

The mine is as encouraging as can be, without being really in the bunch ; for, when I left, in the bottom of winze B. there were beautiful leaders of iron pyrites under the feeders that crossed the lode some time since. I very much regret that Spar Island was suspended ; however, I hope to convince the Directors that it should be worked, and the stamping mill built, to return the ores with profit. I shall leave this for Montreal by first opportunity, where I hope to lay my report and assays before the Directors in an intelligible form, with a retrospective and prospective view of the concern.

N. B.—Mr. Robertson of course remained at the mines, and to whom I gave a special description of the works under existing circumstances, that I wish to be carried out ; and in case of any difficulty presenting itself at the mine, I have recommended him to let Samuel Tippet arrange it, who is fully capable, and who would have been made Captain had he remained in England.

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#### SIXTH REPORT.

*Montreal, 25th June, 1849.*

I left the mines on the 30th ult. in charge of Mr. Robertson, in consequence of ill health and being desirous to obtain some medical advice.

I arrived here on the 22d inst., delivered the letters and reports to the Secretary on the 23d, and received the map of the mine, together with the weight of my assays ; so I hope now to make every thing as clear as possible, and lay down the workings on the explanatory map to the 28th ultimo, before commencing with the report.

I am extremely anxious to pass next winter where I could obtain medical assistance ; and, for that reason, I beg of the Directors for a dissolution of my present agreement,—conforming with that article of my agreement in which the Directors have reserved power to do so ;—to obtain an immediate dissolution I would give up the passage money, but not the three months pay or notice of three months.

On the 25th ultimo I received the Secretary's letters of the 10th April, sent me by Mr. Robertson, who arrived at Spar