## A Mining Related Blotter



The Shawinigan blotter pictured is only the second blotter I have seen that is in any way related to mining. Several explosives companies and distributors produced blotters, but unlike the Shawinigan blotter, they made no direct reference to mining. When offered, the blotter was billed as a trade card and I purchased it as such. Only later did I determine that it was actually a blotter. At that point, my curiosity was piqued! Does anyone know of an actual trade card that is related to mining? (Len Gaska)

## Early Justrite Letterhead

Paul and Nancy Hyatt acquired (opposite page) a beauty - a letter from the Justrite Mfg. Co. to one of their customers, the Soo Hardware Co., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The letter is dated 1913, and shows the earliest models of Justrite miners cap lamp, half-shift lamp, superintendent's, and the #100 camp lamp. To quote: The JUSTRITE is the leading lamp in all mining camps, and trust you are having a good sale of same."

Notice at top center of the letterhead that the superintendent is listed as Augie L Hansen. The same person was responsible for nearly all of the pre-1920 patents for the Justrite Mfg. Co. After that time he is known for his own company which produced the much sought after Hansen, Drylite, and Force Feed lamps.

Also of interest is the third lamp down. Often referred to as a "supervisor's" or "superintendents" lamp by collectors, this clearly shows, that as early as 1913, this model was designed for <u>campers</u>. The previous terms should, therefore apply only to the fourth model shown with a taller base.

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Gentlemen:

MINERS HALF-SHIFT LAMP



No. 90 Polished Brass \$1.25 With Stick Attachment

Referring to your letter of the 6th.
and two lanterns returned, beg to advise we have repaired same, and sent forward via parcel post.

We sincerely regret this defect, and trust it will now give good service.

The JUSTRITE is the leading lamp in all mining camps, and trust you are having a good sale of same.

Trusting the lanterns will reach you promptly, we remain,

Yours very truly,

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