

MINING.

To Miners sending us their Post Office address, we will forward a copy of the CRITIC, Free, for one month.

Our remarks respecting the valuation of undeveloped mines has excited some discussion in mining circles, and although sometimes adversely criticised, they have been regarded as sound by the practical miners with whom we have come in contact. A Hants Co. correspondent, whose communication we publish below, appears to think that we are not interested in mines, because we stated that they should be sold at a fair valuation. We presume the writer, who is we understand a shipowner, would not expect to dispose of one his vessels before the intending purchaser had an opportunity to thoroughly examine the ship. Mines may have a prospective value from a high assay or rich ore, but it must be borne in mind that a vein of solid gold might be so located that its extraction cannot be consummated with profit to the minor.

MR. EDITOR. You may be interested in mines, but I should not think so; otherwise you would not tell people that their mines were not worth anything, unless they were developed. I am a mine owner and "hold to sell," but as I think I have a good thing, I mean to hold on until I can get my price.

Hants Co.,

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MR. EDITOR.—I have observed in recent numbers of THE CRITIC that you called the attention of mine owners to the false valuation placed by them upon undeveloped properties. I admit the justice of your remarks; but, as a mine owner, I do not think your criticism applies to all holders of mining properties. I hold a lease of what is considered a good area, and would be willing to sell out my rights for \$5,000. Will you kindly notify the agent of the New York Mining Company, and oblige

NUGGET.

A Yarmouth company have recently purchased the Reeves mine at Kemptville, N. S., and so soon as a crusher and other necessary machinery shall have been procured, the company intend pushing operations with vigor. It is stated that \$16,200 was the price paid for the mine, which, under the circumstances was a fair valuation.

A very fine gold nugget is owned by A. R. Conklin, Esq., of Independence. This nugget is a solid chunk of gold and is worth \$225. It was found in Tule Canon, on the east side of the Inyo mountains. All over the nugget is the most delicate fretting of fine leaves and stems of vegetable forms, like the finest lace.—*Alta, California.*

PLEASANT RIVER GOLD MINE.—The gold areas which are owned by the Pleasant River Gold Co., are turning out well. The property is situated on the Pleasant River Road about fifteen miles distant from Bridgewater. A shaft has been sunk to the depth of 30 feet, and 25 tons of quartz have so far been taken from the lead, which is nine inches in thickness. Experts estimate the gold to carry five ounces to the ton. Two other openings have been made upon the same lead at distances of 100 feet east and west of the main shaft, the lead preserving its width throughout. There is a south lead four inches in thickness which carries heavy gold. A cross lead has recently been discovered about 300 feet east from the main shaft; it is rich in spots, and the owners of the mine feel confident that they will find a rich pocket at its intersection with the main lead. Experts report the lead to be a true fissure vein, and as the clay gouldgo which accompanies it renders mining operations comparatively easy, it should prove a paying enterprise to its owners.

The yield from the Rawdon mine is satisfactory. From 120 tons of quartz, 350½ ounces of gold were extracted; 70 tons of quartz have been taken out, but have not yet passed through the mill. The lead shows no signs of giving out. Crosscuts have been made at 750 and 1400 feet east from the main shaft; the lead maintains its width and gives evidence of carrying gold. Mr. McNaughton, the enterprising manager, is in luck.

The returns for the month of September so far as reported at the Mines Office show the following:—

	oz. Gold.		Tons Quartz.
Unjacko yielded	168	from	103
Rawdon "	351-10	"	120
Shorbrooke "	157-14	"	223
Montague (Rose Mill) yielded	15-5	"	40
Salmon River "	725	"	960

The official returns from the Albion Mine, Montague, have not come to hand as yet, but we understand that the reputation of this mine will be sustained.

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About 4½ miles west of Bridgewater, the Leipsegate Gold Mining Co., are vigorously engaged in prospecting and developing their property, and are turning out very rich ore. Prospecting is also being carried on in many other parts of the same locality. Large boulders containing gold have been found upon the Nelson property, and it is expected that the lead when found will prove a bonanza to its owners.

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Bridgetown, " 22nd.	Antigonish, October 6th.
Annapolis, " 23rd.	New Glasgow, " 7th.
Digby, " 24th.	Pictou, " 8th.
Yarmouth, " 24th.	Windsor, " 15th.

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