

published by the Dominion Atlantic R.R. It is not confined to this Minas district, however, but embraces the south shore of Nova Scotia, Yarmouth, Weymouth, Digby and Halifax. Finally, "St. John River, the Rhine of America," is a pictorial pamphlet sent us by the Intercolonial Railway, with good map and full instructions to sportsmen. Any one of these furnishes inducement enough to a man who wishes to get sport, health and interesting scenery in one trip.

While on this subject we may note for the benefit of our readers in the editorial profession that the Canadian Press Association takes its excursion this year from August 15th to September 3rd, from Montreal and Quebec to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. It will visit most of the places we have just been mentioning, besides stopping at Chatham, Miramichi, visiting Prince Edward Island, and going as far east as Sydney, Cape Breton. No more delightful outing can well be imagined. Many ladies are expected to take part in this sea-side jaunt.

#### LUMBER AND TIMBER.

The adjourned sale of crown timber limits in the districts of St. Maurice, Bonaventure, Rimouski, Grandville, Lake St. John, St. Charles and Saguenay took place on the 26th ult. For some of the limits, the Government's upset price was not reached, but 39½ miles in Bungay township were sold for \$200 per mile; 32 miles on the Jacques Cartier river at \$81 per mile, and 50 miles on the river Norwelle in West Bonaventure at \$31 per mile. Altogether, the sale realized about \$50,000.

The North Shore Power Company, Three Rivers, have elected the following officers: President, F. F. Farmer Three Rivers; vice-president, E. C. Crossby, New York; secretary, E. Hargrove, Sherbrooke; managing-director, J. B. Fregian; directors, Mr. W. Curtis, New York, and S. Stevens, Stanstead. The company will shortly increase their electrical power by over 2,000 horse-power, and will build an electric railway.

An English trade journal states that Mr. Clergue, of Sault Ste. Marie, is the moving spirit in an enterprise which has been trying to corner the world's teak market. It is stated that he was foiled in Burmah owing to the fact that the supply there was controlled by the British Government, but has since been devoting his attention to Siam and Cochin China. The attempt, it is thought by some may, under present circumstances prove successful. Well-known qualities of teak in resisting the influence of iron make it the only efficient backing for armor plate.

#### PLUMBERS IN CONVENTION.

Last week there was a convention in Toronto of the National Association of Master Plumbers and Steamfitters. A proposal to form provincial associations met with approval and a committee appointed to prepare the necessary by-laws. The following officers were elected: President, John McKinley, Ottawa; vice-president, Frank Powers, Lunenburg, N.S.; secretary, H. A. Knox, Ottawa; treasurer, Ald. Joseph Lemarche, Montreal, re-elected. Provincial Vice-Presidents—Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island, G. H. Perrien, Halifax; New Brunswick, James Walker, St. John; Quebec, John Watson, Montreal; Ontario, W. Mansell, Toronto; Manitoba, Capt. Joseph Giroux, Montreal; British Columbia, J. H. Wilson, Toronto. The proceedings terminated with a very enjoyable banquet on Thursday evening.

#### COST OF FIRE PROTECTION.

The cost per head of protection from fire varies greatly in different cities of the United States. San Francisco pays the most, and Memphis and Philadelphia are among those whose citizens pay the least. The United States Review gives the following list of per capita contributions: Scranton, 48c.; St. Joseph, 49c.; Memphis, 71c.; Philadelphia, 76c.; Washington, 83c.; Cambridge, 93c.; Los Angeles, 93c.; Portland, 95c.; Baltimore, 96c.; Chicago, 97c.; Allegheny, 98c.; Toledo, \$1.01; Denver, \$1.03; Jersey City, \$1.03; Indianapolis, \$1.04; New Orleans, \$1.05; Fall River, \$1.10; Newark, \$1.12; Omaha, \$1.15; Louisville, \$1.16; Cleveland, \$1.16; Atlanta, \$1.17; New Haven, \$1.20;

St. Paul, \$1.22; Lowell, \$1.25; St. Louis, \$1.26; Kansas City, \$1.30; Syracuse, \$1.31; Worcester, \$1.32; New York, \$1.33; Cincinnati, \$1.35; Paterson, \$1.35; Pittsburg, \$1.39; Milwaukee, \$1.30; Rochester, \$1.48; Minneapolis, \$1.56; Columbus, \$1.57; Albany, \$1.58; Buffalo, \$1.71; Detroit, \$1.75; Providence, \$1.99; Boston, \$2.12; San Francisco, \$2.51.

#### MINING MATTERS.

The Guffey-Jennings Company's mine at Caribou, N.S., has been bought by a corporation which will be known as the Baltimore and Nova Scotia Gold Mining Co. The price was about \$300,000.

The plant of the Gold Fields of British Columbia Company, which was wound up recently in London, has been bought by the Marble Bay Mines Company of Texada Island, and will be installed there at once.

The Brandon & Golden Crown Mining Co., limited, held an extraordinary general meeting in Greenwood a few days ago, and resolved to reconstruct the company under the name of the Golden Crown Mines, limited, with a capital of \$1,500,000.

Quite a large amount of construction work is going on in the Ymir district. The Finch & Campbell company are preparing the ground for the erection of the stamp mill on their Second Relief mine. They will also put a force of miners to work on their Keystone property. The 50-ton concentrator at the Arlington mine is nearing completion. At the Yellowstone mine, near Salmo, the 10-stamp mill is crushing some 500 tons of ore per month. Work has been resumed on the Wilcox mine, owned by the Broken Hill Mining & Development Company. This outside of the Ymir mine itself is perhaps the best developed mine in that section. It has two veins, both of which have been extensively worked. The ore is very free and can be easily panned. From the last report made before the work on No. 2 vein was completed it appears that there was at that time nearly \$150,000 worth of ore in sight.

The Ontario Government has granted an important license of occupation to Messrs. F. S. Wiley, H. A. Wiley and Geo. Hodder, of Port Arthur, and W. F. Hogarth, of Fort William, on Crown land on Hunter's Island, Rainy River district, authorizing them to search for valuable minerals on those lands, and to take up, under the ordinary provisions of the mines act, such mineral deposits of value as they may find thereon. The license is for three years, and the licensees are required to expend in exploration and development work on the lands occupied \$120,000 during the three years, viz., \$25,000 during the first year, \$40,000 during the second year, and the remainder during the third year. It is the purpose of the licensees, who are well-known in mining and commercial circles, to prosecute vigorously the work of exploration and development, and if their search is rewarded satisfactorily it is intended to make the mineral lands accessible by the construction of a railway, and to carry on extensive mining operations. The region at present is remote from means of transportation, lying a considerable distance south of the recently-constructed Ontario & Rainy River Railway.

#### INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES.

Messrs. T. B. and F. J. Dowsley are taking steps to incorporate a company to undertake the manufacture of gear for carriages, etc., in Owen Sound.

It has been decided to manufacture at the Government cartridge factory at Quebec not only shrapnel and segment shells as at present, but projectiles of forged steel, the designs for which are being sent from England.

Still another cement enterprise is to start up in Owen Sound, under the name of the Sun Portland Cement Co., limited, with a capital of \$500,000. Orders for the most modern machinery are being sent out now, and the factory is to be ready in six months.

A despatch from Wallaceburg says that the erection of a sugar refinery in that vicinity is now a certainty. A company has been formed, the stock subscribed, and in the course of a few days the site will be chosen. The factory is to cost \$600,000, and will be bonded for balance of amount required.