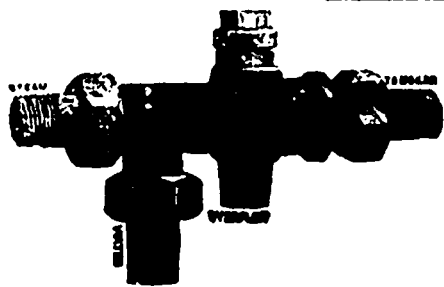


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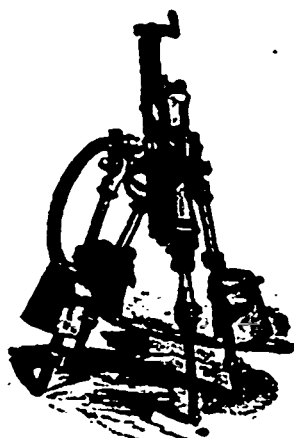
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**MOOSE RIVER.**—The complete success which has rewarded Mr. Touquoy's mining enterprise in this district proves, beyond question, that Nova Scotian gold mines, when properly and intelligently managed, are really the best of paying investments. Mr. Touquoy is an old and experienced miner, having been engaged in gold mining in Australia, New Zealand and other parts of the world, and the fact that he prefers to operate here, and that he has been uniformly successful during long years of operation, should be enough to convince the most skeptical that there is lots of money to be made in gold mining. The mine consists of some twenty-three gold mining areas, on which seven gold bearing leads, extending over 900 feet across the property, have been opened up by shafts at different points. There are also thousands of tons of surface stuff which it pays to crush, while there is very little trouble from water in the mine. A fifteen stamp mill, built to meet Mr. Touquoy's ideas, containing several improvements of his invention, is run by the water power which he has leased for a term of years, the same power keeping the mine clear of water, the pumps being worked by one main pump shaft. The Moose River supplies the power and gives a head of eleven feet, the supply of water being unlimited, Mr. Touquoy having dammed the river at its head where a large lake empties into it, and also having built a substantial dam across the stream in front of his mine. Everything about the mine shows careful experienced management, and from the start the gold returns at the mines office have been large and regular. Last week Mr. Touquoy was in town with his usual gold bricks which in this instance weighed 140½ ozs. Mr. Touquoy's gold babies—as they are facetiously called—are noted for the purity of the gold they contain, and the last was no exception to the rule, it being really a "thing of beauty." There is room in this Province for any number of men of Mr. Touquoy's sterling worth and ability, and when we get them the future prosperity of our gold fields will be assured.

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**LAKE CATCHA.**—The Oxford mine is again coming up to its old standard as a gold producer, in spite of the fact that crushing operations have been delayed by the difficulty of obtaining fuel, a difficulty that has now been overcome.

**KILLAG.**—Work on this property has been temporarily suspended, the intense cold interfering with the machinery.

**BEAVER DAM.**—Operations have been suspended here pending the putting up of a new 20 stamp mill, with power to increase to 40 should they be required. There is a large gold bearing belt on this property, and its future prospects are bright.

**GAY'S RIVER.**—Messrs. McDonald, Thompson and Anderson have evidently got a good thing at Gays' River in the conglomerate formation of that district. A shaft sunk for a few feet in what appears to be the bed of an old river has yielded good pay stuff. Already offers to bond the property at a substantial figure have been received and rejected.

Mr. John Anderson is now prospecting on his areas to the west of the Oxford, and unless his usual luck has deserted him will soon have something substantial to show.

**FIFTEEN MILE STREAM.**—The Ergoton Gold Mining Company, Limited, have sold out their property in this district to R. A. McGregor of New Glasgow, and are going out of business. The terms of sale have so far not come to hand.

**MONTAGUE.**—The Annand and Rose properties continue their large yields and Manager McQuarrie is one of the happiest men in the Dominion. A gentleman showed us a beautiful gold brooch made with gold from that mine, which is a credit to the workmanship of our well known jeweller, Mr. Cornelius. A large Nova Scotia pearl is set in the centre, making an ornament which for perfect taste and rich effect it would be hard to surpass.

The following are the official gold returns so far received at the Mines Office for December:

District.	Mill.	Qtz. Crushed.	Ozs. Gold.
Sherbrooke.....		105	10½
Salmon River.....	Dufferin.....	750	157
Oldham.....	Oldham G. M. Co.....	91	274½
S. Uniacke.....	Withrow.....	20	35½
Uniacke.....	Phoenix.....	210	40
Lake Catcha.....	Oxford.....	52	92½
Renfrew.....	Empress.....	13	11
Molega.....	Molega M. Co.....	292	339
Cariboo.....	Touquoy.....	351	140½
Cariboo.....	Moose River G. M. Co.....	157	24½
Stormont.....	Rockland.....	192	100½
Molega.....	Parker & Douglas.....	141	49½
Waverly.....	Palgrave.....	30	30

We are indebted to a friend for the following interesting clipping from an English journal, giving a summary of an article read before the Mining Association and Institute of Cornwall on the "gold fields of Nova Scotia."