

**COAL.**—In Cape Breton County work continues brisk at all the mines. At the Cowrie collieries it is expected that more coke ovens will shortly be built, and that the manufacture of briquettes will be resumed.

The Glace Bay Harbor, at which both the Glace Bay and Caledonia mines ship, is kept crowded with vessels.

At the International mines some little trouble was caused by a demand from the trimmers for increased pay, but it is expected not to interrupt shipping. It is likely that the total shipments from the island will exceed last year's by 20 per cent.

The bridge over the Grand Narrows, 2,000 feet long, is about finished, and it is expected that the road from that point to Sydney (40 miles) will be opened this fall. Difficulties experienced by the contractors have retarded work on the other half of the road. As the line runs close to the copper and iron ore deposits near Sydney, and connects them with coal and shipping, it will form an important factor in the future development of this section.

**COPPER.**—At the Coxheath mines development work is being steadily pushed. The shaft now being sunk at 250 feet in ore ground, and a cross cut is now in half way to cut the 10 feet or better. Where this is intersected, the ground has been nearly all proved by winzes; there will be a very large amount of first-class ore ready for stoping.

At George's River, the outcrop of a promising body of copper ore has been found by the Messrs. Proctor, of North Sydney, in measures similar to those in which the Coxheath ore occurs.—*The Engineering and Mining Journal.*

There has been considerable stir amongst mining men during the past week, and the Halifax, Queen and other hotels of the city have numbered amongst their guests a goodly sprinkling of capitalists on the lookout for investments, mining experts and promoters. Conspicuous amongst the number were John McGuire of Melega, who with a mining expert was en route to visit Gay's River after a visit to the United States, Capt. Smart, who is a hustler and who was on his way to Boston, where he will doubtless interest a large amount of capital in our gold mines, Capt. A. B. Brown, who is well known as a very competent miner, and whose interests in the gold mines of the Province are extensive. Mr. Willis, of the Northup Mining Co. of Central Rawdon, who has lately made the discovery of the fossils in that district, which Prof. Hind considers of such importance, Mr. Whitham, lately returned from the western gold fields, and a host of others.

A despatch to the *Herald* states that there was shipped from Caledonia mines during the month of July 27,700 tons of coal, probably the largest monthly shipment from one pit ever made in the Province.

In the matter of the disputed claim to mining areas in the Indian Path district the Commissioner of Mines has decided in favor of Messrs. Fulton Foster et al, who took up the property under prospecting license. Mr. Henry Archibald, who applied for leases over the same areas, on the ground that the applications for prospecting licenses were void in not complying with the mining Act, has appealed from the decision of the Commissioner to the Supreme Court.

Messrs. McNaughton, Annand, Pearson and others have applied for letters patent for the Rawdon Antimony Mining Co., Limited, and there are other applications for companies to work gold mines. A powerful company to assist in development and prospecting work is badly needed, and we understand that a number of influential capitalists are about organizing such a company.

**SOUTH UNIAKKE.**—Messrs. Thompson & Quirk, the owners of the Eastville mill and mine, are still securing large gold returns. On Wednesday they brought to town a gold brick weighing 162 ozs, the result of the last crushing of only eight tons of quartz, or an average of over 20 ozs. per ton.

There is a large amount of prospecting going on in the district, stimulated by the rich returns from the Thompson mine, and a large number of areas have been taken up.

**CENTRAL RAWDON.**—Mr. Northup has milled another very fine gold brick for the month of July. As a result of fifteen days' crushing 240 ozs. of gold were obtained. The very dry weather has caused a scarcity of water, and the mill in consequence could only be run half time.

Up to the time of our going to press there had been very few official gold returns received at the Mines Office.

**SALMON RIVER.**—The Daffern Mine returns for July 202 ozs. of gold from 600 tons of quartz crushed.

**WAVERLY.**—The Windsor Junction Mine returns 40½ ozs. gold from 120 tons quartz crushed.

**UNIAKKE.**—The Phoenix Mill returns 13½ ozs. gold from 2½ tons crushed.

**MOOSE RIVER.**—Mr. D. Touquoy was in town on Wednesday with another of his handsome gold babies weighing 62 ozs. 9 dwt. From the regularity with which Mr. Touquoy appears with his monthly gold brick his mine should be called "old reliability."

**STORMONT DISTRICT.**—Mr. H. K. Fisher has about completed the organization of the Star Company, operating the North Star group of mines on the west side of Isaac's Harbor. Mining is being vigorously carried on, and the lode looks well. Early in July a prospecting drift from the main incline cut the rich streak worked years ago by former owners, and the quartz is variously estimated as worth from \$60 to \$100 per ton. The erection of a mill on the west side of the harbor is now under consideration.

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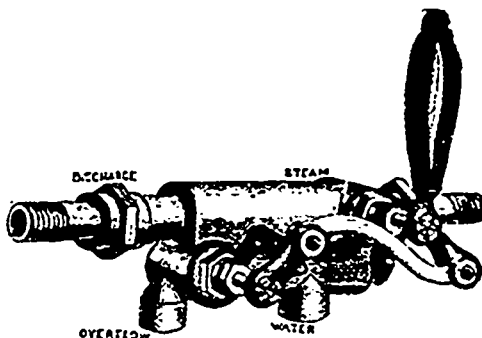
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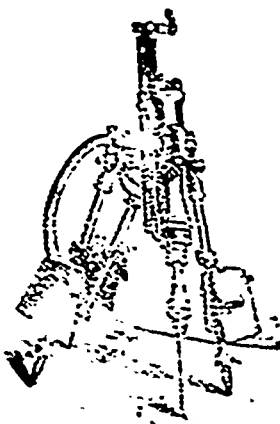
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