

Unless the quartz veins do prove productive, the gold will hardly ever become directly a source of revenue to the province, owing to the extreme difficulty there will be found of enforcing any system of licences. To keep on foot a body of police and officials, numerous enough to watch so wide a district, covered over almost its whole extent by dense forests, would cost a hundred fold more than the sale of licenses would ever bring in. And the same difficulty would attend the sale of locations. Once, however, quartz crushing-mills are established, a royalty may be levied without any expense to government, and with as little dissatisfaction as the tax has excited in Nova Scotia. Should the gold fields not prove rich enough to attract single-handed labour, but should capitalists deem it worth while to work on a large scale, the case would, of course, be different.