

or agent of each mine shall employ a competent and practical inside overseer, whose duty it shall be to keep a careful watch over all the ventilating apparatus that may be placed in said mine, as well as all the air-ways, all the travelling-ways, and all the timberings, and to see that all loose coal and rocks overhead are carefully secured against falling upon any of the miners engaged at work therein, as they advance in their excavations; and it shall be the duty of the inside overseer so employed, to take charge of and keep a careful watch over all things connected with and appertaining to the safety of the men at work in the mine, and to report to the owner, lessee or agent of said mine when and where anything under his charge is unfit for mining purposes; and it shall also be the duty of the inside overseer so employed, to take charge of and pay strict attention to all the air doors used in the ventilation of said mines; and all air doors used in the ventilation of said mines shall be suspended in such a manner that they will close of their own accord.

1878, ch. 157.

204. The owner, lessee or agent of every mine in operation in the said counties of Allegany and Garrett shall furnish at his 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.

Ibid.

205. Whenever any impure air or gases are known to exist in any of the mines in the said counties of Allegany and Garrett, which are likely to endanger the lives of the miners employed