

to transport the ore by this means to Humber Arm, Bay of Islands, for shipment.

The right of way is cut and two miles of the line graded. Two locomotives and some fifty ore and flat cars were imported last fall. At the junction with the main line called Chrome Junction a depot has been established, and it is contemplated completing the construction of the tramway the coming season.

The talc deposits near Manuels and Fox Trap, Conception Bay, received considerable attention in the early part of last year, but owing to litigation, the work of development was retarded. A line for a tramway to connect the deposit at Talc Mountain with the railway near Manuels was surveyed, and preparations for working on an extensive scale initiated.

The number of persons actually engaged in mining and quarrying during the season indicates an increase over the previous year of 267, while the accidents were less and number of fatalities the same.

As near as can be ascertained the following figures represent the actual numbers employed in the respective mining occupations, &c.:—

	No. Employed.	No. Accidents.	No. Fatalities.
Iron Mining .....	344	11	1
Copper do .....	624	5	4
Pyrite do .....	250	1	1
Slate Quarrying .....	120	0	0
Granite do .....	70	0	0
Gold Mining .....	54	0	0
Barite do .....	30	0	0
Brick Making .....	55	0	0
Miscellaneous .....	307	0	0
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