

"The mineral resources of Nova Scotia are beginning to receive the attention of Europeans. The *London Mining Journal*, the first authority among the publications of the world on mining matters, has of late devoted several columns to the subject, and from its Paris correspondent publishes the following with regard to

"NOVA SCOTIAN GOLD STATISTICS.—To ensure the portion of the "Nova Scotian exhibition representing her auriferous resources to be "readily appreciated, the local Government have adopted the very excellent statistical table of Mr. A. Heatherington, and a tetraglot— "English, French, German and Spanish—edition of it, with a suitable "introduction, has now been issued, for the benefit of visitors to the "Exhibition. It is remarked that the mineral resources of Nova "Scotia are destined to secure for her a prominent position among "nations, but without some publicity and demonstration by figures, it "would be hopeless to expect recognition by foreigners of these "resources or their importance. The small guilt pyramid and the few, "though rich, specimens of auriferous quartz sent to Paris but imperfectly represent the capabilities of Nova Scotia as a gold-producing "country, whilst she also possesses mines of Coal, iron, and other "minerals; and, unlike some of the other rich mineral districts on the "American continent, she is free from pestilential diseases, from "poisonous reptiles, from wild animals, and from treacherous Indians. "The subjoined table shows the yield of gold from 1862 to 1866, both "inclusive, for the several districts:—

District	No. of days labour.	Quartz raised. cwt.	Gold obtained.			Maximum yield pr. ton.			Value. (Sterling.)
			oz.	dwt.	gr.	oz.	dwt.	gr.	
Waverley....	379,496	980,055	33,314	12	21	22	15	20	£137,978
SHERBROOKE.	131,794	247,070	18,001	4	13	23	10	9	74,555
Wine Harbour	99,866	287,514	12,651	19	20	73	18	9	52,400
Renfrew.....	96,928	174,483	9,697	19	17	9	18	0	40,166
Isaac's Harbour,	89,856	92,745	6,406	1	20	9	11	5	26,532
Oldham.....	97,838	131,124	5,107	14	1	116	2	21	21,154
Tangier.....	115,050	74,232	2,907	9	45	10	9	7	12,042
Montague....	68,588	33,742	2,819	1	15	6	2	11	11,676
Ovens.....	10,426	3,042	442	8	6	2	4	20	1,832
Divers .....	11,882	9,320	357	3	11	12	0	0	1,479
Lawrencetown	3,120	1,970	139	17	12	10	1	14	579
Uniake.....	1,326	2,170	72	16	9	10	0	0	302
Country Harbour,	936	480	40	0	0	5	10	13	166
Total....	1,107,106	2,038,947	91,958	10	16	116	2	21	£380,861

In connection with the foregoing it may be remarked that, under the Mining Laws of Nova Scotia, reliable data are at all times procurable from the office of the Chief Commissioner of Mines at Halifax, shewing from sworn returns the actual working in every district. Lessees and licensed mill owners are alike required to make quarterly returns under oath, to the end that the areas may be actually worked and not taken up for purposes of speculation, and that the royalty of three per cent may be properly accounted for and collected. Thus every lessee is bound to state the number of days work performed on each area—the amount of quartz raised—the amount crushed—the mill to which the quartz was sent—the date when sent—and the yield of gold from such crushing; and, at the same time, each licensed mill owner must shew, from entries in the Mill Book (and