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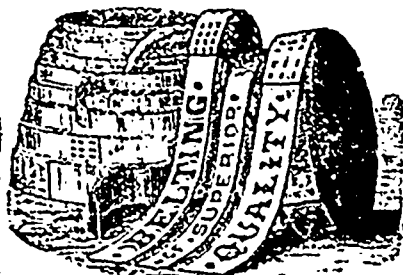
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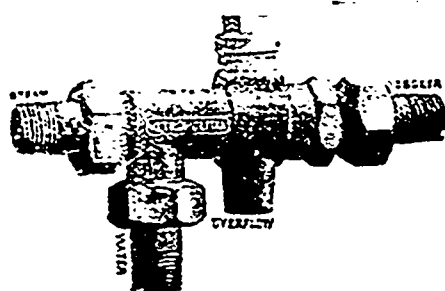
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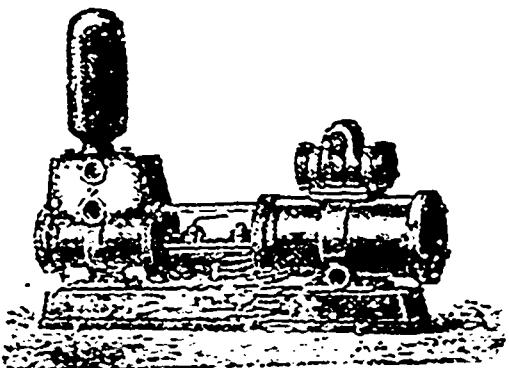
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## MINING.

The mining outlook continues very favorable. In coal, with the exception of the strike at Spring Hill Mines, there is nothing particularly worthy of note, beyond the fact that the output from the Cape Breton collieries is unprecedentedly large. In iron there is great activity, large quantities of limonite being shipped to the Londonderry works from Brookfield Station, and supplies of hematite ore continue to be drawn from Annapolis County. In Pictou County the work of opening up the large deposits is being vigorously pushed, and large smelting works will soon be put up, the question of the site still being in abeyance. Gold mining is in a particularly flourishing condition, Mr. Gilbert Parker now pushing operations in the east and west and meeting with great success in all instances. His operations at Gay's River are most important, and results are likely to prove this one of the richest districts in the Province. Messrs. Hardman, Hayward, Touquay, Reid and a host of others, all well known gold miners of experience, are kept busily employed and are in all instances meeting with success. Manganese is looking up, new life being introduced into the business and some of the best districts being worked to a greater extent.

Central Rawdon to the front. The Central Rawdon Mining Co. under the management of Mr. Gould Northup, who managed the Northup Mine a year ago with such marked success, have now got water to their mill from a brook one thousand feet distant, and have been crushing through the month of June and smelted the splendid yield of 517 ozs of gold from about 100 tons of quartz together with slate and alluvial.

Mr. Northup has made changes in milling, which makes the saving of gold easier and more certain than heretofore, he has opened up the lead to quite an extent and it is showing gold as far as opened. He is sinking a new shaft, which shows gold from the start, building tramway and other improvements, planning on a good summer's work.

Mr. Northup's efficiency in the mining business has been so well proved in the past and the appearance of the vein is so good at present that the expectations of the company run high for the future.

Mr. Willis, the manager of the Northup mine, has a very nice brick this month and the prospects are good. The probabilities are he will also swell the records during the summer.

MONTAGUE.—Just as we go to press we hear that there is a steady improvement in the Annand Mine as depth is reached.

RAWDON.—It is reported that the Rawdon United Mines have been purchased by Mr. McNaughton, who worked them so successfully before they were purchased by Mr. Browne and the English Syndicate.

CARIBOU.—Things are looking well in this district, and some of the properties will soon change hands.

OREN'S DISTRICT.—An investigation has been held by the Commissioner of Mines to determine who is entitled to the areas in this district, lately held by Messrs. Archbold, Lithgow, Archbold, et al, at Indian Path. The original leases expired, and before the fact was discovered by the owners the areas had been covered by prospecting licenses. Mr. Henry Archibald, claiming that the applications for licenses were void in not being in accordance with the Mining Act, applied for the areas under leases.

Mr. J. E. Hardman, M. E., has been absent in New York, where it is reported he is arranging the purchase of the most improved stamp mill for the Oldham District.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT.—Mr. McQuarrie came to town on Saturday with a large quantity of very rich ore.

The lead on the Kaye property now being worked by Messrs Oland and Skerry is ten inches in width, not two as was accidentally reported in the last issue of THE CRITIC.

LAKE CATCHA.—Captain Smart has been visiting this district presumably to inspect the Graves Mine at the head of Chezzetcook Harbor.

The following taken from the Idaho World of May 2nd last proves the high esteem in which Capt. W. I. Smart is held in the West of the United States. Equally reliable testimony as to his ability and integrity could be obtained in numerous other mining localities where he has operated, so that his coming to Nova Scotia with the determination of helping in honestly developing our gold mines is a fortunate occurrence: "When we say that Capt. W. I. Smart is the best quartz expert that ever came to Boise County—the best for the county as well as his company—we do not exaggerate in the least. Most experts come here, remain a day or so, take no more than a birds-eye view of the country, skip out and are never seen again. The Captain came here, examined the country thoroughly, and then formed an opinion on what he had seen. It was favorable and he returned. His first visit was made last fall, when he bought three mines in Elkhorn District. He has now visited almost every mine and prospect in the county, thoroughly inspected them and sampled the ores, and there is not an old timer in the county so well acquainted with her mines and prospects as Captain Smart. He has taken hold of a number of other mines lately, among them the Ohio, an extension of the Gold Hill, at the head of Doyle's Gulch near Placerville; the Baldwin, three miles below Centreville; the Dabague, an extension of the Baldwin; the Ben Hur, at the head of Lewis Gulch, northeast of Centreville, and the Lucky Boy, in Gambrius district, seven miles northeast of this place. He has put crews of men at work in each of these mines. At