

# Notes

## Introduction

- 1 Province of Saskatchewan, Trade Union Act, 1944, section 2.1.
- 2 'Collective Agreement between Luscar Ltd., Boundary Dam Mine and Bienfait Mine and the United Mine Workers of America, Local 7606, effective July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2003,' courtesy of Garnet Dishaw, Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, Regina.
- 3 *The Black Diamond Reunion '88* (Bienfait Public Library), 10.
- 4 *Ibid.*, Ida Smart Nygaard, 26.
- 5 Lorna Hassard Friess, 'The Unionizing of the Estevan Coal Miners' (1976), 1, *RE1921*, Saskatchewan Archives Board [SAB].
- 6 Larry Warwaruk, *Red Finns on the Coteau*, 4.

## Chapter 1. The Bienfait Coalfields

- 1 *Records of the Royal Commission on the Estevan-Bienfait Mining Dispute* (Saskatchewan Archives Board [SAB], 1931), vol. 2. Referred to hereafter as *Wylie Commission*.
- 2 *Ibid.*, vol. 12, Exhibit O-33, A.C. Wilson to T.G. Thomson, Inspector of Boilers and Industry, province of Saskatchewan, 25 Feb. 1930.
- 3 According to legend, the name Bienfait came from the pronouncement of the words of a railway-construction crew foreman to his French-Canadian workers: 'well done.' However, Bill Barry, in *People Places: The Dictionary of Saskatchewan Place Names*, 39, says Canadian Pacific Railway files reveal that Bienfait was named by the railway for Antoine-Charles Bienfait, a member of an Amsterdam banking firm that introduced CPR shares to European money markets.
- 4 Interview with Peter Gemby, May 1995, in Bienfait.