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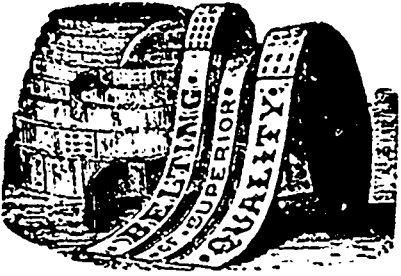
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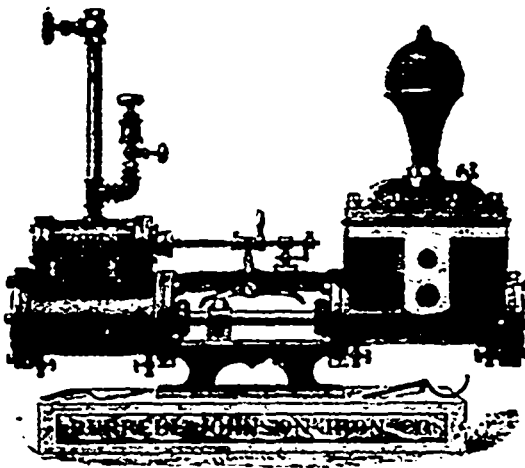
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LAKE CATCHA.—Mr. J. M. Reid, the energetic manager of the Oxford Mine, has been making extensive alterations and improvements in the mill and to the mining machinery, and has introduced a fine plant of air compressors and drills. Evidently tiring of the uncertainty of the wood supply he has had a landing pier constructed near the mine on Port Paswick Harbor, and already has a substantial supply of coal delivered for use in the mine. When the repairs and improvements are completed the Oxford will be one of the best equipped mines in the Province, and milling and mining may be conducted on the most extensive scale at the minimum of cost.

GOLD RIVER.—Mr. D. Touquoy has been paying a visit to this district, where he owns a number of areas, and reports that the prospects on the Fulton-Foster property are good. He has started men at work prospecting his areas, and as the work will be skilfully conducted, and Mr. Touquoy never knows what it is to fail in his operations, we hope soon to have to record the unearthing of valuable gold leads.

Mr. D. Hattie of Sherbrook, on account of failing health, has, with his family, removed to Southern California.

Mr. Hattie is one of the oldest and best known miners of this Province, having owned large interests in Goldenville and other districts and having been very successful in his operations. He expresses himself as having great faith in the future of our gold mines, and deeply regrets being obliged to seek a permanent change of climate. Mr. R. McNaughton has bought Mr. Hattie's remaining interests in Wine Harbor and Goldenville districts and George Stuart his interest in the Killag district. We trust that Mr. Hattie may yet be able to return with renewed health to witness and share in the prosperity of his native Province.

KEMPTVILLE, YARMOUTH COUNTY.—The Cowan Mine is being reopened and should soon again take its place amongst the large gold producing mines of the Province.

MILLISGATE.—The work of prospecting in this district is being vigorously pushed with most encouraging results.

KILLAG.—This property is looking exceedingly well and the prospects are bright.

RAWDON.—Rumor has it that Mr. McNaughton has already struck it rich on the property of the Rawdon United Company, which he re-purchased some months ago.

CENTRAL RAWDON.—The excitement still continues in this district, caused by the large returns from the Northup and Central Rawdon Companies, and from the fact that now and important features are characteristic of the locality.

BROOKFIELD, COLCHESTER CO.—Prospecting still continues to open up new values in the conglomerate of this district.

ISAAC'S HARBOR.—The rival claimants for the Palgrave Mine seem to be having a hot time of it. The successful litigants in the late suit are pushing operations and preventing all interference by the free display of fire arms.

TANGIER.—The Brunswick Mine with the test estate and machinery were bid in at the sheriff's sale on Saturday last by W. F. Parker, solicitor of W. I. Snyder, the plaintiff, for \$8,800.

Messrs. Wieting and Richter of Georgetown, Demerara, through John Taylor & Co., of Halifax, have laid on our table a copy of *The Gold Mining Gazette* of Georgetown. The following tables showing the royalty paid in one week in August and the total royalty paid on gold are convincing proofs that the gold mining industry in Demerara is rapidly assuming large proportions:

ROYALTY ON GOLD.—The amount of royalty paid on gold for the week was \$1,422.56 as against the previous week's \$2,698.81 and the week ending July 30 \$1,017.82. This would give the total amount of gold brought down during the week as about \$35,000. All the gold brought down for the last week came from the Essequibo, with the exception of about 12 ounces from Grooto Creek.

TOTAL ROYALTY ON GOLD.—The total amount of royalty received by the Government from the commencement of the gold industry is as follows:—

1887.....	\$ 9,908 89
1888.....	14,099 24
1889.....	26,118 49
Up to July 30, 1890.....	26,901 50
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	\$77,028 12

It is evident that by December 30, 1890, the Government will have received about \$59,600 royalty for the present year alone."

OLDHAM.—Frank R. Tackaberry, James F. Hines, John H. Kenny, and C. F. Hamilton, of Charlestown, Mass., have leased the areas in Oldham owned by the Sterling Company and are preparing for active mining work. They have also secured land and water power from the Halifax Land Improvement