

MINING—Continued.

MINING ASSOCIATION.—A fair start has been made towards the formation of a Mining Association, but much still remains to be done; and it is to be hoped that all mine-owners, mining engineers, and prospectors, will now come forward and make the Association the success it should be.

When the Association is once in full working order, its great usefulness will be made apparent.

Outside of the incalculable benefits to be derived from the meeting together of all the mining men in the Province, the debates and papers that would follow on the best methods of mining and milling the ores, the comparison of ideas and the feeling of good fellowship engendered, is the fact that the Association would become a power which would command the attention of our legislators.

Our mining Act, with all its crudities and absurdities, certainly needs amendments, if not a total revision, and who so competent to point out its defects and suggest amendments, as the men engaged in the mining business, who have so often suffered under the present Act.

We all know that the titles in this Province are now considered so uncertain that capital, which would otherwise flow in this direction, is now almost unattainable; and with this fact before them, mining men should at once unite, and with the power that unity gives, have the evil eradicated without delay.

The good work cannot be begun too soon, as it requires time, consideration and close legal scrutiny, to prepare an Act that will remedy existing defects, and not interfere with old titles.

With the light thrown on the present Act by recent decisions, after a careful examination of the mining laws of other countries, aided by the views of practical men as to our local necessities, the Association should be able to meet the next Legislature with an Act that would be a credit to our Province, and that would do away entirely with the vexatious and ruinous litigation that at present involves some of our richest gold properties.

This one object should suffice to at once unite all the mining men in the Province; and it is hoped that the roll of the Association, which is in the office of W. L. Lowell & Co., will be rapidly filled up.

Miners residing at a distance, and not intending to visit the city at present, would confer a favor by communicating their views to the editor of THE CRITIC.

KENTVILLE MINE.—The 12 tons of quartz run through the mill last week yielded 21 ounces of gold. If this return continues, the company will make a good thing out of it. We are on the look out for your agent in this camp.—*Com.*

Mr. H. S. Poole, manager of the Acadia, and Mr. J. G. Rutherford, of the Halifax company, went to Montreal last week to consult with the mine owners on matters connected with the scheme for the amalgamation of the coal companies.—*Trades' Journal.*

A COAL MINE.—After investigation by a competent miner, Turney Manzer's coal mine on the Nashwaak, promises to become a huge bonanza.—*Fredericton Reporter.*

VICTORIA, B. C., May 12th.—The province appears on the eve of a great quartz excitement. Numerous new ledges are being opened, and preparations made to work the old discoveries.

PERSONAL.—F. E. Corning, Esq., of New York, one of the first class mining experts of the United States, is in town, and will proceed to St. Anne and other places, to examine and report upon the various mines owned by Judge Tremaine. He is sent by a syndicate. It is to be hoped that the energy exhibited by Judge Tremaine in regard to the mining industries of this and the adjoining county will be fully realized and well repaid.—*Island Reporter.*

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE GOVT. INSPECTOR OF MINES.—“The following summary shows, so far as I have been able to learn, the mineral production of Nova Scotia during the year 1885, compared with that of the previous year:—

	1884.	1885
Gold.....Ounces.....	16,079	22,203
Iron Ore.....Tons.....	54,885	48,129
Manganese Ore.....“.....	302	353½
Copper.....“.....	110	
Lead.....“.....	100	
Barytes.....“.....		300
Antimony.....“.....	600	758
Coal raised.....“.....	1,389,205	1,352,205.
Gypsum.....“.....	111,068	87,644
Building Stone.....“.....	780	3,827
Coke made.....“.....	40,085	30,185
Limestone.....“.....	25,567	16,429
Grindstones, etc.....“.....	2,200	2,208

THE COAL FIELDS OF NOVA SCOTIA.—Nova Scotia coals belong entirely to the bituminous system of Dana, and may be subdivided into cooking, free burning, and cannel coals. It may be remarked that the coals of this country belong to the same geological horizon of the carboniferous system as those of England and the Eastern United States, and present many points of intimate connection in fossil remains and in the associated strata.

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