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## MINING.

**UNIAOKE DISTRICT.**—New life has fairly taken hold of this district. A small force of men have commenced mining on the "West Lake" property under the management of Mr. Madill. As heretofore much gold has been taken from the "West Lake" Mr. Madill is quite sanguine of success now. He has just completed repairs at his stamp mill, and made a run of a few tons for Messrs. Allen & Sons with satisfactory returns.

Messrs. Prince & Son report the completion of arrangements for them to resume work on the "Great English" property, and as it is well known that this property is valuable, the new lessees are to be congratulated.

Necessary repairs will commence at once on the "Phoenix" Mill, and when completed will start running on the rich ore from the "McCallum" Mine. The latter mine is daily improving and at this time leads in richness anything in this camp.

**MINERAL RESOURCES OF LABRADOR.**—It was a happy idea of Premier Fielding to recognize the valuable services rendered by the Bowdoin College Labrador Exploring Expedition by making them in an informal—and for that reason all the more enjoyable—way the guests of the Province.

The Hon. Mr. Church heartily co-operated, and the wants of the inner man were bountifully provided for by a dinner at Mount Hope Asylum, which, by its excellence, proved the culinary resources of that well managed institution, as only a few hours' notice could be given of the intended onslaught of some fifty hungry guests.

Roderick Macdonald had placed his large and swift steam yacht the *Arrow* at the disposal of the Premier—and it was decided to give the members of the expedition a sail on the harbor.

They embarked at the City Wharf at 11.30 a. m. accompanied by Consul-General Frye and a number of citizens and members of the press who had been hastily summoned.

The weather was perfect and the balance of the day until 7.30 p. m. was passed in steaming to the many points of beauty and interest in our unrivalled harbor and enjoying the good things provided at the asylum.

Rod. Macdonald took the wheel and proved the most skillful of pilots and entertaining of hosts.

The professor in charge and the young graduates of Bowdoin who composed the expedition are pleasant men, and freely imparted information in regard to their discoveries, the most notable being the expedition to the Grand Falls in charge of Mr. Carey.

After enduring the greatest hardships they succeeded in reaching the falls, a feat never before accomplished, and brought back full and reliable information in regard to this heretofore mysterious cataract, which it turns out is only some 200 feet in height instead of the thousand reported.

The scientific world has been enriched by several important discoveries, but THE CRITIC's representative was particularly interested in the geology and mineralogy of the region.

Here there was disappointment, at least in regard to the mineral discoveries, as little or nothing of value exists.

Iron pyrites, mica, silver, etc. were found but not in paying quantities, and worst of all the geological formation is not favorable to or indicative of mineral wealth.

While it is disappointing to have the rumors of the supposed great mineral resources of Labrador disproved, the expedition has accomplished valuable work in getting at the truth, as otherwise considerable capital might have been sunk in prospecting this uninviting region.

The expedition accomplished all it started out to do; its members are delightfully unassuming, allowing their works to speak for them, and Consul-General Frye had every reason to feel proud of their achievement's as most of them are from his native State, Maine.

Mr. Damas Touquoy sailed on Saturday in the *Ottawa*—of the Furness Line, Captain Dixon—for London and the continent.

Mr. Touquoy is one of our most skilful and successful gold miners, and has built up an enviable reputation for honesty and business ability during the years he has operated in this Province. His mine at Moose River has proved a lasting property, and is better to-day than ever. The mill and hoisting machinery are driven by water power, and the perfection of the whole establishment bespeaks its ownership.

**CAPE BRETON.**—Mr. J. A. Pushie, mining expert, has been examining properties in Cape Breton and other portions of the Province for capitalists from the United States.

At Middle River he examined a property for C. E. Starr, of Boston, which shows gold. It is a slate and quartz belt, and Mr. Starr now has men at work taking out the ore on the hill-side with the intention of sending it to Waverley for a trial test.

Near St. Anne Mr. Starr has a most promising galena property, the ore going high in silver, gold and lead. There are three or four leads, one of them being over four feet in width. The leads are in granite and conglomerate, while a large belt of freestone is near by. Active work will be begun here.

Near Ingonish Mr. Morrison has discovered a large body of barytes, which Mr. Pushie examined and found of the whitest and purest quality.

**LAKE CATCHA.**—Mr. J. M. Reid, the manager of the Oxford Mine, was in the city last week, and reports that the prospects at the Oxford are good. The air drills are a great success, and the work at the mine is now done at the lowest possible cost.

John Anderson is meeting with success on his property, and is raising and crushing quartz.

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