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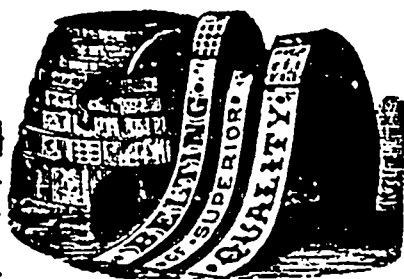
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The Sessions of both the Dominion and Local Parliaments are apparently drawing to a close, and yet nothing seems to be proposed in regard to the establishment of an Official Assay Office in Halifax, neither is any pressure being brought to bear on the Local Government for a grant or bonus to encourage deep mining. "What is everyone's business is nobody's business" is well exemplified by the want of effective action by the mining men of the Province to advance these most important measures.

UNIACKE.—The Phoenix Mine in the Uniacke gold district has been placed in splendid trim for future work by its energetic and practical manager, Mr. H. B. Prince. A new shaft has been sunk to the gold bearing belt, 182 feet from the surface, and large returns may soon be expected. This mine yields a large amount of crushing stuff, as there are two large belts of quartz and slate that are reached from the present shaft, and the supply of pay ore is practically unlimited. It should prove a lasting mine, and bring again to a prominent position the now almost deserted Uniacke District.

SOUTH UNIACKE.—The success of the Thompson Mine has caused considerable stir in this district, and the adjoining properties are being prospected with most encouraging results, the Bigney et al areas showing up particularly well.

CENTRAL RAWDON.—The Northrup Mining Co. have had to renew their hoisting and pumping gear, which has for some time caused a cessation of active mining. The mine has been splendidly equipped under the superintendence of Mr. Willis, the well-known manager of the Company, and large gold returns may once again be expected.

The Central Rawdon Mining Company have a large adjoining property, and, now that their mill is in operation, we trust that their enterprise is to be liberally rewarded.

CARIBOO.—Mr. Pushie and others are now turning their attention to this district, and, if reports are to be relied upon, there will soon be some extensive transfers of mining properties.

IRON.—The Stewiacke Valley is rapidly coming to the front as a mineral district, thanks to the building of the Stewiacks Valley and Lansdowne R. R. The New Glasgow Iron Co. have purchased the limonite deposit near Brookfield, and also the mine of red hematite at Newton Mills, near Upper Stewiacke. A gang of men are now at work on the limonite deposit, and the red hematite property is also being opened up.

The following are the official gold returns so far received at the Mines Office for the month of February:—

| District. | Mill. | Qtr. Crushed. | Ozs. Gold. |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Sherbrooke | Pactolus | 150 | 73 |
| Salmon River | Dufferin | 500 | 160 |
| Oldham | Oldham G. M. Co | 78 | 52½ |
| Cariboo | Moose River G. M. Co. | 97½ | 15½ |
| " | Damas Touquoy | 233 | 52 |
| S. Uniacke | Withrow | 20 | 69½ |
| " | Eastville | 10 | 71 |
| East Rawdon | Rawdon United | Plates | 18½ |
| Whiteburn | Whiteburn M. Co. | 35 | 52 |
| Stormont | Rockland | 257 | 138 |
| Montague | Annand | 120 | 362½ |
| " | Rose | 76 | 140½ |
| Molega | Parker & Douglass | 300 | 73 |
| " | Molega G. M. Co. | 220 | 230 |
| Uniacke | Phoenix | 190 | 35½ |

* Dump and surface stuff.

The following summary shows the mineral production of Nova Scotia during the year 1889 as compared with that of the previous year, and is taken from advance sheets of the Report of the Inspector of Mines furnished the Local Parliament.

| | 1888. | 1889. |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Gold.....Ounces | 22 407 | 26 155 |
| Iron Ore.....Tons | 41 611 | 45 907 |
| Manganese Ore...." | 88 | 67 |
| Coal Raised....." | 1776 128 | 1756 279 |
| Coke made....." | 29 808 | 35 565 |
| Gypsum....." | 125 800 | 147 344 |
| Barytes....." | 1 100 | |
| Grindstones, etc...." | 17 225 | 18 000 |
| Moulding Sand...." | 169 | 170 |
| Antimony Ore....." | 308 | 55 |
| Limestone....." | 15 448 | 19 000 |
| Copper Ore....." | | 5 000 |

MINES ARE MADE, NOT BORN SPONTANEOUSLY.—Under the above heading the *Financial and Mining Record* has the following editorial, which many of our mining investors, who rush to the conclusion that rich surface indications make a valuable mine, would do well to ponder over. Half the mining failures are caused through the insufficiency of working capital, an insufficiency caused by the foolish belief that a mine may be made to pay with a small cash outlay, while in nine cases out of ten it requires a large preliminary outlay to bring a mine up to a profitable standard:—