

winding-ropes, or shafts in the mine, and shall once in each week carefully examine the buildings, machinery, shafts, levels, planes, and all places used in the working of such mine, and shall record in writing, in a book to be kept for that purpose, his opinion as to their condition and safety, and any repairs, and as to any alterations required to insure greater safety to the persons employed in the working of such mine, and such book shall, on demand, be open to perusal by any Inspector under this Act; and every such safety appliance or gear, if condemned by any Inspector of Mines or Inspector of Machinery, shall forthwith be removed or made fit.

- (40.) In every mine once in every twenty-four hours if one shift of workmen is employed, and once in every twelve hours if two shifts are employed during any twenty-four hours, a competent person or competent persons, who shall be appointed for the purpose, shall, before the time for commencing work in any part of the mine, inspect with a safety lamp that part of the mine and the roadways leading thereto, and shall make a true report of the condition thereof so far as ventilation is concerned; and the workmen shall not go to work in such part until the same and the roadways leading thereto are cleared from gas by ventilation and stated to be safe.

Examination of mine.

Every such report shall be recorded without delay in a book which shall be kept at the mine for the purpose, and shall be signed by the person making the same.

- (41.) In every mine in which inflammable gas has been found within the preceding twelve months, a station or stations shall be appointed at the entrance to the mine, or to different parts of the mine, as the case may require, and a workman shall not pass beyond any such station until the mine or part of the mine beyond the same has been cleared from gas by ventilation, and inspected and stated to be safe, and such inspection shall be made within two hours before the time fixed for the miners commencing work.

Stations to be appointed.

- (42.) All entrances to any place not in actual course of working and extension shall be properly fenced across the whole width of such entrance, so as to prevent persons inadvertently entering the same.

Fencing of places not in use.

- (43.) If at any time it is found by the person for the time being in charge of the mine or any part thereof that, by reason of noxious gases prevailing in such mine, or such part thereof, or of any cause whatever, the mine or the said part is dangerous, every workman shall be withdrawn from the mine, or such part thereof as is so found dangerous. A competent person who shall be appointed for the purpose shall inspect the mine, or such part thereof as is so found dangerous, and, if the danger arises from inflammable gas, shall inspect the same with a locked safety lamp, and in every case shall make a true report of the

Withdrawal of workmen in case of danger.