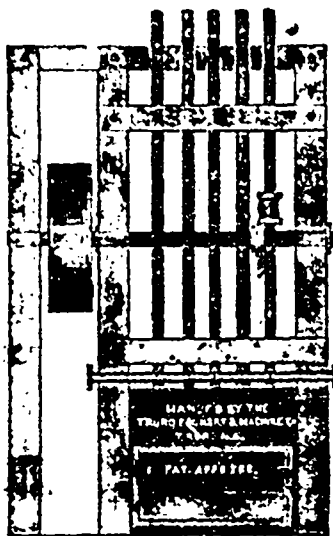


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NOVA SCOTIA GOLD MINERS' ASSOCIATION.—We have so repeated
called attention to the benefits to be derived from the above Association
that we have little more to add. The regular annual meeting will be held
at the Halifax Hotel, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the 3rd of February next, and
there should be a full attendance. Officers are then to be elected, and the
Association fairly launched, we hope not into eternity, but into a life of
usefulness to the gold-mining industry.

The following are the official returns so far received at the Mines Office
for the month of December, 1887:—

Mine.	District.	Tons Crushed.	Ounces Gold.
Empress	Renfrow	236	164½
Oxford	Lake Catcha	694	112
Moose River Co.	Moose River	301	224
Dufferin Mining Co.	Dars Hill	922	417

KEMPTVILLE DISTRICT.—The Cowan Mining Co. is now getting good
returns from the swamp lead. We had the pleasure of a visit from Wm
Skerry, who is now the amalgamator at the works. He informs us that the
prospects of the company are good.

KEMPT COMPANY.—The loss by fire sustained by this company is in-
fortunate. It is not so much in the value of the property destroyed, as
in the vexatious delay, just as everything was in good working order. The
management and shareholders are a plucky lot of business men, and we know
that they will in no wise be disturbed by the fire, but will continue work
with their usual vim. Of the great value of their property there is no doubt.

MOOSE RIVER.—Mr. William Bruce, who is working some of the Moose
River Company's leads on tribute, was in town on Tuesday with a nice lot
of gold, weighing some 64 ounces. He has put up steam hoisting and
pumping gear, and is conducting mining operations with his usual success.
Mr. Bruce, we understand, is now confining his attention to the Little North
lead, which also runs through the property of Mr. Tourquay, the eastern
part of which he has also secured on tribute.

CANNIBOU DISTRICT.—We are unofficially informed that the Lake Lo-
Company, of which Mr. Sawyer, of Boston, is managing director, and Hon.
L. L. Wadsworth, manager, has during the past year, realized not pro-
sufficient to pay for the mine. During this time, the mine has been the-
roughly opened up and placed in a position to yield large profits during the
coming year. The wise management have resisted the temptation to invest
in expensive machinery, and the five stamp mill which was on the property
when they purchased, has continued to do all their work. The Lake Lo-
mine is only a fair sample of the value of our gold mines when they are pro-
perly worked.

STILL THEY COME.—A London special cable to the *Evening Mail*,
the 9th inst., says:—"A strong financial company has been organized here
to work a group of Nova Scotia mines. Engineers have left."

A YEAR OF COAL.—As will be found from the tabulated statement
appended, Pictou shows a decrease of some 31,000 tons. Cumberland keeps
forging ahead, while Cape Breton makes the really fine showing of 120,000
tons increase, equal to an increase of nearly 25 per cent.

	1886.	1887.	In- crease.
Spring Hill	389,476	442,000	53,000
Chignecto	7,527	12,742	5,215
Joggins	18,797	14,000	d. 4,797
Other collieries		500	

	1886.	1887.	In- crease.
PICTOU.			
Drammond	121,779	143,530	21,751
Acadia	92,532	86,270	d. 6,262
Halifax	60,501	67,230	7,000
Val-de-Mare	95,130	38,520	d. 56,610
Muir's mine		est. 2,500	

	1886.	1887.	In- crease.
CAPE BRETON.			
Bridgeport	12,000	est. 12,000	
Block House	3,000	" 5,000	2,000
Caledonia	73,000	102,000	29,000
Gowrie	89,000	118,000	29,000
Glaco Bay	29,000	76,000	47,000
Intercolonial	105,000	103,000	d. 2,000
Ontario	8,000	est. 8,000	
Reserve	83,500	81,500	d. 2,000
S. Mines	120,000	147,000	27,000
Victoria	46,750	65,000	18,250

Totals, by counties (round numbers):—

	1886.	1887.	In- crease.
Cumberland	416,000	169,000	53,000
Pictou	362,000	338,000	d. 31,000
Cape Breton	588,000	717,000	129,000

Grand total for 1886—1,373,000.
Grand total for 1887—1,521,000.

The total shipments are over a million and a-half tons, the total in-
crease being over 150,000 tons. There were 9,000 tons of coke made and sold
at the Albion mines.