

together with an affidavit showing personal service or publication, as the case may be, of such notice with the recorder of the mining district in which such mining claim is situated, and if there be no such officer, then with the recorder of deeds of the county in which such mining claim is situated."

The principal laid down in this amendment if adapted to the requirements of our Mines Act would be a boon to our miners, and tend to keep properties in the possession of those who had the courage of their own convictions and were willing to work or pay, and to eliminate those mean enough to hold back until their more courageous associates had either struck it rich, or the gold leads grow high enough above the ground to save the expense of prospecting.

I am Sir, yours truly, ASSESSMENT.

Queens County Items from the *Gold Hunter*. WHITEBURN.—It is expected that the much humbugged West Mine will start up again shortly, in earnest.

Mr. Roderick McLeod, manager of the McGuire Mine, who has been confined to the house for the past few days, has so far recovered from illness that he is again to be found at his post.

Mr. J. E. Gammon, of the Graves Mining Co., has arrived from Boston. This mine, under the management of Mr. Edward Whidden, is doing finely. The leads are all showing well, and things look prosperous.

More prospecting would be done if the weather were suitable.

The Messrs. French of Boston are in Whiteburn looking after their property at Corrigan Lake. As this is undoubtedly a good property, we trust to hear of further developments.

MOLEGA.—The Molega Mining Co.'s mill is still grinding out the precious metal. Messrs. Puttner & Co., contractors, have a large force of men working on the different leads on the eastern end of the property. A fine showing of gold has been struck which has put new vigor into all branches of business.

Supt. McGuire has just returned from a visit to the capital, accompanied by J. C. Puttner. They report having their expectations fully realized as to the splendor of the Carnival.

We notice a large amount of lumber and timber in readiness on the P. D. & Co.'s mine, and on asking Mr. J. E. Barss, the manager, the cause, we were informed that the Company intends erecting an additional five stamps to their present plant, which will double their present capacity for crushing their quartz. We also noticed that the company has a large force of men sinking their present shafts to a greater depth. Also they are drifting both north and south at the 100 foot level, in their main shaft.

The so called South lead, situated a few feet south of the hill, gives every indication of being the richest lead yet struck in this district, and I may say county.

Mr. David C. Archibald, formerly forman of the P. D. & Co., has folded his tent and gone to Whiteburn to strike it rich. His many friends wish him success wherever it may be his lot to locate.

Mr. Chas. McClair has accepted the position as underground foreman in Mr. Archibald's place.

Mr. Duncan McPhail has returned after an absence of a few weeks, looking hale and hearty. We believe he intends doing some prospecting work on areas owned by Messrs. Bartling, Perkins, and Forsyth, in which he has an interest. So the developments of mining properties continue.

It is rumored that others intend starting work on recent bounded claims, and no doubt Molega will astonish the natives greater in the near future than she has in the past.

Mr. Perkins, Annapolis, is here for a few days looking after his mining interest.

Mr. A. McKenzie, of Whiteburn, is favoring his many friends with a visit.

Several new leads have been struck of late, but owing to the limited amount of work done on the same we are not prepared to state as to their richness.

The Cook's amalgamator, which has lately been added to the P. D. & Co.'s mill, will be put in place when the additional five stamps are added.

The Caledonia Mg. Co.'s mine, under the able management of Mr. Jno. Harlow, are sinking their main shaft, and at the depth of 100 feet will cross-cut North and South. By so doing they will be able to give their property a thorough test at that depth.

Mr. Douglas, Philadelphia, accompanied by Mr. Anderson, paid us a visit this week. Both these gentlemen are interested in the famous North Brookfield Mine, and seem favorably impressed with the outlook of this district.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—On the summit of Mineral Mountain one of the strongest fissure veins has been discovered since the days of Comstock in Nevada, carrying high grade silver and gold ore. The principal claims on the lode are the Kootenai, Bonanza, American Flag and Silver King, owned by Messrs. Hall & Co. The lode is located for four miles. The vein runs north and south. There are also several parallel veins which are being developed that are showing every indication of making mines as depth is reached. The formation is of volcanic origin, so pronounced by Professor Dawson, who paid this section a visit two weeks ago. The altitude here at the Hall mine is 6,000 feet above sea level; the distance from the forty-ninth parallel is about sixty miles. Owing to the isolated country in which the claims are located there was not much done up to the present year, but a boat has been placed upon the Kootenai Lake, under the management of Dr. Hendricks, that brings us in close communication with the Northern Pacific Railroad, distance about 200 miles, at Kootenai station, Idaho. There is another district on Kootenai Lake called Warm Spring.—*The Engineering and Mining Journal*.

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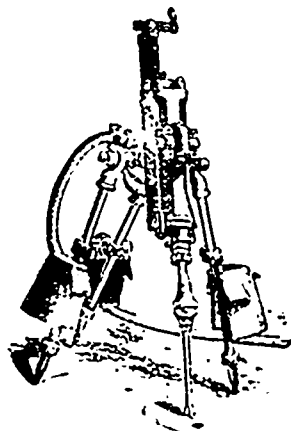
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