

your theories would be selfish on my part as well as unproductive. Too much dog-in-the-manger-style has previously characterized mining and the discussion of matters of benefit to miners generally. It is time now for miners and capitalists having investments in mines to lay aside all rancour and petty jealousies for the accomplishment of a grand result in the way of proving incontrovertibly the existence of a lower or second deposit of gold-bearing quartz in our Province. Should such be demonstrated, our gold-mining, now in its infancy, would receive a new impetus, and capital from abroad would be always obtainable for working purposes. No country in the world could then compete with Nova Scotia, owing to our cheap provisions and labor, and the nearness everywhere to the base of supplies. Then would be removed the only real objection offered by foreigners as to our deposits being, as they allege, shallow.

Surely the investigation of such a question, vitally affecting, as it does, the value of every miner's property, to say nothing whatever of its importance to the Province, ought to receive more than a passing notice from your readers; and it only should be necessary to settle the *modus operandi*, instead of wasting time over a discussion that would be forever fruitless till the bowels of the earth are opened sufficiently to prove or disprove what might be affirmed or denied.

For my own part, I am confident that a lower pay streak will be found, and I have formed this opinion, not so much from conjecture, as from a statement made to me by an old miner of '67, as to what he actually saw in a deep mine in one of the districts to which you have referred.

The Government can hardly be expected to aid any individual in the deep mining enterprise; but if the testing of this matter was placed in the hands of the entire mining community, or such of them as should be willing to risk a few dollars in solving the problem—if it be a problem—then it would be of Provincial interest, and there would be every inducement and ground for Government support, under proper conditions and surveillance, to aid the scheme.

My idea of the proper method to be followed, is this. Let a stock company be formed to operate, and let every dollar of the stock be *bona fide*, subscribed on a basis that every man who invests will discharge a duty to his country, or have a chance of benefitting himself. Let the directors be men of practical knowledge of mining, and of integrity, and make the shares of such a price as to ensure every miner's aid, and then employ none but stockholders to work in the mines. Thus you will make every man interested (from the President and large shareowner to the workman with his one or two shares) fully alive to promote, by all means, the successful accomplishment of the task. The Government might be prevailed upon to make some concessions to the company, provided it is *bona fide* worked, in the shape of free claims to all veins after a certain depth is reached, or in the way of abandoning all royalties on gold mined at or below a certain depth from the bed rock. But if the Government should not concede anything, in the event of success the company would be all right; and in the event of loss after a fair trial, the amount paid in by a miner who has been fortunate in the business, would be so small a loss that it would not be worth talking about. For my own part, although I am probably poorer than most of those interested in mining, I would cheerfully risk a few hundreds in the project, if it was started.

A number of details of course would have to be arranged, but I think the sketch above given will do to show your readers that the thing can be done.

Yours truly,

DEEP MINER.

"THE GOLD-BEARING VEINS OF NOVA SCOTIA."—At the last meeting of the Royal society at Ottawa, Mr. Gilpin, deputy commissioner and inspector of mines, read a paper on the above subject. The questions affecting the formation and the disposition of the gold veins were dwelt upon at some length, and descriptions given of the various conditions under which gold occurs in them. The question of finding gold at depths exceeding those at present reached in our province, was referred to, and it was shown that the conditions permitting the formation of veins extended far below any mining operations yet undertaken here.

The gold product of the Colar section of the Mysore field, according to the London *World*, since 1884 and up to May 1, 1888, has been as follows:

	Ounces.	Dollars.
Mysore mine.....	42,784	\$834,000
Nundydroog mine.....	3,458	68,000
Belaghat mine.....	900	18,000
Total amount.....		\$920,000

Besides this production there has also been other products from the exploitation of the Indian Consolidated, Nino Reefs and Orogenin properties. We may add, their product anterior to 1888 aggregated \$631,000 and that the product for the four months ending 30th April was \$289,000.

The Taylor-Plumas Mill Mining Company have declared a dividend of twenty-five per cent. in stock, upon stock that assessment has been paid.

The Jay Gould Mining Company of Montana, paid May 5th, dividend No. 12, of six cents a share, aggregating \$24,000, making \$136,000 paid this year and \$231,000 paid to date.

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