

MINING.—Continued.

MR. EDITOR,—I notice in a recent issue of *The Critic* that the Montague mines are again to the front, and I appreciate fully what you have said about undeveloped properties. In the first palmy days of Montague, I hold several areas in the district, upon which I expended in prospecting some \$800. I believed that I should ultimately find a paying lode, but my capital having run out I was obliged to give up work. Several months later I was offered \$7,000 for the property, but supposing from the fact of the offer having been made that I was the possessor of untold wealth, I refused the offer, stating that I would not sell out my rights for less than \$25,000. It is needless to say that like many others I was obliged to allow my lease to lapse. I have at present no direct interest in mines, and merely write this to warn those holding them to take a good offer when it is made, and let others have a chance to make some money, otherwise they may find, all too late, their fancy price nothing but a fancy.

Yours,
A DISAPPOINTED INVESTOR.

MR. EDITOR,—Operations on the Reeves property, recently purchased by I. R. Kinney & Co., of Yarmouth, commenced on Wednesday the 3rd inst. with Captain Foreman Hatfield as manager, and John D. Fraser, Pictou, mining foreman. Ten miners were put to work and as many more will be required. Reeves' mine promises to be one of the best properties in the Province. A gold bearing lead yielding five ounces to the ton was struck by the previous owners in two places. As soon as the preliminary work is completed, steam power will be employed to do the hoisting and pumping. The pumping gear is being manufactured by Messrs. Matheson & Co., of New Glasgow. A house, sixty by thirty, for the accommodation of miners is in course of erection, and other buildings and general preparations are being rapidly pushed forward.

Yours,
A MINER AND SUBSCRIBER.

MR. EDITOR,—Six years have elapsed since I last visited the mines in the Oldham district, and I was agreeably surprised that mining in that locality was being vigorously pushed, and that preparations were being made which indicated the intention of the owners to persevere in their undertaking. In years gone by the Oldham mines have made good returns to their owners, but owing to the lack of experience and proper machinery the work was not prosecuted continuously. I have always felt certain that gold in abundance was to be found in Oldham, and I was therefore much pleased on visiting the place last week to observe the new life and activity which prevailed on every side. The old mines which were abandoned years ago are now being successfully operated. By the new method of separating the gold from the quartz, a saving of from ten to twenty per cent. is effected. The new labor-saving appliances for hoisting the ore and pumping the water from the mine have been adopted, and I believe that mines which formerly merely paid running expenses will now yield a profit of fifty per cent. Oldham will soon again be reckoned as one of our best mining districts. Messrs. Hardman, Donaldson, McDonald, and McDouell are practical men, and thoroughly understand their business. Mr. Hardman has recently erected a roomy dwelling for the accommodation of those engaged in working the mines, and has also had built for himself a comfortable residence.

R. F.

The following are the returns from the gold mines received up to date, for the month of October.

Kemptville bears off the palm in having the largest yield per ton. Salmon River takes the lead in the amount of gold secured.

	Ton.	Oz	Dwt.
Rawdon.....	142	388	10
Kemptville, Yarmouth.....	33	146	5
Salmon River (Dar's Hill).....	937	498	
Lake Catcha.....	160	107	16
Caribou.....	239	137	
Sherbrooke.....	136	120	

England is a representative gold money country, yet official statements for 1884 show that there is in circulation in England \$95,000,000 in silver and in British India \$1,037,000,000 in silver, a total of \$1,132,000,000 in silver currency. As England coins, establishes and authorizes this currency, it might be suggested that she possibly may have some interest in whatever tends to depreciate the value of a metal she is compelled to purchase so largely.—*Mining Review*.

Exportation during the past week of \$340 in gold and \$237,889 in silver from New York, is not a very strong proof that the calamities predicted by the enemies of silver are likely to occur.

The annual output from the lead mines of the United States now reaches \$40,000 tons.

Gold has been discovered on the Chinese side of the Amoor river, and thousands of Siberian gold-diggers have gone to the spot.

An English geologist of great learning and much experience, who, some years ago, spent a year and a half in this Province, and for some time made Sydney, C. B., his headquarters, estimated that our coal and iron mines are worth £28,000,000 sterling. The value of our gold mines he believed to be enormous, but said it was impossible at that date to say even approximately what they are worth.

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