

THE *Island Reporter*, of Sydney, N.S., gives an account of colliery No. 1 of the Dominion Coal Co., in which it is stated that with the improvements now being made, the output before the end of 1895 will reach 1,000 tons a day.

THE Ontario Natural Gas Co., after a month's hard work, have struck a new well near Rathwell. The flow is estimated at 1,000,000 cubic feet per day, the pressure being about 400 pounds. The new well will be kept as a reserve.

THE 5th annual general meeting of the Mining Association of the Province of Quebec will be held in Montreal on the 9th, 10th and 11th inst. The meeting will be devoted to business, and to the reading and discussion of several valuable papers.

THE Quesnelle, B. C., Quartz Mining Co. will probably give to a syndicate a half interest in the Hixon Creek mine, provided that \$100,000 are spent on the property. The intention is to work the ore by the cyanide process and operations will begin in the early summer.

THE mayor of Hamilton has had before him the deed of mortgage between the Hamilton Iron & Steel Co. and the Atlantic Trust Co. This provides for the mortgaging of everything on the smelting works site as soon as placed there. The obligation of the company is limited to \$250,000.

A CONFLAGRATION took place last month on the west slope of the Springhill, N.S., mines, and several buildings were quickly destroyed, owing to everything being saturated with oil. Loss, \$75,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. About 400 men are thrown out of employment.

THE Montreal Quarry Co. (Ltd.), capital stock \$200,000, are applying for incorporation for the purpose of acquiring quarries and quarrying and manufacturing building stone. The applicants are P. Alex. Peterson, C.E., P. Lyall, D. A. McCaskill, W. G. Reid and Geo. McDougall, all of Montreal.

G W MAYNARD, mining engineer, of New York, has been prospecting for gold in the Renfrew, N.S., district, and is satisfied with the prospects. Apropos the number of fine mining districts in this country altogether untouched in the way of development, Mr. Maynard commented on the lack of enterprise shown by Canadians in making use of the wonderful resources of their country.

THE Crystal Gold Mining Co., Ltd., of Rathbun, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. They will deal in mines and minerals, carry on mining operations, manufacture electric power and appliances, compressed air, etc. The charter members are Peter White and Thos. Hale, of Pembroke; Wm. Anderson, Ottawa; Rinaldo McConnell, Mattawa, and J. L. Caverhill, of Montreal.

THE city council of Hamilton will grant the Hamilton Iron and Steel Co. an extension of time for completing their smelting works from January to July 1st next. The following officers have been elected: President, Wm. Foster, jr., New York; secretary, H. N. Curtis, New York; treasurer and general manager, J. J. Morehouse, Hamilton. A portion of the new building was blown down in a gale the other day, but this is being rebuilt and work is progressing favorably.

## Railway and Marine News.

THE new G.T.R. bridge over Trout Creek, at North Bay, is completed.

THE Dominion Government are preparing to build a pier at Thessalon, Ont.

THE C.P.R. are about to erect additions to their flour and freight sheds in Owen Sound, Ont.

A NEW steamer, the "John Milne," was launched last month at Barrie, Ont. She is 112 ft. long.

CONNOLLY BROS. are about to start the building of a new dredge at Kingston dry-dock, to cost \$60,000.

SINCENNES, McNAUGHTON & Co., Montreal, are building a large new tug for the harbor commissioners of that city.

THE assistant engineer of the department of public works recommends the preparation of plans for a new dock at North Bay.

R. O. & A. B. MACKAY, Hamilton, are refitting their steamships "Michigan," "Acadia" and "St. Magnus," at a cost of \$12,000.

LONDON, Ont., city engineer is making plans for freight terminals for the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway. The cost will be about \$10,000.

THE railway suspension bridge at Niagara Falls, Ont., is to be taken down and replaced by an arched cantilever bridge.

THE Temiscouata Railway Co. are applying for power to extend their line to a point on the I.C.R., between Berry's Mills and Moncton.

THE steamer "Persia," belonging to the Norris estate, St. Catharines, Ont., was sold at auction last month to John Carruthers, for \$9,700.

THE Great North-West Central Railway Co. are applying for an extension of time of seven years in which to complete their proposed line.

THE Ottawa, Arnproir and Parry Sound Railway Co. will apply to the Dominion Government for an extension of time in which to complete the line.

It is likely that the Nelson and Fort Sheppard and the Columbia and Kootenay Railway Companies will build a large union depot at Nelson, B.C.

HENRY SMITH, contractor, Ottawa, has finished the construction of the Point du Chene, N.B., breakwater. It is 600 feet long by 27 feet wide, and about 25 feet high.

THE Gould Coupler Co., of Buffalo, proposes to establish a factory on the Canadian side in order to avoid the duty, their goods having a considerable sale in this country.

A DEPUTATION recently waited on the Ontario Government to ask them to renew or grant \$2,000 per mile that was made some years ago to aid the Port Burwell Railway.

THE London and Port Stanley Railway Co. are drawing up plans for an engine house, freight shed, turn-table, etc., to be erected at Port Stanley, at a cost of \$10,000.

THE Nova Scotia Coast Railway Co. have suspended work for the winter, the cost of excavating in that season having been found to be more than half again as much as two months ago.

THE Hamilton Steamboat Co. have elected officers as follows. President, G. E. Tuckett; 1st vice-president, M. Leggatt; secretary-treasurer, Seneca Jones, and manager, F. Armstrong.

THE directors of the Restigouche & Victoria Railway have ratified the agreement with the American syndicate who are to operate the road. Construction work will begin in the summer.

THE Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Co. has been re-organized with S. E. E. Peabody, of Boston, as president. Construction work is now going on between Brantford and Hamilton.

DUNKIRK (France) Chambre de Commerce, in deference to the wishes of a number of Montrealers, will do all it can towards the establishment of a direct steamship service between France and Canada.

A PARTY represented by R. A. E. Greenshields, of Montreal, are opposing the enlargement of the span of the proposed bridge of the South Shore Railway at Sorel, the order for which was granted some time ago.

IN the case of Murray, Cleveland & Co. vs. the Queen, in which plaintiffs claimed the cost of some improvement work on the Galops Rapids, judgment was given for the former to the amount of \$8,907.30.

TENDERS have now been sent in for the construction of the Dartmouth branch of the I.C.R., the work to be finished by July 31st. The branch line will be 10½ miles in length, running from Dartmouth via Tufts Cove to Windsor Junction.

THE New York, New England and Canada Railway Co. are applying for incorporation for the purpose of building a railway from some point on the I.C.R., near Halifax, through the counties of Halifax, Lunenburg and Queen's, to Yarmouth Harbor.

THE C.P.R. have completed the survey of a route from Robson, B.C., at the mouth of the Kootenay river, to Northport. There is a good deal of gold and silver ore in this district, and the completion of a line of railroad would assist very greatly in its development.

THE Lake Superior & Atlantic Railway Co. have now made satisfactory financial arrangements, and work on the four chief sections of the road will begin at once. It is expected that the Baie des Chaleurs & Great Eastern sections will be completed within a year, and the Ottawa Valley & Ontario Pacific sections within two years.

THE Toronto and Montreal Steamboat Co. (Ltd.), Toronto, are applying for incorporation, with a capital stock of \$24,000, for the purpose of acquiring the steamship "Persia," of St. Catharines, Ont., and other vessels, and conveying therein passengers and cargo on the lakes, the St. Lawrence, and all connecting rivers or canals, and on the high seas. Among the applicants are Jas. Carruthers, J. I. Davidson, and Michael McLaughlin, all of Toronto.