

dissolved by excess. I should not, however, advise you to try the experiment, as the abnormal size of your head might prevent your attending lectures next morning."

The Wallace, N. S., quarries have a contract to supply 10,000 tons of stone to be used in the construction of the Grand Narrows bridge on the Cape Breton Railway. This, says an exchange, will exhaust the entire output of these quarries for the present year, and will run well into 1890.

Nova Scotia gold mines are developing unusual richness, and a box of specimens which was brought out by one blast was shown in a Halifax shop window a few days ago, which contained gold to the estimated value of over \$3,000. One piece of quartz had more gold than rock in it, and the mine from which it was taken is only seven miles from Halifax.

A new rolling mill company is going into operation near Montreal, which will enter upon the manufacture of wrought iron pipe on a large scale. The erection of its buildings has been begun at St. Henri, near the cotton factory. The company has purchased 140,000 feet of land, upon which it is proposed to erect a main building 200 by 120 feet, to cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The Council of St. Henri has given exemption from taxation for twenty years.

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The numerous steam saw mills on the Miramichi river, N. B., have resumed operations for the season. Within a radius of four miles there are no less than eight large mills, which give employment to about 1,000 men and boys. The lumber cut has been large, freights are high, but as lumber is bringing good rates in Britain, everything points to a prosperous summer in the wood industry.

—Even in the crude and incomplete stage of preparation, says the Philadelphia Record, the American exhibit at the Paris Exposition has disclosed to trained and observant eyes the poverty of our resources in decorative industry. In labor-saving machinery and in new combinations of mechanical principles the genius of American inventors is displayed as signally as upon any former occasion; but nowhere in the American display at Paris have the researches of correspondents and technical experts discovered evidences of progress in decorative art. The United States, in the opinion of the journal quoted, must continue to remain relatively insignificant in the broad field of taste in manufactures until technical training in schools of art shall have replaced much of the useless instruction that now engages the time and attention of American youth.

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A Bordeaux correspondent, defending French claret, says that it is quite true that "large quantities of so-called wine are yearly made in France from dried currants; but it cannot be too widely known that none of this decidedly inferior article ever reaches the foreign market, being consumed solely by the French lower classes on account of its cheapness."

The journeymen plumbers and tinnerns of Vancouver struck on the 13th instant for shorter hours. They have heretofore been working ten hours a day and making \$3.50 to \$4 per day. But now they decide that nine hours are long enough to work, and, the employers aver, they want the same remuneration as for the ten hours' work. The employers refused to come to time and a strike was declared. There are between twenty and thirty men out.

"Johnnie," said the old machinist, as he used the back of his hand to wipe a little sweat off, and a little grease upon, his manly brow; "Johnnie, you are in your second year as 'prentice now, ain't you? Well, when you went from 75 cents to \$1.10 a day you ought to shove your hand out a little further on that hammer helve; yes, 'bout there. Next year you'll be getting \$2.15; then shove her out perty nigh the end, and when you get a real live jour's pay, \$3, why, get clean out—lap your little finger over the end and hit hard. Work your leverage 'cording to your pay, Johnnie, 'cording to your pay."—*Coal Trade Journal.*

—A Clinton man, who is about building a house, recently asked for tenders for its erection, and received the following offers:—\$750, \$745, \$730, \$725, \$710, and \$705. Pretty close figuring.

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