

result from open discussion, even if the atmosphere become tropic. Mischievous comes in when a clique or faction is used to railroad a measure through, even though the measure be a good one.

One word more and we shall cease preaching. The success of all arrangements rests not alone in the Secretary's hands, nor is it in the power of special committees to make everything go smoothly. Every member must do his share. Prompt attendance at each session is most desirable. Equally desirable is prompt compliance with the printed requirements issued by the Secretary. In short, the Secretary and the committees need all the assistance they can get.

The Canadian Mining Journal extends a warm welcome to all the visitors. Our sincere hope is that the coming Annual Meeting will be made exceedingly pleasant and profitable for one and all.

HAMPTON'S MAGAZINE AND MR. BANNELL SAWYER.

A magazine that appeals to the public for support must, tacitly or openly, accept responsibility for its advertisements. Hampton's Magazine stands sponsor for the exotic advertisements of Mr. Bannell Sawyer. That gentleman sells stock in the Cleopatra Mining Company, Ltd. "Messages" have been appearing from him in several numbers of Hampton's. This he declares to be his last—and for this mercy our gratitude is due.

Readers of Mr. Sawyer's effusions will be surprised to learn that there is no Cleopatra mine. There is a dubious prospect of that name. Moreover, Mr. Bannell Sawyer's advertisements are grossly misleading. Let us quote a gem from his latest announcement: "Foot by foot, yard by yard, our big compartment shafts are being driven down. . . . Very soon we shall tap at a depth of 100 to 150 feet the silver treasure that has been lying there for centuries waiting for the quick stroke of the drill to release it." This flower of imagination is surmounted by an ideal section in which the artist portrays two quaintly impossible shafts. These shafts penetrate successively "diabase formation," "Kewatin formation," and "silver level." Mr. Sawyer's diagrammatic geology is truly marvellous in its simplicity. Not less to be wondered at is the simplicity of those persons who purchase Cleopatra shares.

Incidentally, we do not admire the device to which Hampton's Magazine resorts. Instead of labelling such announcements as that of Mr. Bannell Sawyer plainly and simply, they are permitted to appear as a "supplement." This is manifestly cheap and nasty.

THE MINING SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Last year the annual meetings of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Mining Institute were fixed for practically the same dates. Hence those who

would otherwise have attended both were forced to make a choice. This year, we are glad to announce, the meeting of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia is set for March 15th and 16th. This will give ample opportunity for western members to attend without foregoing the Toronto meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute.

It is appropriate here to urge upon mining men generally the desirability of attending the Nova Scotia meeting. Much can be learned of undoubtedly good business and professional openings in the Maritime Provinces. The journey itself is decidedly attractive, and the meetings of the society are most creditably conducted.

Mr. A. A. Hayward, the Secretary of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia, will cheerfully furnish information. Further notice will be found in our "Personal and General" columns.

PETERSON LAKE.

One result of the litigation between the Peterson Lake Silver Cobalt Mining Company and the Nova Scotia Silver Cobalt Mining Company is that the treasury of the former has been enriched by 160,000 shares of stock and contains \$58,000 in cash. Another result is that the Peterson Lake directorate is adopting a vigorous plan of development both on its own responsibility and, as has been done in the past, by means of leasing parcels of its territory.

A circular issued by the company will be found on another page.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The freight rate on copper ore from Skagway to the Tyee smelter, Ladysmith, is \$1.46 per ton. The distance is about 1,000 miles.

One item that lends colour to the rumoured purchase of the Dunsmuir collieries by the C. P. R. is the fact that the latter corporation some time ago filed at Ottawa plans for the erection of large coal bunkers on the Indian reserve. However, the newspaper reports concerning the McKenzie-Mann activities have not been contradicted.

The terms of the new agreement under discussion between the employers and the colliery workmen of South Wales include some interesting new provisions. Among these is one requiring all men applying for work to be subjected to medical examination. This is thought by the employers to be a necessary safeguard against complications arising under the Compensation Act.

It is much to be regretted that the American Institute of Mining Engineers has seen fit to hit upon the first week in March for its annual meeting. That meeting is to be held in Pittsburg. Many of the members of the Canadian Institute are also members of the