

every working heading throughout the entire mine, and to expel from said mines the noxious gases or impure air, so that the entire mine shall be in a healthful condition for the men working therein, and free from all danger to their lives by keeping therefrom such impure air or gases.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That to secure and provide for the proper ventilation of every coal mine in the Counties of Allegany and Garrett, and to provide for the health and safety of the men employed therein, the owner, lessee or agent of each respective 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 traveling-ways, and all the timberings, and to see that all loose coal or rocks overhead be 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.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the owner, lessee or agent of every mine in operation in the said Counties of Allegany or Garrett, shall furnish at 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 miner is at work, but no props or timbers whatever shall be removed that might endanger the lives of any of the workmen engaged therein by such removal.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any gases or impure air is known to exist in any of the mines in the said counties of Allegany and Garrett, and which is 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, and of the air courses of the said mine, and if he shall find that the gases and impure air existing in said mine was the cause of the bad condition of the ventila-