

MINING.

A MINING ASSOCIATION FOR NOVA SCOTIA.—Our mining men must not forget that in union is strength. They recognize that our mining laws are imperfect, and that so long as we depend for their amendment upon legislators unfamiliar with the needs of the mining fraternity, these laws will remain in their present unsatisfactory condition. Mine owners and prospectors ought therefore, one and all, to lend their aid in furthering the organization of a mining association. With such an association in active operation, the crudities and perplexities of our laws, which now annoy and hamper our miners, could readily be removed. All those favoring the formation of the association, should as soon as possible authorize W. L. Lowell & Co. to place their names upon the memorial now in their hands. This memorial briefly sets forth the need for such an association, and the advantages to be derived from its establishment.

WHO REPRESENTS THE MINERS?—The candidates for Parliamentary honors are now busily engaged in canvassing for the votes of electors on Tuesday next. When these gentlemen visit the mining camps, they should be prepared to state their views upon the great mining interests of this province, and miners should see to it that the candidates they support are men well able to deal liberally with this great natural industry.

WHITE ROCK MILLS.—Several of the Manganese Mines are reported as preparing for heavy work during the summer. The new mine recently opened up at White Rock Mills, on the Gaspereau River, Kings Co., is considered an excellent property, and the owners have decided to lay out a considerable sum in its development.

EXTRACTS FROM THE OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE U. S. CONSUL AT OTTAWA, ON CANADIAN PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS.—"The following table will show the shipments from Canada for the past three years, ofapatite."

Years.	Quantity. Ton gross.	Value.	Valued at Montreal, per ton.
1882	16,585	\$333,019	\$20.08
1883	19,466	421,962	21.67
1884	23,000	519,000	20.25

The shipments for 1885 are known to exceed 25,000 tons. Quality of the Deposit. Being a more concentrated phosphate than is known to exist in quantities in any other part of the world, it is greatly sought for to bring up the acid phosphate fertilizer to a higher percentage of phosphoric acid. Regarding the value of this Apatite as a fertilizer, a reliable authority states that Canadian phosphates contain 89.91 per cent. of tribasic phosphate of lime, according to a most authentic analysis. A comparative table of the analytical composition of phosphates recently published shows that with the exception of three limited deposits in the West Indies, and one in Spain, the Canadian apatite ranks the highest. Also recent foreign official reports show that in those parts of Europe where the sugar beet is extensively cultivated, France, Belgium and Denmark, notably in France, no fertilizer has been found to equal the mineral phosphates of Canada."

The New Ireland silver and copper mine will be in active operation next week. The steam pump was put in last Saturday. The crusher, smelter and engine are up, but a new engine will shortly be put in. About 50 hands will be kept steadily at work. A large boarding house is being put up for George McLane, and a blacksmith shop. Altogether the mine will make a genuine hum at New Ireland.—*Maple Leaf, Albert Co.*

UTAH—A strange metal, hitherto unclassified in mineralogy, has recently been discovered in the Bell Mine, Utah. Specimens have been sent to the Smithsonian Institute, where its nature has not yet been passed upon. Mr. Meyers says of the vein which contains the metal:—"It carries considerable gold in places, but the latter cannot be separated from the strange mineral by the ordinary process of working gold ores. The mineral when melted is as white as silver, but much harder. It takes about the same heat to melt it as required to melt silver, and weighs about the same, but it is as soft as galena before being subjected to heat."

In the United Kingdom (England) 159,351,418 tons of coal were produced in 1885, employing 520,632 colliers, giving an average of 306 tons to each collier."

FOSSIL HUMAN FOOTPRINTS.—Herr H. E. Low has obtained and forwarded to the Imperial Museum in Vienna, twelve large stone slabs, bearing the foot-prints discovered last year in the solid rock, in the quarry over Lake Managua, in the territory of Nicaragua. The interest was increased by the statement that these foot-prints had been overlain by eleven different layers of stone, extending to a depth of four meters, and indicating an antiquity for our race quite transcending all conjectures hitherto hazarded. They are about three quarters of a meter square. They can now be inspected by European geologists. The foot-prints are sunk into the stone to a depth of from eight to ten centimeters. The stone itself is a porous tufa, and the super-incumbent layers, which had been removed for building purposes, were all of a more or less solid volcanic conglomerate, and seem to be those of three distinct persons, one of whom was a child.

The San Ricardo, of Sonora, Mexico, have in sight \$1,000,000 in fine gold ore. There is on the dump at the mill \$30,000 worth of ore, and the mines are looking better every day. Their new mill is just about completed, and will be running very soon.—*Chicago Mining Review.*

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(Limited), will be held in Association Hall, city of
Halifax, on Thursday, June the 17th next, at 3
o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of organizing the
said company, passing by-laws, electing directors
and the transaction of other business in connection
with the organization of said company.

By order of the Provisional Board of Directors.
J. C. MACKINTOSH,
Acting Secretary.

Halifax, N. S., May 31st, 1886.
N. B.—Only those who have paid the first call
will be entitled to vote at the above meeting.



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the under-
signed, and endorsed "Tender for Port Greville
Harbor," will be received at this Office until
SATURDAY, the 26th day of June, 1886, inclu-
sively, for the construction of works at PORT
GREVILLE, Cumberland County, N. S., in
accordance with plans and specification to be seen,
on and after Saturday the 5th June, at the Office
of the Department of Public Works, Custom House,
Saint John N. B., and at the Office of the Halifax
Banking Company, Parramore, N. S., where printed
forms of tender can be obtained.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will
not be considered unless made on the printed forms
supplied, the blanks properly filled in, and signed
with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accom-
modated bank cheque, made payable to the order of the
Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal
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fail to complete the work contracted for. If the
tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned
The Department does not bind itself to accept
the lowest or any tender.

By order,
A. CORRELL, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 27th May, 1886.