

bricks at the Crystal. That he is one of our busiest and most persistent mining men is shown by the plucky manner in which he stuck to the Crystal in the face of difficult and discouraging features, and we feel sure that it is the hope of everybody that he may be recouped beyond his expectations. He is also interested in the McDonald smelter process, one of which we trust will be a Sudbury industry before 1897 is at a close. It is sufficient to say, at present, that everything looks favorable towards the establishment of a custom smelter at this point.

#### CHELMSFORD.

Dissatisfaction has been felt of late by the owners of land in the vicinity of the Gordon coal mine, at the slowness of development, and the secrecy attached to it. There are many who candidly believe that the present promoters have an object in view, that is by keeping quiet and slowly developing, they will be better enabled to secure the adjoining lands. This state of affairs has led to the formation of a company for the purpose of developing all lands in that locality, and the members of it are the land owners surrounding the mine. They are determined to find out for themselves the extent of the deposit. The second meeting was held in the Algoma House on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. Among the members present were Dr. Schumann, G. Hedley, G. Irwin, Jas. Moore, C. Collins, P. O'Donnell, and A. King. As the meeting was private the result of their deliberations is not known, but to use the words of one of its members, "Everything was satisfactorily arranged, and Dr. Schumann will put up sufficient cash to put the company in working order and commence development." As this company holds in its possession upwards of 1,500 acres in the supposed centre of the coal field, and as its members are full of life and energy we expect soon it will be our pleasure to announce to the public the finding of coal in abundance.

It is reported that Mr. L. W. Hart, formerly of the Russell House at Sudbury, has secured a rich gold location near Peninsula Harbor. Mr. R. W. DeMorest has been engaged to do the surveying.

The Citizens Gold and Coal Mining Co. of Sudbury Ltd., is selling shares for a short time at 10 cents per share. The Company has a diamond drill at work on a coal property in Fairbank Township.

We are informed on good authority, says the *Sudbury Journal*, that a certain Toronto man has a blanket application on half of one of the townships in the Wahnapiet country. This is one of the evils which we hope the Government will remedy at this session.

A public meeting was held at Sudbury last week, to consider the question of sending delegates to join those of Parry Sound and Toronto, to interview the Ontario Government with regard to assisting the building of the Toronto and James' Bay Railway via Parry Sound and Sudbury.

The Sudbury Coal Mining Co. are sinking a shaft at the Fairbank mine, and will attain a depth of 50 feet by the 1st of March. The reports from the mine are good, and to judge by the confident smiles of those interested, if they have not reached the bed they are very close to it. It is reported that they have passed through a layer of coal three feet thick.

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#### Seine River.

The *Rainy River Journal* reports four enormously rich finds of gold within a few

miles of the village of Mines Centre, on the lower Seine.

Recent discoveries at Clearwater Lake and Moose Lake show up well and the owners are preparing to develop.

The Lake Harold is one of the best known properties in this region, as work has now gone on for two years and gold bricks to the value of \$6,900 have been taken out of development ore. A 5-stamp mill has been in operation heretofore, and 5 more stamps will be taken in this winter. Supplies are now all in and the necessary hoisting and compressed air machinery is in place.

Men of large capital are interested in the Rainy River and Lake of the Woods districts. Sir Roderick Cameron and his friends are developing a mine on Shoal Lake. Ex-Governor Flower, of New York, a multi-millionaire, is taking a hand, and on a property which he has purchased, it is said he will erect a 100-stamp mill. The dyke will be opened as rapidly as possible to supply the big mill with ore. The vein is several hundred feet in width.

Another mine which is being developed is the Kabiskong, which is believed to have a portion of the Hammond dyke and also another rich vein. About 20 men are now at work putting up camps and preparing for next season's operations. They are on location 361x. On location 336n the Wampum Gold Mining Company, of Toronto, are at work taking in development machinery. The Island Falls property has been partly developed, and preparations are made for more extended work in the spring.

A syndicate comprising Canadian, American and English capitalists has about completed negotiations for the purchase of a portion of the great Hammond-Folger gold dyke near the famous Saw Bill district. The portion in question is about 200 acres in extent, and is about 30 miles distant from Bonheur Station, on the C.P.R. The price to be paid is about an eighth of a million of dollars.—*Kingston Whig*.

