

MINING.—Continued.

does not look as if we were short of funds, but being somewhat out of the way have some difficulty in getting a sufficient number of experienced miners; and such reports as that which appeared in your paper are not likely to send many miners seeking employment this way—but the reverse.

The parties that gave you the report concerning our mine, did so to injure us. I have no doubt it emanated from some miners who have lately been discharged for good reasons.

In justice to us I trust you will contradict the report in the next issue of your paper, using any or all of the facts contained in this communication as you think best.

For confirmation as to our financial standing and our mining development, I would refer you to Mr. Charles Annand, who has visited our mines several times lately. I could also refer you to several mining men who have been through our works and have pronounced them as systematically developed and as promising as any mining camp in the province.

I am sorry to have to write to you at such length on this matter, but do so, not for the purposes of boasting our property (because it is not in the market), or my own management, or the standing of my associates, but simply for the object of refuting that injurious report.

Yours truly,
A. C. Ross,
Manager Carleton Gold Mines.

RENFREW.—Mr. Haywood is pegging away at his mine, and is now reaping the reward of his systematic work. Not a better managed mine is to be found in the Province. Mr. Fiske is rapidly getting his mine in shape, and already has some fine quartz ready for the mill.

GOLD.—It is understood that the Hall Owen areas (so called) at Whiteburn, Queens, have been sold for \$25,000—of which \$10,000 has been paid down. The Ernest Hunt areas at Malaga Barrens have been bonded for thirty days for \$4,000. There is also some activity in Vogler's Cove stock, and there have been several sales of interests therein, at fair rates.—*Liverpool Advertiser*.

COAL IN HANTS.—It is reported that some very fine samples of coal have been discovered at the Goro in this county and have been sent abroad for inspection. It is a fact borne out by the records that just fifty years ago a Mr. Baldwin, a mining engineer, was sent out from England with a staff of men to investigate the coal fields of Nova Scotia. He was favorably impressed with Hants County and spent considerable time near the Goro, and made extensive plans and reports, and sailed for England with them, but the vessel was lost and the matter was dropped.—*Windsor Tribune*.

The coal beds of China are five times as large as those of Europe, while gold, silver, lead, tin, copper, iron, marble and petroleum are found in the greatest abundance. Owing to the prejudice of the people the mines have never been worked to any extent, it being the popular belief in China that if these mines are opened thousands of demons and spirits imprisoned in the earth would come forth and fill the country with war and suffering.

THE RUBY MINES OF BURMAH.—The Indian government have not yet decided in what manner the ruby mines in Burmah shall be worked. The government will either appoint an agent who will work the mines in their interest or lease them. The methods hitherto pursued have been of the most primitive kind, and it remains to be seen whether Western modes and mechanism will prove better adapted to the work.

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Name of Company.	Paid in June	Since Jan. 1	Name of Company.	Paid in June	Since Jan. 1
Adams, Colo.	\$15,000	Mammoth, Utah	.....	\$ 10,000
Aurora, Mich.	40,000	Mary Murphy, Col.	.....	52,500
Adams, Mich.	40,000	Montana Limited, Mont.	.....	204,740
Bellevue, Idaho, Idaho	37,500	Moulton, Mont.	.....	30,000
Big Bend, Hydraulic, Dak.	36,000	Mount Pleasant, Cal.	.....	45,000
Calumet & Hecla, Mich.	500,000	Ontario, Utah	.....	\$75,000
Central, Mich.	40,000	Original, Mont.	.....	3,000
Cons. Cal. & Va., Nev.	108,000	Paradise Valley, Nev.	.....	10,000
Colorado Central, Col.	41,250	Parrot, Mont.	.....	18,000
Daly, Utah	150,000	Plymouth, Cons. Cal.	.....	25,000
Herbert Rue Gravel, Colo.	20,000	Quicksilver, Cal.	.....	53,750
Elkhorn, Mont.	5,000	Quincy, Mich.	.....	160,000
Garfield, Nev.	12,500	Richmond, Col. Nev.	.....	67,500
Granite Mountain, Mont.	200,000	Russell, Cal.	.....	5,000
Homestake, Dak.	25,000	Silver King, Ariz.	.....	25,000
Honorine, Utah	12,500	Small Hopes, Colo.	.....	50,000
Idaho New Mex.	25,000	St. Joseph's Lead, Mo.	.....	30,000
Iron Silver, Colo.	100,000	Viola, Limited, Idaho	.....	37,500
Jumbo, Colo.	20,000	Yankee Girl, Col.	.....	75,000
Lady Franklin, N. Mex.	50,000			
Leadville Cont., Colo.	20,000	Total	741,500	4,829,000

PTILOLITE.—A new mineral, which is called ptilolite, has been found in conglomerate beds of Green and Table Mountains, Jefferson County. The formation is of the tertiary age. The mineral is found in cavities in which there is a thin coating of pale-bluish chalcedony, upon which the mineral is deposited in delicate tufts and spongy masses composed of short, hair-like needles, loosely grouped together. These needles, when examined under the microscope, are found to be colorless, transparent prisms. Heated before the blowpipe, a tuft of the mineral shrinks considerably and fuses to clear glass. The substance belongs among the aluminosilicates, of which no previously described hydrate contains so high a percentage of silica. The name of ptilolite is given to the new mineral in reference to the light, downy character of its aggregates.

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