

Mining Matters.

AT Bothwell, Ont., oil has been struck at a depth of 365 feet.

OPERATIONS have been begun in the Broad Cove Coal Mines, Cape Breton.

EXCITEMENT continues about Alberni, as a result of gold finds at Sprout Lake, B.C.

A TWENTY-TON shipment of Mountain Chief, N.S., ore yielded \$120 to the ton.

A FRESH seam of good coal has been discovered in the Scott pit at Westville, N.S.

AN English syndicate is contemplating the erection of mica works at Kingston, Ont.

FINE gypsum deposits will be opened up when the Tobique Valley Railroad is in working order.

THE Memramcook (N.B.) Gold Mining Co. now have their gold crusher at work.

A PIECE of gold ore has been found near Duncan River, B.C., which gave \$206 to the ton.

AN American firm have purchased the Clute & Jenkins iron mine near Coehill, Hastings, Ont.

AMONGST the deepest mines in the world is the silver one at Przibram, Bohemia, which is more than 3,300 feet deep.

THE Strathyre Mining Company (Ltd.), of Vernon, B.C., has been incorporated.

THE Fish River Copper and Silver Mining Company (Ltd.), Hamilton, are applying for incorporation.

THE Mooretown, Ont., Salt Company have begun operations. Their pan has a capacity of over 200 barrels per day.

THE Snowdon Iron Mines, Ont., contain ore running 60 per cent. metallic iron, with very little sulphur or phosphorus.

AN offer of \$50,000 has been made by an English Company for the Eureka, Richmond and Mineral Hill Mines, Kaslo, B.C.

THE Wellington Mine, Kaslo, B.C., shows silver ore averaging over 300 ounces to the ton.

IT is probable that there will be plenty of gold seekers and miners at work on the Salmon River this year.

THE Wah Lee Company have established hydraulic works at Hopeville, near Quesnelle, B.C.

THE Peterborough Board of Trade, Ont., want the Canada Iron Furnace Company to erect plant there.

THE Sydney coal mines, Cape Breton, are shipping more than a thousand tons per day.

THE Grand Lake mining property in Queen's Co., N.B., will probably be bought or leased shortly by American capitalists.

CHAS. LEDUC, of Hull, is leaving for England, to sell his mining properties in the Templeton and Gatineau districts.

ALEX. MCINNIS, manager of the Springhill, N.S. coal mines, has recovered from his recent illness.

AT the Maitland Gold Mines, Tudor township, an improved Crawford gold crusher is to be erected. It will cost about \$5,000.

IN seven pieces of quartz (total weight barely 368 ozs.) taken from the Carribou Mines, N.S., experts say there are contained 40 ozs. 10 dwts. of gold.

W. MOLIN, M.E., says that the Belmont, Ont. Iron Mine contains within 100 feet of the surface over 1,000,000 tons of high grade Bessemer ore.

AT the Freddie Lee, B.C., Mine there are large quantities of ore on the dump, and are only awaiting the completion of the wagon road or railway to ship it via Kaslo.

THE Memramcook, N.B., Gold Mine has been surveyed and a good opinion formed of its capacity. Active preparations are being made for its operation.

MR. HOBSON, manager of the Discovery claim, on Horseflike Creek, B.C., is calling for tenders for a ditch of seven miles with lead pipes.

MR. JONES, an English mining expert, has formed a company, called the Newfoundland Mineral Syndicate, with headquarters at Southampton, Eng., to operate asbestos mines at Port-au-Port, St. George's Bay, Nfld., where an outfit of machinery has been laid down.

A VEIN of cube galena has been discovered in the Goat River, B.C., district, assaying 125 oz. of silver and 75 per cent. lead to the ton.

THE new steel bridge over the Pend d'Oreille, will probably be finished this month, when railroad connection with the mines will at once be made.

A COMPANY is being formed, with a capital of \$200,000, to prosecute mica mining in Ontario. The headquarters of the new company will be at Detroit.

THE Patterson Mfg. Co (Ltd.), Toronto, has been incorporated. It will manufacture building papers and roofing materials, and deal also in coal tar products.

C. L. MITCHELL is erecting at Lily Lake, near Oxford Station, N. S., a drying-house for absorbing the water from fossil fluor-spar, a large deposit of which has been found there.

MR. SAMPSON, the inventor of a patent process for catching float gold, has gone to the Nation river, B.C., taking with him machinery and a force of fifteen Canadians and twenty Indians.

THE Victoria Hydraulic Company, Quesnelle, B.C., have laid 500 feet of piping eighteen inches wide. Three large monitors have been set, and work will be commenced immediately.

AMONG the most costly of the metals are gallium, worth \$22,220 per pound troy; thorium, \$6,341; glucinum, \$4,476; lanthanum and lithium, \$3,730 each; indium, tantalum, and yttrium, \$3,357 each; and didymium, \$3,356.

THE incline shaft of the Lethbridge colliery, Alberta, was closed last month. The closing of the shaft affects seventy-five persons. Efforts will be made to engage most of the men at other work connected with the railway and colliery.

YET another coal property in Nova Scotia! It is located at Broad Cove, and is owned by Mr. Hossey and other American capitalists, who will shortly begin constructing a railway to the nearest spot convenient for shipment.

A LARGE party of gold-seekers are en route for a spot just above the mouth of the Nation River, Que. They have with them a new machine for catching gold, invented by Sampson, with which they hope to meet with success.

THE Victoria Hydraulic Company have shifted their entire plant from the south fork of the Quesnelle River to Keithley Point on the north fork of that river, in the Cariboo district, B.C. They have sixteen men at work, and have just put up a new saw mill.

THE Kanaka Bar Gold Dredging Company, Vancouver, are to commence operations soon at Kanaka Bar, near the C. P. R. cantilever bridge. They will search for the gold at the bottom of the Fraser river, by means of a patent centrifugal pump.

THE following are the officers elected for the Boston and Nova Scotia Coal and Railway Company:—J. W. Candler, Boston, president; J. McKean, Maban, N.S., vice-president; W. J. Fraser, Halifax, treasurer; and A. C. Rose, North Sydney, N.S., secretary.

J. & C. RUSSELL have commenced to operate their mine on Calumet Island. Colin Campbell is superintendent. It is expected that railway connection will soon be had from this and a neighboring mine with the outside world.

A LARGE strike of high grade galena is reported from Eight Mile creek, near its junction with the Duncan river, not far from Kaslo. Prospectors are pouring into the new field as fast as they can get there. The town of Sayward is growing at a rapid rate, and five hundred men are camped in and round about the place on railroad work.

FORAN'S "Silver Cliff" mine at Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, is to be worked vigorously this season, the owner having concluded a favorable arrangement with some American mining capitalists. From the Tilt Cove copper mine favorable intelligence has been received. The output during the month of April is reported to have been 7,000 tons of ore.

THE Bird's Creek correspondent of the *Madoc Review* writes:—George Tennison has sold his mica mine to James Best for a good sum, and we are given to understand it will be worked at once. The mica cutting house conducted by Mr. Coxwell is running full time, N. Switzer, of Verona, being foreman cutter. They are cutting some beautiful mica which comes from the Queen City mine, owned by W. R. Membry, of Toronto.

A LARDEAU correspondent of the *Victoria Colonist* salutes the first lady arrivals in that village in the following style:—All hail to the fair sex! The first to arrive at the Gateway City were Mrs. McCrae and Mrs. Richardson with four children. They were warmly welcomed, and the way the boys raised their hats, a person would have thought it a common occurrence, when, in fact, we had not seen one of the gentle sex for almost two months.