

equipped property, under the management of John McCaw.

At Lake Memphremagog is the Smith property, now being actively developed, by the same people who are working the McDonald property in Weedon.

In Ditchfield a new property has recently been opened.

What the district needs is not ore, but a custom smelter, at some central point, like Sherbrooke. The ore in the Sherbrooke belt is pyrite, and not rich enough in copper to pay for shipping to England, but, as proved by the Eustis and Capleton, with proper capital and smelting facilities, can be made to pay handsomely.

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To the Editor Canadian Mining Journal, Toronto:

Sir,—In view of the recent attacks made in the London Mining Journal on mining administration in India, and also both directly and indirectly on the Director of the Geological Survey, we have deemed it advisable to send you the following extracts, one of which is taken from the Mining Journal of June 26th, 1909, page 801, and the other from the published evidence given by Sir Thomas Holland before the Royal Commission upon Decentralization, and published in Blue-book Cd. 4369 (Vol. X. of Minutes of Evidence, p. 47):—

From the Mining Journal of June 26th, 1909, p. 801, leading article headed "Mining Administration in British India."

"We cannot close our observations on the evidence tendered to the Commission without noting the light thrown by the report on the sincerity of Sir Thomas Holland's attempt to suggest that we had imputed corruption to Government officials in India. As an argument against the establishment of a separate Provincial Survey, the Director of the Geological Survey said:

"If I transferred an officer, say, to Burma, or any province beyond my control, and he was the officer who governed the granting of mining concessions, I have not the slightest doubt that within a year, if he had only ordinary intelligence, he would discover that his salary *would** be only a fraction of his income." We do not remember even to have seen the Chief of what is professedly a scientific body so frankly confess his distrust of his colleagues' honesty and professional pride."

Evidence of Sir Thomas Holland, Director Geological Survey of India, published in Blue-book Cd. 4369, being Vol. X. of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission upon Decentralization in India, p. 47:

Question No. 43455: "Is not an officer who has to deal with mining concessions in any part of the world subject to great temptation?"

"Yes;

if I transferred an officer, say, to Burma, or any province beyond my control, and he was the officer who governed the granting of mining concessions, I have not the slightest doubt that within a year, if he had only ordinary intelligence, he would discover that his salary *need** be only a fraction of his income."

(*The italics are ours.)

By changing one word in quoting the Blue-book, the Mining Journal has altered the whole meaning of the remarks made by the Director. In view of the comments made, it is for the Mining Journal to prove that this misquotation is accidental. Having regard to the claim of the Mining Journal that it "circulates all over the world," the writer of the article must know that it will be read by many to whom the blue-books are not accessible, for no assistance has been given by a reference to the particular volume in which the Director's evidence is recorded. As the inaccurate quotation has already received a start of some weeks before reaching us in India, we shall be glad if, by publishing this letter, you will assist in preventing any further dissemination of a grossly unjust insinuation.

With this sample before them, we can safely leave your readers to estimate the value of the attacks on the Indian administration recently made in the Mining Journal.

Needless to add, the relation between us and Sir Thomas Holland is one of perfect and mutual confidence.

We have been unable to communicate with three of our colleagues who are at present absent in the field, but we are convinced that if they had the opportunity they would join with us in appending their signatures to this letter.

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Editor Canadian Mining Journal:

In your issue of August 15th, I note among the personals from Sherbrooke, Que., reference to a visit of myself and the president of a dredge building company to the property of the Compton Gold Dredging Company, by which it would appear that the placing of a dredge on this property had been decided upon by the company, and this statement is somewhat misleading, although, I am quite aware, unintentionally so.

This property was tested last summer and considered to contain sufficient values in gold to possibly justify the placing of a dredge thereon. Further investigation, however, this year has caused serious doubts as to the advisability of going ahead without further tests, and it would perhaps be well to suspend judgment until such time as these further tests are made.

I might mention further that the company have sufficient funds subscribed to build a dredge, but in the