

tion in one of the most important parts of the North Shore for all time to come ; and, so far as we are concerned, in materially interfering with the use of our wharves, piers and harbor.

The wharf and pier are between 700 and 800 feet long.

(5.) With reference to the other point, viz , that the use of this water covered land is indispensable to the proper development and enjoyment of the islands and a part of the main shore.

The vein on Silver Islet crops out on Burnt Island and on the main shore in a uniform line.

As I have already mentioned, we are now working on Silver Islet and on the main shore, and we have in view the sinking of another shaft on Burnt Island.

It is obvious that it would be of great advantage to connect these three points, which could be done by means of a tunnel (which, of course, would not interfere with navigation), as communications would thus be established which would be independent of the weather and of the difficulties created by ice, which are very great.

In consequence of the small size of Silver Islet this would become a necessity if the mine should prove productive for any length of time to come, as some other outlet for the ore and debris would have to be found in order to the working of the mine to advantage.

And if we have the right to mine under water there is no doubt, I think, that a tunnel would be constructed, at any rate ; as to the great saving of expense which would follow the construction of a tunnel, would be added the chance of paying the cost of construction out of the work itself by following the course of the vein.

If the riparian owner (including in that phrase the owner of the islands) is prohibited from following veins under water, the practical result will be that no one will be willing to expend the money that is necessary for successful operations.

He would not run the risk if there was any chance of being stopped when he had got to the water line, or even to the base of a small island ; and these small islands would thus become locked up.

In fact, even the rumors about the issuing of the Patent I refer to, have already had a depressing effect on capitalists, both in the United States and England.

A feeling of insecurity has, to my own knowledge, sprung up which, I have no doubt, will have the effect of retarding development and mining if we do not receive protection.