

MINING.

If there is one reason more than another why the United States people would like to see this Province a part of their Union, it is that they might become operators of our numerous and extensive mining areas. The vast amount of idle capital that could easily be commanded and profitably invested and employed in our mines would soon make this Province a busy one. Americans interested in the operation and controlling of extensive works, would bring their families to reside here. The advantages would be incalculable to us as a province, and to our government would be a source of no small item of revenue. Much has been done by successive governments to offer to the Americans every facility and inducement in the power of a government to give, still there is a want somewhere, and to fully understand these difficulties and devise improvement, is a work that must emanate from practical miners.

On the 9th of June, the following mines will be declared forfeited :—
 Leases 95, 96 and 97. Lewis F. Darling lessee.
 Leases 98 and 99. James Dowling, lessee.
 Leases 106 and 107. John A. Drew, lessee.
 Lease 120. (16 Indian Path, unproclaimed.) John R. Waddelow, William Waddelow, Daniel S. McDonald, lessees; Alexander Hetherington and Hugh McLellan, transferees.
 Lease 121. (17 Indian Path, unproclaimed.) John A. Drew, lessee; Robt. Scott, transferee.
 Lease 129. James E. Bent, lessee; Lowellyn Larder, transferee.
 Lease 135. Alexander Nelson, DeBlois Fultz, lessee.
 Lease 143. DeBlois Fultz, John Mitchell, lessees; William F. Foster, transferee.
 Lease 145. DeBlois Fultz, lessees; William F. Eoster, transferee.

SALMON RIVER GOLD MINE.

The suit in equity, brought by an Indian, against the owners of the Salmon River gold mine, was decided by Judge Weatherbe by dismissing the case with costs. We hope the vexed question of rights and titles to this property is now and forever set at rest. No property has given rise to so long and annoying litigation as this has.

"RETREAT COTTAGE," RAWDON, May 5th, 1885.

GOLD, ANTIMONY, COAL MINING BELT.

Editor of the Critic:—

DEAR SIR,—The CRITIC is well received here, especially among the miners. It has the right ring in it.

Gold.—The Simms & White gold mines, sold to McNorton and others, are turning out splendidly, three shafts are worked and seventy odd men employed, the prevailing opinion is that this will become an important gold district.

Antimony.—Probably the Antimony mines of West Gore are among the best paying in the Provinces. Messrs. Bryson, Wallace and McDougall, are the three County owners—B. M. Davidson of your city managing owner. Thirty men are employed, 90 tons are raised per month, which are hauled 22 miles to Elmsdale Station and shipped to England via Halifax. The new shaft shows a good quantity of ore, even on the surface. The lucky owners are netting about \$30,000 per annum, have raised the price from \$40,000 to \$60,000, and do not seem anxious to sell. Not a bad find for our lucky farming friends. Coal is reported to have been discovered in two or three localities near by.

The *Mining Belt* of the Province is generally supposed to be far South, but it is evident that North as well South, gold and other valuable metals exist in abundance and but require to be unearthed.

Surely we have a rich country and our young men of enterprise need not go to other lands when so much remains to be done at home; if such would put forth the same efforts at home which they are often forced to do when absent, the results would be fully as satisfactory. This little "Province by the Sea," we believe, will yet become a *land of Industries*, and why not? "Gold is the *sinus* of war," and so iron, coal, cheap labor are the ground work of manufactories. In addition to these our sea coast advantages would enable us to place our wares easily and cheaply in the markets of the world at all seasons of the year. What we seem to need just now is more of our surplus capital joined to skilled labor, thus fostering our smaller manufacturing industries. Let us get the scales off our eyes—see clearly—and go to the front.

W J. G.

We are sorry to know Mr. S. L. Phillips lost heavily in his first operation in this Province. The manner in which he lost hurts the good name of the mining community. We hope he will not give up, but stick to this country till he has his reward in the shape of a rich paying mine.

Mr. Andrews one of our successful mining men is on one of his occasional visits to the city. Like all of our leading mining men he is a genial pleasant gentleman.

The outlook for the summer's work is in every way encouraging. Many abandoned mines are to be again worked and new ones opened with prospect of paying results.

WINDSOR. (Continued.)

Geo. A. Heustis,
Jeweler etc.,
T. B. Smith,
Editor and Proprietor,
Windsor Courier.
N. Spence, M. P. P.,
Milling and Farming,
Newport.
J. R. Thompson,
Nurseryman and Fruit Grower.
G. A. Harvie,
Carver & Picture Frames.
A. P. Jones,
Sailmaker, etc.,
Windsor & Hantsport.
G. L. Gibson,
Hotel and Grocery Store,
Brooklyn, Hants.
Dr. Morrison Weeks,
Brooklyn.

HANTSPORT.

No Town, perhaps, in this Province, shows a more rapid extension of its Commerce and increasing Financial strength than Hantsport. This town enjoys advantages that are not so largely possessed by its sister city, Windsor.

The large and commanding residences of the Merchants and Captains of ocean ships are quite equal to the best dwellings of older cities.

The following are the principal business men of the Town.

E. Churchill & Sons,
Shipbuilders & Capitalists
J. E. Newcomb,
Shipping Trading & Farming.
J. B. North,
Shipping & Merchandize.
J. E. Stevens & Co.,
Tanners of Harness & Upper Stocks.
J. A. Mumford,
Milling Machinery.
J. B. Shaw,
Boots, Shoes and Fine Work.
James W. Wall,
Hantsport Hotel, conveyance at St'n.
Lewis Muttart,
Harness Making in all branches.
George Brooks,
Watchmaker and Hair Dresser.

THE ALBION HOTEL,

P. P. ARCHIBALD, Prop'r,
22 Sackville Street, Halifax.

Every accommodation to the travelling public at reasonable rates.

AMHERST.

The successful Commercial and Financial history of Amherst, is to be largely traced to the energy and business ability of the Merchants and Manufacturers of the town. The Agricultural advantages of the County are not excelled by any other County of the Province.

The following are among the principal business men and leading townsmen.

BANKS.

Bank of Pictou,
J. McKEAN, Agent.

LAW FIRMS.

Townshend & Dickie,
CHAS. J. TOWNSHEND Q. C.

Charles R. Smith, Q. C.,
Real Estate and Insurance.

W. Frederick Donkin,
Commissioner of S. and C. Courts.

John W. Hickman,
Barrister-at-Law and Notary.

MEDICAL FIRMS.

Dr. E. L. Fuller,
Dental Surgeon.

MANUFACTURERS.

Rhodes Curry & Co.,
Contractors and Builders.

A. Robb & Sons,
Ship, Stove and Mill Castings.

M. D. Pride,
Amherst Boot and Shoe Factory.

Curran Brothers,
Saw Mills and Lumber.

Lawson & Wallace,
Carriage and Sleighs,
Works opposite I. C. R. Station.

Holmes & Hicks,
Carriage Factory, Farming Machinery.

James Ritchey,
Horse Shoer and Jobber.

Joseph Goodwin,
Horse Showing a specialty.

MERCHANTS AND TRADERS.

W. H. Davis,
Books, Stationery & Picture Frames.

Brightman & Calhoun,
Bakers and Grocers Jobbers.

Coates & Bent,
Sewing Machines and Fancy Goods.

R. McSwain,
Tailoring and Furnishing Goods.

Edward Lowther,
Meats, Fish and Vegetables.

Lamy's Hotel,
CALHOUN & WARD, Prop.

Amherst Gazette,
J. ALBERT BLACK, Editor & Prop.
A first class Advertising Medium.

Amherst Sentinel,
Devoted to the County and
Provincial Interests.