

Allegany and Garrett, shall furnish at their own expense, all props and all the requisite timber that may be necessary to be used in the working of said mines, and as the miners employed at work therein proceed with the working of their excavation; it shall be the duty of the owner, lessee or agent of said mines, to furnish a sufficient quantity of props and timber of suitable character at the place in the heading room, cross-cut or other excavation in the mines where the miners are at work, and the owner, lessee or agent operating any such mines shall, at their own expense, properly timber any headings, rooms, pillars or other excavations not recently worked, and lay up roads by contract or otherwise to and in the same previous to the miners starting new or further work or excavations therein, and said owner, lessee or agent shall construct each heading hereafter driven in every mine of sufficient width and height, said height not to exceed the natural thickness of the vein, so as to admit of the passage of the drivers who may be engaged in driving cars along said headings.

Props and timber to be furnished at owners, etc., expense.

“203 of Article 1, and 157 of Article 12.” That whenever any noxious gases or impure air is known to exist in any part of any mine being worked in either of said Allegany or Garrett counties by such owner, lessee or agent, and which is likely to endanger the health or lives of the miners employed therein it shall be the duty of the Mine Inspector, upon the same being 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 noxious gases or impure air existing in said mine resulted from the bad condition of the ventilating apparatus connected therewith, he shall immediately notify the owner, lessee or agent, to close said mine, or part of mine, or to expel from the same all such noxious gases or impure air therein, and to properly ventilate the same, and after such notification, if any owner, lessee or agent of such mine shall neglect for the space of ten days, to close said mine or part of mine or to take proper steps to remove such gases or impure air from such mine, he shall be deemed guilty of a violation of the foregoing provisions of this section, and he shall be indictable and punishable for the same as for any other violation of this Act, as hereinafter provided.

Careful examination of ventilating apparatus to be made.

“204 of Article 1, and 158 of Article 12.” That the Mine Inspector shall also be an inspector of weights and measures at all mines now or hereafter opened in said Allegany or Garrett counties, and shall weigh several cars of coal mined therein once every month on the scales of the different mines