

MINING.

To Miners sending us their Post Office address, we will forward a copy of the CRITIC, Free, for one month.

HOLDING TO SELL.—It is too frequently the case that those possessing mining areas, hold the same for sale at fancy prices, before the properties have been thoroughly prospected. We referred to this fact in a recent number of THE CRITIC, and our remarks have since been fully endorsed by the representative of a well-known and reliable New York Mining Company. The agent assured us that the company were prepared to invest a quarter of a million dollars in the mines of this Province, provided they could get fair value for their money. The agent assured us that he had visited several mining localities in different parts of Nova Scotia, and had found it utterly impossible to purchase properties at anything like a fair valuation. "Owners," he says, "hold to sell. They would not allow us to develop their mines for them, although we offered to do this at our own cost, nor would they agree to work the areas on shares. To sell an unknown quantity for a fixed price appear to be the mine owner's ultimatum. Such a state of things is certainly not very creditable to the people of Nova Scotia. Capitalists no longer buy their swine in bags; and New York capitalists are not likely to invest their money in a mining area, simply because the owner has secured a lease for the same and has had the property staked off according to custom."

The last clearing up at the Cowan Mine, Yarmouth County, gave a return of 53 ounces from a crushing of 9 tons of quartz.

Prof. Kennedy of Kings College, who has been making a geological survey in the Western part of Annapolis county, procured some fine specimens of copper ore from the mining property on the Granville side of Digby Gut. The analysis of the ore proves it to be of high grade.

Mr. E. S. Spilsbury, who is the manager of one of the largest gold mining properties in South Carolina, speaks most hopefully of the future of mining in the Nova Scotia gold fields. He pointed out that mines in South Carolina were workable on account of the great width of the leads; the ore was of low grade and seldom netted more than \$5.00 or \$6.00 per ton of quartz, with the improvement in machinery, these mines had become paying property. In Nova Scotia the leads are generally narrow, but the high grade of the ore fully compensates for this drawback, a ton of quartz netting upon an average from \$15.00 to \$16.00. Mr. Spilsbury thinks that, with a few exceptions, our mines are worked in a crude and old fashioned style, and is of the opinion that the more general use of modern machinery would greatly increase the net yield.

Mr. T. N. Baker, of the Albion Mines, Montague, has just purchased, for the use of the mine, new steam-hoisting gear, which will be in place in a few days. The company have netted during the month of September \$21,000 over and above all expenses. Improved machinery, practical skill, and careful management, have rendered this mine doubly remunerative.

The new silver lead recently discovered by the Messrs. McLean upon their property at Ohio, Antigonish County, is about to be developed by an enterprising syndicate in which New Glasgow is strongly represented.

Austen Brothers have just received a large lot of Lubricating Oils which they offer low, especially Black Oils.

A correspondent from Middle River, Victoria, C. B., informs us that a gold mine of fair size and good promise was recently discovered in that place. The owners are jubilant over the find, and are preparing to develop the mine before winter sets in. This is the second discovery of mineral wealth made in Cape Breton in the past month.

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.—B. H.—Boston—The first property you mention has changed hands several times during the past eight years, but it has left each of its several owners poorer but wiser. The second is undeveloped and does not stand very high in mining circles here.

S. L.—New York—Rich finds have been reported, but we have heard nothing authentic from the locality you name.

T. S.—New York—The property is rich beyond a doubt, but has been poorly worked for want of capital and experienced management.

EXTRACTS FROM LAWS ON MINING.

The Governor-in-Council, on being satisfied of the discovery of gold, or gold, and silver in any locality, may by proclamation in the *Royal Gazette* of this Province declare such locality to be a gold district, and assign limits and boundaries to such district, and from time to time enlarge, contract or otherwise alter such limits.

Alluvial mines not under lease at the time of the passing of this Chapter, and alluvial mines under lease at such time but which shall hereafter be surrendered by their lessees or become forfeited to the Crown, shall be laid out, as far as local peculiarities will allow, as directed in the case of quartz mines, the courses of the respective boundary lines of such mines to be decided by the commissioner; and the advance payments or rents and royalties shall be the same as those of quartz mines.

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Bridgetown, " 22nd.	Antigonish, October 6th.
Annapolis, " 23rd.	New Glasgow, " 7th.
Digby, " 23rd.	Pictou, " 8th.
Yarmouth, " 24th.	Windsor, " 15th.

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