

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 occasioned by 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.

1878, ch. 157.

206. The mine inspector shall also be inspector of weights at all the mines now or hereafter operated in said Allegany and Garrett 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 any report as said weighmaster to said owner, lessee or agent, to make oath before some justice of the peace of the said county in which such mine, or the opening thereof, is situated, that he will perform, or has performed, the duties of weighmaster at such mine, with honesty and fidelity, and will keep, or has kept, a true account of all the coal so weighed by him, or under his direction, and will credit and allow, or has credited and allowed the full weight of coal in each mining car to the party or parties who mined the same, at the rate of 2240 pounds per ton; and it shall be the duty of every person acting as weighmaster for the owner, lessee or agent of any of said mines, to keep a list of the number of cars, and the weight of coal in each car, and place said list in some place where the miners interested may inspect it daily; and shall make a daily report to the owner, lessee or agent of said mines, and he shall deliver a copy of the affidavit required by this section to the mine inspector, under the hand and seal of said justice of the peace; and it shall be the duty of said weigher to perform the several acts and matters specified in said affidavit.