

### Crown Point Mine still keeps a good showing

The Badger still keeps the lead with surpassingly rich ore. The vein is small but valuable.

The Elgin Mine is under the control of Capt. Hooper, Superintendent of the Beaver Mine, who is putting matters here in a business shape, with a view of giving the property a good test.

The Silver Fox (264 T) is still progressing very slowly—the erection of the necessary buildings requiring most of the attention.

Development in the Black Bay lead mines is being pushed with good results, and the output of building stone (sandstone) from Nipigon Bay to Chicago is continually increasing.

**PORT ARTHUR DISTRICT.**—Great activity exists among prospectors and investors, and likely properties are being bonded with a view to development, but no marked improvement can take place in the mining region until operations on the railway to the mines are resumed. While it costs \$2.50 a hundred to take supplies and outfit into the silver properties west of Silver Mountain, none but the very richest silver outcroppings will be worked, and these only in a superficial manner, until the roads enables heavy machinery to be brought in. The pumping and hoisting machinery for the Silver Mountain West End Mine is now on its way out, and when in place good progress will be made on this most attractive property. The principal shaft is being sunk in a point where the vein is about sixteen feet wide.

The lands of the Silver Islet Consolidated Mining and Lands Company, which were sold by order of the Supreme Court of New York at public auction, in New York, on the 19th inst., were purchased by Mr. J. B. Anderson, of the American Exchange National Bank, for \$5,000. Mr. Anderson refuses to state for what purpose this property, which is extensive, has been purchased. It is probable that he is simply the representative of parties who wish to conceal their identity.

**SUDBURY DISTRICT.**—The Canada Copper Company have now six piles of copper ore burning, four of 250 to 300 tons, and two of 150 tons to 500 tons. Forty of the seventy five feet of chimney is built, foundations for boiler and engines are ready, and everything points to rapid completion, and a start at smelting before winter. The Jencks Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., are building the water jacket smelting cupola, which will be sent up here in sections. In mining, the management report an output last month of 3,000 tons of good smelting ore.

**QUEBEC.**—Large specimens, some of them weighing 9 ounces, have been brought in from the McArthur gold property at Beauce.

The first meeting of the shareholders of Bell's Asbestos Company was held on Wednesday afternoon, 15th ult., at the Cannon street Hotel, London, under the Presidency of Mr. John Bell. The chairman said the company had completed the transactions for acquiring the asbestos mines in Canada, and they had now possession of one third of the world's supply of the kind of asbestos known as Bell's asbestos, which was capable of being woven or spun into a material like flax. The company had already 15,000 customers among the general public on their books, and the material they traded with was of such a unique and important character that its use would sure to be soon applied to purposes at present unknown. The trade is expanding day by day, and he looked forward to the time when the use of this fibre, which is a fibre unique in every part of the world, unconsumable and incorruptible, will extend to a variety of purposes.

There are stirring times at the Graphite City Plumbago mines near Buckingham; some twenty men are employed in rebuilding the mills, etc., under the superintendence of Mr. W. C. Kendall. A substantial new stone-built engine-house, 45 by 25, is also being built. The whole of the buildings are to be put in first-class condition. The tramway to mines is also to be rebuilt, and will be ready for next season's business. The most improved machinery will be used in crushing the material, which can be done at a much less cost now than with the old style of battering rams, formerly in use but now out of date.

Mr. Thos. S. Nowell, whose Alaskan mining bubble we pricked some time ago, has returned East, and his Boston dupes, who were much excited over our exposure of the utter worthlessness of the Alaska Union mines, are again listening to his booming reports. He assures them that he has now got the richest thing on the continent, something "that will far surpass the old Comstock mines." Of course Mr. Nowell told them exactly the same things about each of his other schemes, all of which were subsequently shown to be worthless, but he always expects his dupes to put up a little more money with the hope of saving what they already have in. It is to be hoped, however, that before investing another dollar in Nowell's schemes they will have them carefully examined by competent experts. No reliance whatever can be placed on Nowell's statements—they have, up to this time, always proved misleading.

We understand that before Mr. Nowell left Alaska he stated that as soon as he arrived East he would bring a libel suit against the *Engineering and Mining Journal*. We have heard nothing of this suit thus far, and have no expectation that we will hear anything of it. The *Engineering and Mining Journal* is quite ready.—*E. and M. Journal*.

Gold mining in Beauce, Que., is being prosecuted with renewed energy. A rich vein is said to have been recently struck on the River du Moulin.

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western mails on TUESDAY, the 23rd day  
of October, next, for the formation and con-  
struction of a Canal on the Canadian side of  
the river, through the Island of St. Mary.

The works will be let in two sections, one  
of which will embrace the formation of the  
Canal through the island; the construction of  
locks, etc. The other, the deepening and  
widening of the channel-way at both ends of  
the canal; construction of piers, etc.

A map of the locality, together with plans  
and specifications of the works, can be seen  
at this office on and after TUESDAY, the  
25th day of October, next, where printed forms  
of tender can also be obtained. A like class  
of information, relative to the works, can be  
seen at the office of the Local Officer in the  
Town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Intending contractors are requested to  
bear in mind that tenders will not be con-  
sidered unless made strictly in accordance  
with the printed forms and be accompanied  
by a letter stating that the person or persons  
tendering have carefully examined the locality  
and the nature of the material found in the  
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In the case of firms, there must be attached  
the actual signatures of the full name, the  
nature of the occupation and residence of  
each member of the same; and further, a  
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This Department does not, however, bind  
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By order, A. P. BRADLEY,  
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Department of Railways and Canals,  
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