

THE announcement comes that gold has been found in paying quantities in Lavant township, Lanark county, Ont., on the farm now occupied by John Ferguson. Late last fall Barry & O'Brien, Renfrew, interested themselves in the find, and sunk a shaft to the depth of seventy-five feet. Samples were assayed and are reported to have given an excellent yield.—*Lanark Era*.

THE Ottawa Mining and Milling Company, of which the Hon. G. E. Foster and Messrs. Levi Crannell, A. W. Fraser, Geo. Hay, Hiram Robinson, John Coates, Charles Magee, E. Seybold, and J. Mather, are the leading stockholders, will, it is said, erect a customs stamp mill for gold ores on the Dick and Banning water power, about four miles from Rat Portage, Ont.

THAT the man who buys shares does not always buy a mine is well known, but it remained to be established that you might buy a mine and still have nothing, as below from an exchange: "The Orphan Boy, in the Big Bend country, considered a very valuable free milling proposition, with a large amount of ore on the dump, was sold under the hammer for \$6,300 to satisfy the judgment of its manager, Mr. Haskins."

THERE is some great tunnel work being done just now on the Iron Colt, says the *Rosslund, B.C., Miner*. The Iron Colt had made a contract with the Alberta company for the use of their tunnel, which is 350 feet long, not 300 as first stated, and starting at the end of this, with a depth of 160 feet, the Iron Colt tunnel will run 300 feet to connect with the shaft and pierce the ledge at a depth of 350 feet. Mr. Heacock, who ran the Alberta tunnel, has been engaged by the Iron Colt company to take charge of this work. The work is being done with a Rand giant drill—the largest drill ever brought into camp. Its cylinder is $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, and with 90 pounds of compressed air it makes 300 strokes per minute, carrying 800 pounds with each stroke. It easily drills 18 inches in five minutes, a wonderful performance in the hard rock of this camp.

THE Government has determined on a vigorous administrative policy in the Yukon country. Thomas Faucett, Dominion Topographical Surveyor, has been appointed the first regular gold commissioner in that country, and with a staff of assistants, numbering seven, has started for the field. The party goes direct to Dawson City, at the junction of the Klondyke with the Yukon, and their time of duty extends over a period of two years. The duties of gold commissioner have until now been performed by Inspector Constantine, who is in charge of the North-West Mounted Police, but they have of late become so heavy that the departments, of necessity, had to be separated. To carry out the work as at present proposed it is believed the mining laws will have to be amended. William Ogilvie of the Department of the Interior will start for home when Mr. Faucett arrives at his destination, but other eastern officials will be sent out to engage in other departmental work. Among these will be a few surveyors, whom the government proposes sending to make a survey of the feasible waterways into the country.

Railway Matters.

THE trackmen on the C.P.R. have recently received an advance of ten cents per day in wages.

THE G.T.R. shops at Brantford, Ont., are working more hours per week at present than has been the case for many years.

DIVISION Engineer Chapman, of the G.T.R. at Allandale, Ont., recently examined the site of the proposed new elevator at Midland, Ont.

R. MARPOLE has been appointed general superintendent of the Pacific Division of the C. P. R., in place of H. Abbott, who has resigned.

S. SECOMBE, G.T.R. car foreman at Montreal, has been ordered to London, Ont., to assume one of the foremanships in the car shops there.

A LOCOMOTIVE exploded in the Intercolonial round-house at Richmond, N.S., May 14th, and the building was wrecked and the railway tracks torn up.

THE G.T.R. will double track its line between Montreal and Richmond, Que., at once, in preparation for the increased traffic consequent upon the rebuilding of the Victoria bridge.

IT is reported that acetylene gas is to be tried for lighting purposes in carriages on the London (Eng.) and North-Western Railway; it has already been experimented on with satisfactory results.

BIDS are asked until June 15 for the purchase of first mortgage bonds, amounting to \$1,497,324, and 15,640 shares of the capital stock, amounting to \$1,064,000, of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western. Toronto General Trusts Co. are the agents.

THE work on the new buildings at the harbor terminus of the Ontario, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway is progressing rapidly. The company is building two large docks, some twelve hundred feet each in length, and a cross dock for coal.

THE office of assistant general manager of the C.P.R. has been abolished, and Thomas Tait has been appointed manager of the company's lines east of Fort William, office at Montreal, and William Whyte has been appointed manager of the lines west of Fort William, office at Winnipeg.

A BILL respecting the Canada Atlantic Railway Company has been approved, providing that the company may extend its line from the present terminus at Lacolle, St. John county, Que., to points on the northeasterly boundaries of the States of New York and Vermont, crossing the River Richelieu by a bridge at Lacolle. Five years are given for the completion of this work, and the company is authorized to issue bonds to the extent of \$25,000 per mile.

IT is announced that Malcolm & Ross, railway contractors, have secured the charter of the Restigouche and Western Railway, a line projected to connect with the Baie des Chaleurs Road at Campbellton, N.B., and run to St. Leonards on the St. John River, a distance of 110 miles. At Van Buren, Me., just across the river from St. Leonards, the new line will connect with the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad.

MUCH comment is made upon the British Columbia Government's plan for bonusing the Cassiar railway. The Cassiar country is to a certain extent like the Yukon, a rich gold country of immense area, but difficult of access, and dependent upon the coast for supplies for the miners. The application for this railway has been made by Warburton Pike, the great hunter. The Government promises to lease for 50 years to the company blocks of land not to exceed 10,240 acres per mile for each mile of road built. For this the railway must pay one and one-half per cent. royalty on all precious metals taken out, \$50 a year for each claim taken up, \$100 a year for every transfer of a claim, 50 cents per thousand for milling timber cut, and 25 cents per cord on cordwood, and 5 cents a ton royalty on any coal mined. These railway lands during the term of the lease are open to entry by free miners who, however, must give the company a half interest in any mine they stake out.

Industrial Notes.

CALGARY, N.W.T., recently voted \$3,000 to replace the Elbow bridge.

CANADA MILK CONDENSING Co., Antigonish, N.S., has been incorporated.

THE Mac Machine Co., Ltd., Trail, B.C., is building a foundry 40 x 50 feet.

A DAM and bridge were carried away by a flood at Ile Verte, Que., recently.

A NEW Methodist church to cost \$12,000 is to be erected at Renfrew, Ont.

THE Matane, Que., River bridge was carried off by a freshet a short time ago.

E. CANNIFF, of Winnipeg, has perfected a machine for preventing prairie fires.

THE Whitelaw Trading Co. is establishing a central butter factory at Brandon, Man.

THE capital of the Prescott, Ont., Elevator Co., Ltd., has been increased from \$175,000 to \$300,000.

CITY ENGINEER MURDOCK, of St. John, N.B., recommends the installation of an additional high level pumping plant at Silver Falls.

SENATOR SNOWBALL's saw mill at Chatham, N.B., has been thoroughly overhauled and new machinery added at a cost of \$10,000.

BARBER & WATSON, iron founders and manufacturers of water wheels, Meaford, Ont., have dissolved partnership. C. Barber continues the business.

JOSEPH ROGERS' new sawmill at 16 Island Lake, Montfort, Que., is nearly built. It is to have a complete modern equipment and is expected to be running in about four or five weeks. Mr. Rogers is the pioneer settler of this vast lumbering district.