations, it shall be the duty of the person so employed by the owner, lessee or agent, to remove the said props and timbers to whatever point or place the workmen engaged therein may require, but no props or timber whatever shall be removed when such removal may endanger the lives of any of the workmen engaged therein.

1878, ch. 157.

159. Whenever any impure air or gases are known to exist in any of the mines in the said counties of Garrett and Allegany, which are likely to endanger the lives of the miners employed therein, it shall be the duty of the mine inspector, upon the same being made known to him, to proceed at once to make a careful examination of the ventilating apparatus of the said mine, and if he shall find that the gases and impure air existing in said mine are because of the bad condition of the ventilating apparatus connected therewith, he shall immediately notify the owner, lessee or agent, to expel from the said mine all noxious gases and impure air existing therein, and to properly ventilate the same.

Ibid.

160. The mine inspector shall also be inspector of weights at all the mines now or hereafter operated in said Garrett and Allegany counties, and shall have power to weigh the coal mined therein, from time to time, on the scales at the different mines in said counties, and to test the accuracy of such scales, and to do any other act that he may deem necessary to ascertain whether or not the miners are allowed full weight of coal in the mining cars, when placed upon the scales of the different mines; and it shall be the duty of every person acting as weighmaster for the owner, lessee or agent of any of said mines, before entering upon the performance of his duties as said weighmaster, or before making