

taken up in Mount Uniacke District. In this case there was a mistake in the boundaries of the property, and a re-survey made by Mr. Christie proved that they had sunk one of their shafts on property that really belonged to Withrow and Hartlen. The first survey had been made by B. Blois, a crown land surveyor, and from the boundaries as laid out by him Messrs. Thompson and Randolph had sunk the shafts on their own property. Mr. Christie's re-survey proved that an error of 39 feet had been made, and that as a consequence most of the work done by Messrs. Thompson and Randolph was on the Withrow and Hartlen property. In this case the Committee find that Messrs. Thompson and Randolph have a just grievance, and recommend that the Commissioner of Mines have their claims examined into by an expert, and the damages if any assessed awarded to them.

Petition No. 3 relates to areas in Ecum Secum taken up under prospecting license by John Cameron of Melrose, in Guysborough County, on the 29th August, 1888. On the 10th of May, 1889, after the petitioner had developed the property to some extent, had found a gold bearing lead and had sold interests to various parties, he was informed by the Inspector of Mines that the areas were held under lease by the Pittsburg Company. The Pittsburg Company sold to John Yorston and Peter Graham of Pictou, which firm dispossessed the petitioner, and as a consequence he claims from the Department damages amounting to \$2,416. The Committee on examination find that the facts as stated by the petitioner are substantially true, and recommend "inasmuch as the petitioner was misled by reports from the Mines Department, and was in consequence put to considerable expense and loss of time, and was also deprived of valuable property which he had reasonable excuse to suppose was his own, that he be paid by the Province the sum of five hundred dollars, said sum of five hundred dollars to include the monies paid by him for licenses and renewals thereof."

"Your Committee also beg leave to report that during the investigation concerning the petition of John Cameron aforesaid it came to their notice, and was afterwards found to be true, that Mr. Carman, a clerk in the Mines Department, had been acting as agent for the Pittsburg Co., that as such agent he procured the transfer of certain areas at Ecum Secum, among them being those given under the said prospecting license to the petitioners to the said Yorston, and that it was on account of misleading data furnished by the said clerk that the said areas were given to the petitioners in the first instance, and that from a letter written by the said clerk to John Yorston, which was produced and read before your Committee, it appeared that the said clerk was at once misleading the Department of Mines and the Pittsburg Co., for one of which he was confidential clerk, and for the other he was acting as agent.

Your Committee deeply regret to find a person employed in such an important department as that of mines, and in which he is a very prominent official, acting in a double capacity, they therefore deem it their duty to bring the matter to the notice of the Legislature and also to that of the Government."

On all these matters the Committee came to a unanimous opinion, but on the question of separating the Department of Public Works from the Mines Department, which is the closing recommendation of their report, Dr. McKay, M. P. P., dissented.

**SOUTH UNIACKE.**—The Thompson mine still continues its large yield, the owner having brought to town on Tuesday a nice bar of gold weighing 112 ounces 12 dwts

**LAWRENCETOWN.**—Mr. Crooks is running a five stamp mill on the quartz taken out in this district and it is reported with encouraging results.

The last edition of the *Canadian Mining Review* has a biographical sketch and portrait of Mr. E. Gilpin, Jr., Deputy Commissioner and Inspector of Mines. It is the first of a series of biographies that are to appear of Canadian mining engineers, mine managers, inspectors, &c., &c., the subject of the next sketch being Mr. H. S. Poole, general manager of the Acadia Coal Company.

It is reported that the Molega Mining Company have disposed of their valuable gold mine at Molega. An American Company are said to be the purchasers, and we hope their investment may prove a paying one, which we have no doubt it will.—*Enterprise*.

**STORMONT.**—On the 31st of March, work upon the Palgrave Co's property on Hurricane Island, was closed down indefinitely. On Friday morning at 9.30, under the personal direction of Mr. H. K. Fisher, the president of the company, the work of removing the entire surface plant was commenced, and by 7 p. m. that day the entire pumping and hoisting plant, with all the buildings, had been removed. On Saturday the old mining leases were surrendered and new ones obtained, and before midnight that day Mr. Fisher had effected services of arbitration notices on a majority of the parties claiming surface rights on the island.

This action was the result of a prolonged litigation as to the ownership of the surface rights, etc., and is, we believe, the quickest piece of dismantling work on record in Nova Scotia.

The company have a fine property here, and will rebuild a very superior plant just as soon as the question of damages can be settled.—*Canadian Mining Review*.

California, according to the best authorities which we could consult, has produced bullion to the amount of \$1,220,000,000—\$1,183,300,500 gold, \$37,000,000 silver, the baser metals cutting no figure in the product.—*Chicago Mining Review*.

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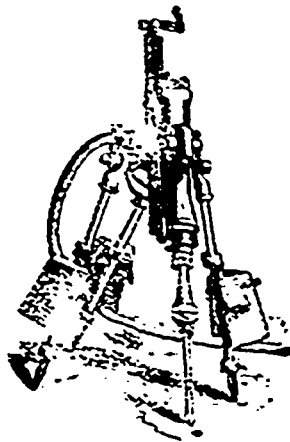
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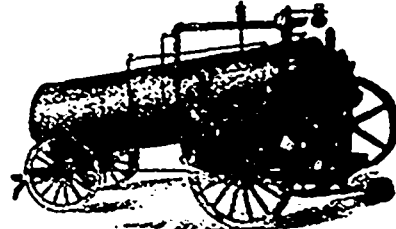
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