The Ferguson mine has a small 3-stamp mill on their properties, which will be in running order by the first of next week. It will be used to thoroughly test the ores taken from numerous shafts and leads with a view to ascertain ore value, and will probably be succeeded by a 40-stamp mill on the opening of navigation. The new manager, Mr. G. Newby Varty, is well satisfied with the property, but proposes to be sure of what is needed first before putting in machinery, so that no costly experiments will be recorded as failures.

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#### Around Madoc.

A company is being formed to open a mining exchange in Madoc village, to assist in the placing of the mines of that section before the public. Agencies for the leading Mining Development Companies of the province will be secured, and the buying and selling of mineral properties throughout that district will be the business of the company.

The sale by public auction of the hematite iron ore under the county road, was held by Madoc township on Saturday last in this village, says the *Madoc Review*. The bidding was spirited for a time, but the highest price that could be obtained was only 50 cts. per ton. This was not considered sufficient by Reeve Allen and the sale was withdrawn. Mr. W. S. Volume was the highest bidder. The township council has decided to now offer the ore for sale by tender.

The *Kingston News* says: The Bay of Quinte Railway Company have a charter from the Do-

minion Government for the extension of their road north from Tweed, through Actinolite, Queensboro, and Bannockburn, where it will when built, tap the C.O.R. Bannockburn is right in the heart of the mining operations, but the company does not want to make it a terminal point. The railway will be pushed through Haliburton county into Nipissing district tapping the new Ottawa and Parry Sound railway, and terminating at either North Bay or Sudbury, passing through the heart of the finest timber limits in Ontario, and through the heart of the richest mineral sections in the province.

Mr. Robt. Soles, of Cannifton road, who is well-known in the city and county as a hunter, trapper, and ginseng digger, returned last week from the northern part of this and the adjoining counties. In the course of his wanderings he makes a point of picking up any specimens of rocks and minerals which attract his attention. While travelling through the township of Miller, in the back end of Frontenac county, he stopped at a farm house and was shown specimens of dark mineral which had every appearance of coal. A prospector named Purvis, from Perth, to whom he showed the specimen, pronounced it to be coal. The specimens were ploughed up in the loamy soil of the farm and Mr. Soles showed them, with several other specimens which he had to those present at Saturday night's meeting.—*Belleville Sun*.

The *Hastings Review* of Madoc says:—The big English company at Deloro (only 8 or 9 miles from Madoc), is a fair sample of the kind of people we want in the Madoc district. Unlimited capital, unlimited energy in the most extensive development of their property, and no "blow" about their operations. We understand they have obtained very satisfactory results from their experiments to discover a cheap mode of treating mispickel ores. The gold obtained is said to exceed \$20 to the ton, and the amount of arsenic obtained is in proportions that have hitherto not been approached at any gold mines in the world.

The Craig Mine, situated a few miles east of Bannockburn, was secured under option a few months ago by a Toronto company, of which Mr. Currie, County Attorney, is the head. A force of men have been at work for some time sinking a development shaft, and if the reports that have reached us within the past few days are true of the exceedingly rich finds of free milling ore, the company will close the option and secure the property at the price fixed, \$12,000, and they will have a snap. The present owners are Messrs. Peter Vankleek, half interest; James Maitland, Col. James Brown and City Clerk Robertson of Belleville, the balance.

The old Richardson hill, at Eldorado, where gold was discovered in Madoc in '66, is again under operation. Another Toronto company, with Mr. John Lambe at its head, has secured possession and will make an effort to prove that all the gold of the Richardson hill was not contained in that extraordinary rich "pocket" that created so much excitement when first discovered. Mr. Lamb and his mining engineer, Mr. W. A. McNaughton, arrived at Eldorado last week and commenced work. We understand their property includes the 15-stamp mill at Bannockburn.

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#### Rainy River.

The Security Gold Mines Development Co. is the first Development Co. organized in the Rainy Lake country. It purposes operating there and up the Seine.

There is between three and four feet of snow