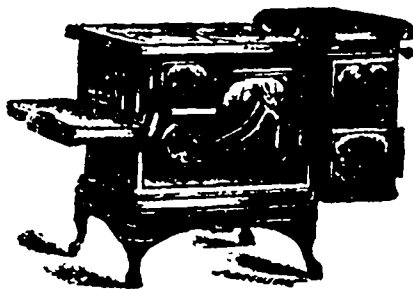


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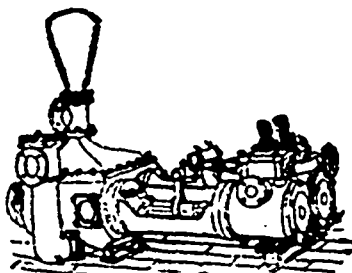
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COMMITTEE TO REVISE MINING ACTS.—It was proposed at the late session of the Local Parliament that during recess the Commissioner of Mines, assisted by a committee of the House, should enquire into the workings of the mining Act, and thus be prepared to meet the next Parliament with a revised act, simplifying the present one and making alterations where they were found necessary. We have since heard nothing of the committee, and trust that the present summer is not to be passed over without our practical mining men being called upon for their opinions of the act. The appointment of the committee was a wise step, and we trust that their work will be speedily and thoroughly done. There have been numerous complaints made against the mining Act, and they should be patiently investigated, and if well founded, a remedy provided. The appointment of a committee to investigate the workings of the Act was a move in the right direction, and the Local Government by its action has proved its desire to deal fairly with the great mining interests in the control.

RENFREW DISTRICT.—Good reports continue to be received from the district. Mr. Hayward lately sent a large brick to Boston, the result of two weeks work. He has repaired the damage to his mill, before reported, and has been pushing work night and day. He left last week on a fishing trip and will also inspect some of his other mining properties.

The Renfrew Consolidated has had a visitation of bad luck, and last week, just as the pumps were fixed and everything was in shape for work the water wheel went to pieces. This was enough to try the patience of a saint, as it will take at least two weeks to build a new one, the stuff having to be sawed out. In the meantime Mr. Fisk, the manager, will be able to place all the running gear in good order, thus minimizing the risk of further mishaps this summer.

It is strange, but true, that the manager celebrated the Fourth of July by cutting ice. This will give some very ignorant people a chance to cut out against the "terrible severity" of our climate, so we had better add that it was cut out of an old shaft. One and one-half tons of fine clear ice, six inches thick, were cut and stored in the ice house for future use. We may "drop in" on the manager before the supply is exhausted.

Mr. John McGuire, of the Brookfield Mine, took a bar of gold at Halifax on Monday last weighing 180 ounces.—*Liverpool Times.*

It is reported that R. McNaughton has bought from Gardner the stamp mill and fixtures of the mine at Country Harbor.

OXFORD MINE.—The rich angular recently found on the Oxford mine yielded 220 oz. from 12 tons of quartz crushed. The lead has been located and prospecting is now being vigorously pushed to rediscover it. The battery lead is looking better and better, and increased returns are expected this month.

NEW BRUNSWICK MINING ITEMS.—Mining matters in this Province are not exceedingly brisk, yet a confidence in the coming mining boom seems to be established, and owners of mining properties are getting them in shape for sale, examination, etc.

The Manganese mine on White's Mountain is showing up in magnificent style. It is confidently said this is the best deposit of the kind in Canada. There is probably \$2,000 worth of ore on dumps, and good judges say \$10,000 worth in sight. This is known as the Stockton Mine, but unfortunately it is at present in the Equity Court of this Province, owing to some claim made by outside parties. How it will terminate is unknown yet. It is to be hoped it will soon be arranged one way or the other.

A new lease or bond has been taken of an adjoining property by a citizen of Sussex, which, it is thought by many, will prove almost as good a deposit as the one just written of. A good interest in this property could be had by party possessing capital to help open it up properly, and necessary payment on bond to ensure retention of property. Persons wishing to invest can do so through THE CRITIC Office, where address of the correspondent can be had.

Your correspondent has had given him a quantity of what evidently appears to be a Graphite, or plumbago. The sample seems exceedingly fine, and is evidently the decomposed portion of vein or deposit. Parties having it in hand say there are large deposits of it, if it is well handled, and as they are reliable, probably it is correct. A sample has been forwarded to competent authority for test, and the result anxiously waited for.

The Manganese Mine at Petitcodiac is idle at present, and it is understood that efforts are being made to form a joint stock company.

Work in the big copper, lead, and silver belt at New Ireland, N.B. Co., is being pushed forward, and owners have recently had an expert examining same with, it is said, most satisfactory encouragement.

Boston parties interested in the developments at Crooked Creek, N.B. Co., have been examining the ground, and it is said are highly pleased with the appearance of matters. It is understood that a good equipment of the most improved machinery will be shortly erected.