



Messrs. Platts' Moston Colliery Band recently completed its first double engagement under the baton of Mr. S. M. Rowe, Musical Director of Eccles Borough Band. The occasion was a visit to the new sports ground at Oldham of Messrs. Platt Bros. & Co., Ltd., and the proceedings were presided over by Allan W. Ripon, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Company, ably assisted by H. Richford, Esq., general Manager of the Colliery. The afternoon programme was interrupted for the presentation of a new bass drum and side drum given by Messrs. A. W. Ripon and H. Richford, supplied by Messrs. B. & H. Some little idea of the interest and support of the management in the band, can be gleaned from the remarks of the Vice-Chairman of the Company, who, in his presentation address, said that Messrs.

Platts manufactured the finest machinery in the world, they also produced the finest coal in the country, and it was their intention to have the finest band in the county. Another interesting feature of the afternoon programme was the playing for the first time in public of the hymn, "Richford," composed by H. Richford, Esq., and arranged for the band by Mr. S. M. Rowe.

More will be heard of this band, for though it is newly formed, it has the Company's unstinted backing, a first-class organiser in its Secretary, Mr. E. Holland, and an ideal leader in its Conductor, Mr. S. M. Rowe, who with the proverbial patience of Job, and insistence of having things right, will obtain the necessary results.