

The Craven Herald

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Ingleton Colliery.

Since Mr Bracewell got possession of the Ingleton Colliery these works have been carried on with a spirit that does credit to the owner. It is well remembered that the Wilson Wood Colliery was for many years closed owing to the sudden burst of water, which came with such force that the whole of the workings were within a very few hours completely filled even half way up the shaft, which is upwards of 100 yards deep. The pumps were soon afterwards taken out as it was considered by nearly all parties to be a thing impossible to ever again clear the water from the workings. The present owner, however, was of a different opinion. After he got possession he at once replaced the pumps in their original position. He also put down four very powerful engines, and the difficulty overcome in a very few weeks, and all was again in working order. At the present time, we understand that nearly 100 men and boys are employed at that pit alone. The Moorgarth Pit was also closed for many years in consequence of bad air. A drift or air way has been cut, which has removed that difficulty and a great number of men are employed at this colliery.

A number of workmen have for many months back, under the superintendence of Mr John Allen, been employed at boring at two places for another seam of coal, although it has been argued by the old pitmen that there was no other coal below this which is now being worked. This question has already been settled. The party employed near to Wilson Wood Colliery, about three weeks ago, bored through a seam over 20" in thickness. The men employed near Moorgarth Colliery also have gone through a seam somewhat less in its dimensions than the other one. Mr Allen feels confident that there is a fine bed of coal to be found, and we understand, at the present time, there is every prospect of that gentleman's opinion being substantiated.