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Little or no legislation affecting the gold mines was passed during the last session of Parliament, which adjourned on Monday. There were some animated discussions on matters relating to our mining laws, but fortunately the Act in respect to gold mines was not tinkered with. Some very important private bills, incorporating companies for mining purposes, were passed, of which we will have more to say in the future. The defeat of the Van Slooten monopoly clause redounds to the credit of the House, although we must confess that we think the House has no authority to pass such legislation. It would prove a gross invasion of private rights, and we have little doubt, that if the bill had passed, its provisions could never have been carried out. If we owned an iron mine, we should like to see the power, unless it were lack of cash, that would prevent us working and smelting our own ore. That our Mining Act could be greatly improved by a careful revision, goes without saying; but the work should be placed in the hands of a committee, which should have power to summon practical mining men before it, and not decide upon any changes until they had been proved sound by careful investigation. If a carefully prepared index accompanied copies of the Act, it would prove most useful to mining men; or, what would be still more beneficial, would be an explanatory work containing the different clauses of the Act, with notes and descriptions. At present, one great drawback to the introduction of capital into our gold field lies in the fact that foreigners distrust the stability of our titles, considering them insecure, and liable to forfeiture. In reality, they are as secure as titles in fee simple, the forfeiture clause giving the owners the privilege at any time of surrendering their leases and taking them up anew. We trust that Mr. Gilpin will issue a new edition of his invaluable work—"The Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia"—as since the issue of the last edition a vast amount of new and useful information has accumulated in the Mines office.

**BARYTES**—Messrs Henderson & Potts have been working the Stewards sulphate of barytes mine for three seasons, and at the present time have better prospects than in the past. The deposit appears to be enormous, consisting of three veins that will average over six feet thick. The quality is excellent, and what they desire to dispose of meets with a ready sale in Montreal, where it comes into competition with the imported article. They have not pushed sales as yet, but anticipate a very large trade, as the consumption in Canada is over 3600 tons. They employ 5 to 7 men in the summer months and last season mined 500 tons.

The Northup mine, Central Rawdon, has been developed to a considerable extent, six pits, some only a few feet in depth, but one sunk for 75 feet have proved the existence of a gold-bearing lead from 4 to 10 inches in width. The prospects are so bright that the owners are now getting out timber for a crusher, and have already 160 tons of ore on the dump. The mine is owned by C. H. Dimock, Joshua Smith, and Gould Northup.

The following are the official returns so far received at the Mines Office for the month of March:—

| District.                | Mill.                      | Tons Crushed. | Ounces Gold. |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Sherbrooke.....          | .....                      | 257           | 43           |
| Dan's Hill.....          | Salmon River.....          | 876           | 363          |
| Oldham.....              | Oldham Co.....             | 227           | 31           |
| Waverly.....             | McClure.....               | 47            | 15           |
| ".....                   | Wallace.....               | 20            | 1            |
| Caribou.....             | Moose River, W. Bruce..... | 262           | 11           |
| Rawdon.....              | Rawdon United.....         | 588           | 25           |
| ".....                   | ".....                     | 265           | 11           |
| Lake Catcha.....         | Oxford.....                | 154           | 24           |
| Whiteburn.....           | The McGuire.....           | 33            | 13           |
| Fifteen Mile Stream..... | Egerton G. M. Co.....      | 185           | 8            |
| Stormont.....            | Tributors.....             | 111           | 15           |
| Renfrew.....             | Empress.....               | 133           | 9            |

**MALAGA LAKE.**—The owners of the McGuire of all areas have had special act passed by the Local Government, forming a limited liability company. The prospects of the new company are very bright, as the development so far done on their mining areas has proved the existence of a large number of rich leads.

**LAKE CATCHA.**—The Oxford mine still continues to yield a large return, and Mr. Reid, the energetic manager, is busily employed in opening up new ground.

Continuing our extracts from the Dominion report on Geological Survey and Explorations, we find that "The Dufferin Gold Mining Company, Salmon River, is stated in the annual report of the Department of Mines of Nova Scotia for 1886, to have proved to be the most permanent of the gold-mining corporations of the Province. During the past year the returns show that 11,628 tons of quartz yielded 6,509 ounces of gold, being a total to date of 24,556 ounces from 44,381 tons of quartz. Several years ago work was done to some extent in the four other districts of Old Country Harbour, Ecum Secum, Moosehead and Harrigan Cove, but it has not been resumed. The report is for the year 1886, and we may add that work is now being done at Harrigan Cove, where what may prove a valuable lead has been opened. Many quartz leads found outside these districts contain also visible gold, but have not yet been worked. Among these are the veins passing a little to the