

marked shrinkage in the quantity delivered. The amount received from British Columbia shows an increase, while the trade with the United Kingdom is about stationary. In addition to the above, 446,951 tons of United States coal were received by sea and rail against 482,184 tons in 1903, showing a decrease in the total receipts at the port of 164,482 tons as compared with the previous year.

THE MONTH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Cumberland County.—The Standard Coal & Railway Co. held an important meeting at Parrsboro this month, at which Mr. Lynn, C.E., submitted a report regarding the company's proposed railway, which was followed by a discussion as to location and routes. Of these, the most favourable appears to be from Maccan to a point about two miles north of Parrsboro, with a branch line to Parrsboro. It is understood that the company will apply for the service of one of the Government core drills.

Inverness County.—Mr. Ira Taylor, of New York, passed through Halifax this month, and left for Margaree in the interests of the Chimney Corner coal areas, and it is probable that the working of those areas will shortly begin. In connection with the mines, it is also proposed to build a line of railway for shipment of coal to the coast.

Cape Breton County.—Work on the I.C.R. extension to Sydney Mines is being pushed forward. The rails are meanwhile laid, and ballasting is now in progress.

Very little work has been done at the gold mines of the province during the month.

The Pictou Development Co., at Renfrew, are carrying on development operations from which good results are to be shortly expected.

Mr. Rickard, mining engineer, has arrived in the province, and in company with Mr. Fairbuet, of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, and Mr. D'Arcy Weatherbe, left Halifax on the 15th of June on a visit to the gold districts in the eastern part of the province.

The latest mill returns show the following crushings and yield of gold:—

	Tons.	Oz.	Dwt.	Gr.
Modstock Mill, Stormont	459	89	0	0
Dickson Mill, Stormont	436	151	10	9
Anderson Mill, Lake Catcha.....	10	5	13	9
Mahon Mill, Vogler's Cove.....	200	43	7	19

Some 600 areas have been taken up during August, the larger portion of which have been renewals.

The areas, by districts, are as follows:—

Halifax County.

Cow Bay district	16 areas.
Harrigan Cove district	43 "
Tangier district	39 "
Caribou district	21 "
Montague district	9 "
Ragged Falls district	30 "
Oldham district	24 "
Seraggy Lake district	6 "
Salmon River district	9 "

Guysboro' County.

Stormont district	154 areas.
Miller's Lake district	60 "
Liscomb Mills district	25 "

Lunenburg County.

Blockhouse district	27 areas.
Ovens district	22 "
Leipsigate district	12 "
Gold River district	25 "

Queens County.

Mill Village district	19 areas.
Pleasant River Barriers district	2 "
Fifteen Mile Brook district	12 "
Whiteburn district	20 "

Yarmouth County.

Carleton district	6 areas.
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Hants County.

Renfrew district	25 areas.
Uniacke district	19 "

ONTARIO MINING INTELLIGENCE.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

An exhibit of carborundum from the Carborundum Co., of Niagara Falls, was on view at the establishment of Messrs. Rice, Lewis & Co., of Toronto, and attracted much interest.

I am informed that mining operations have been commenced on the iron ore deposits recently acquired by Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann on the line of the Canadian Northern Railway, west of Port Arthur.

The American Smelting and Refining Co. has sent an expert to Northern Ontario to investigate the situation as regards the establishment of a refinery, and Parry Sound, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and other mining centres have been visited.

The Sultana gold mine, on Lake of the Woods, is again producing bullion regularly, which is being shipped through the Imperial Bank. This mine is controlled by Messrs. J. S. Caldwell, of Winnipeg, and D. C. Cameron, of Rat Portage.

The Hon. J. P. Whitney, Premier of Ontario, recently left on a tour through New Ontario, which district he had not previously visited. It is hoped that the Premier will, as a result of his visit, be in a better position to judge as to the policy which the Government should pursue in dealing with the mineral interests of the region.

Corundum Refiners, Limited, had on exhibition at the Toronto National Fair a number of specimens of corundum from their mines at Jewellville, Renfrew County. The company has a force of men at work making roads, cutting timber, etc., but no mining is at present being carried on. When more has been learned of the most economical methods of manufacture, a mill will be erected.

The following mining licenses have been cancelled by the Ontario Department of Lands and Mines for non-payment of dues: License granted May, 1901, to Frederick Baptz. of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and transferred to the Algoma Commercial Co., of lands in the township of Snider; license granted February, 1905, to John E. Hughes, Ernest C. Cotter and George H. Chadeayne, of Buffalo, N.Y., of lands in the township of Faraday; license granted December, 1901, to John McKay and Thos. John Kennedy, of Sault Ste. Marie, and transferred to the Algoma Commercial Co., of lands in the township of Waters.

A large block of land has been purchased at North Bay for the erection of a smelter to treat the cobalt ores, though it is the intention to develop it into one for the treatment of ores in general. North Bay is regarded as a good centre, the more so because there is a prospect of the French River navigation scheme being carried out.

A Mr. Peter, an American millionaire lumber merchant, who owns a large saw mill at Parry Sound and extensive limits in Ontario, as well as in the United States, has acquired a property in the Parry Sound district, and proposes to erect a large refinery and smelter if the Government will extend the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to Parry Sound. The Government has not announced its intention yet, but Lt.-Col. Matheson, the Provincial Treasurer, is about to proceed to Great Britain to make financial arrangements in connection with the railway, and it may be that provision for extension south as well as north will then be arranged for.

The Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands and Mines for Ontario, has given his decision in the dispute between A. H. Beath and the Edison Company respecting the rights to certain nickel lands in Morgan Township, disallowing the claim of the latter. The claim was originally the property, by discovery, of H. Dick, who