

The Outlook for Gold Mining in Nova Scotia.

Before closing I would like to say a few words on the prospects for a revival of gold mining in Nova Scotia.

Nature has given this province a splendid position in the commercial world, a position of which its people have not taken advantage. Halifax is nearer Europe than any other city on the American Continent. In August, 1914, the Mauratania left Halifax and arrived at Liverpool, G. B., in four days and 6 hours. It is nearer the world's great markets than any other part of Canada. And yet in spite of her great resources her people are few because of their lack of confidence in their own country. Emigration is rife because of lack of opportunity for the workingman. And this lack of opportunity is because of lack of investment by our moneyed men. Money is tied up in the Banks or invested in foreign stocks, and though shipbuilding and steel works are talked of nothing is done. There was a time in the days of wooden ships that Nova Scotia owned more tons of shipping per head of population than any country in the world. This shows what this province is capable of but now enterprise seems dead in spite of the hoarded dollars.

Nova Scotia's coal and iron resources are well known but not worked to the extent they could be. She has large unworked deposits of gypsum, barite, iron, infusorial earth, amber, plumbago, copper, gold, antimony, manganese, tungsten, silver bearing galena, and late discoveries of tin, and other metals mostly unworked. Her forests contain large quantities of valuable timber including pine, spruce, oak, ash, birch and other woods. The fertile soil of the northern counties grow the very largest crops of hay and vegetables, while the fruit growing sections surprise the world with the perfection and flavor of their apples. Nova Scotia exported of this favored fruit in 1911, 1,500,000 barrels. Its fisheries are among the most famous in the world, and furnish work not only for its own fishermen but for thousands from the United States. Its mineral display, especially its gold, has been the admiration of visitors at the various exhibitions.

Among the things that Nova Scotia can claim credit for are the following:—

- 1st—The largest coal mining shaft in the world.
- 2nd—The record for one days hoisting from one shaft—viz. 4500 tons.
- 3rd—The largest coal seam in the world.