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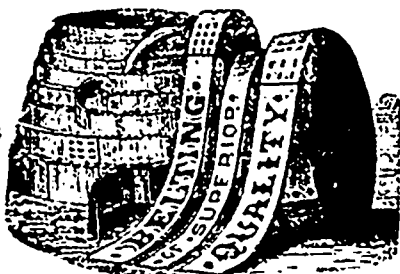
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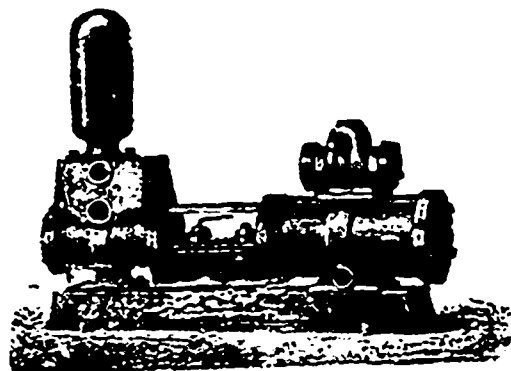
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Advices from the Coxheath Copper Mines up to Sept. 2nd have been received at the Boston office of the Eastern Development Co.

The winze from the 184 feet level of vein B is in high grade ore and is down 40 feet; in sinking the last 10 feet the vein has widened over 3 feet, making this vein, at that depth, 13 feet wide. Vein B is so powerful a fissure that it is more than likely it will maintain its width at this point for a considerable depth and length. The cross-cut at 260 feet from the shaft towards vein B is looking promising, and has cut several narrow stringers of good ore. The pipe line for air drills is completed up to the new vein on the mountain, also down to No. 1 shaft and is connected with the tunnel into the hill, which is half way between shafts Nos. 1 and 2. The two shafts being 1,000 feet apart this tunnel is designed to cut veins C and D and prove their continuance eastward. A tunnel to be driven south into the mountain will soon be started 2,000 feet to the west of shaft No. 2 to prove the strength of the western extension of the parallel veins that have been cut underground by the main cross-cut from shaft No. 2 and which have been traced by promising surface croppings westward. When this work is completed and the south cross-cut from No. 1 shaft driven into the mountain, as recommended by Messrs. Francis and Humbert in their recent reports, the strength of the four parallel veins A, B, C and D will be thoroughly demonstrated for 3,500 feet in length. The new vein opened up on the surface for nearly 1,000 feet is in addition to the above; and is also a powerful fissure, showing ore on surface at several points from 6 to 13 feet in width, so that the prospects of the Coxheath becoming a very large producer in time is exceedingly bright.

N. B. MINING NOTES.—It is so long since I have contributed any items to your columns that you will think I have deserted you, but not so. Moving about considerably and pressure of other matters has prevented.

There are many rumors of mining affairs in New Brunswick, but the boom is slow in coming as it has to you in N. S., nevertheless those who watch the signs of the times carefully see a bright future for the mining industries of N. B.

To commence with I may say that the production and shipment of manganese from the well known Markhamville mines continues regularly.

The deposit of manganese recently purchased for the Crimora manganese Co. of the U. S. in Albert County, is expected to turn out a bonanza for the owners.

This deposit is in the form of a powder or sand said to contain a paying percentage of manganese, and work is now going on preparatory to shipping it in large quantities. Drying kilns are being erected and a branch of the Albert Railway is being constructed to the deposit. It is said there are hundreds of thousands of tons. In some places the deposit is fully 30 feet thick.

Dr. Chandler and some Moncton friends are engaged in developing a property near Elgin, in Albert Co. It is said the indications are very promising.

At Quasco American capitalists are engaged in mining manganese, and it is said to exist in good quantity. Recently some new machinery has been placed on this property.

At Woodstock the stockholders of the Britton Silver Mine are developing their property and are determined to see what the final result will be. A good lot of machinery is on the mine and it is being energetically and systematically developed.

Near St. Stephen a valuable and large deposit of iron and copper pyrites is reported. It is said the ore runs high in sulphur for purposes of sulphuric acid and also yields 4 per cent copper.

When the Tobique Valley railway is completed the immense deposits of plaster on the Tobique will be vigorously worked, and will prove a formidable competitor with Windsor and the Albert plaster mines.

Prospecting for gold is being carried on in several places in N. B. I am informed that on a branch of the Tobique some parties, who have for some years past been prospecting, have put up a small crushing plant. What results are is not known so far. I am in receipt of facts and information of a well defined vein in a certain section of the Province which is between 6 and 7 feet wide. Assays of the same show from 36 ozs. of silver and 1 oz. 15 dwts gold to 57 ozs. silver and 1 oz. 19 dwts. gold. This ought to attract the attention of capitalists. If you know of any person, or any of your readers do, who would like to go into this, I mean genuine bona fide business promptly, I think matters might be put in reasonable shape with the owners for business.

I think I am occupying too much of your valuable space and so will close.

There is great activity in mining, and the prospects are that several large sales of mining properties will soon be completed. Mining engineers, promoters and capitalists by the score have been stopping at the leading hotels in the city, and are making frequent trips to and inspections of the numerous gold properties so easily accessible from here. Mr. Gilbert Parker, Capt. O. B. Brown and Mr. R. R. McLeod of the Coldstream Mining Company were here in the beginning of the week, all as busy as bees.

John McGuire, Mr. Caldwell, W. J. Nelson and others whose names are so intimately associated with the development of the gold mines in the western section of the Province, were also here examining into the merits of several properties in Halifax and Colchester Counties. Geo. Stuart, of Truro, John Anderson, of Miramichi Harbor, Mr. J. E. Hardman, of Oldham, Mr. H. Milton, of the same district, Mr. Wadsworth, of Cariboo, Mr. Reid, of the Oxford mine, and Mr. Willis of Rawdon, all well known gold miners, were interviewed by us while in the city, and all were of the opinion that gold mining in Nova Scotia was advancing with rapid strides.