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## MINING.

FROM OUR NEW YORK SPECIAL -This being the Queen's Birthday, the British residents are celebrating the event with becoming honor, and the exclemation "Here's to the Queen? God bless her?" followed by a gentle gurgling as they touch glassos, marks the fact that the "Red Letter Days" in the life of a Britisher are never forgotten.

At the late dinner given to Mr. Erastus Wiman, the retiring president of the "St. James Club," formerly the Canadian Club-Sir Roderick Cameron, his successor as president, rather "sat on" Erastus for a little too free expression of his ideas; which at times are rather peculiar; particularly so in regard to "Commercial Union" between the "United States and Canada." When the reporter from the World interviewed Mr. Wiman as to the details of the "little unpleasantness" that rather disturbed the harmony of the occasion, a futile attempt was made to smooth the whole matter over, but it got out and furnished a couple of columns of rather spicy reading in the World.

The advance in railroad stocks and bonds referred to last week still continues, and Brokers' offices are again assuming the cheerful aspect that marks the coming of the "Festive Lambs" to "gambol-gamble-on the tape" the coming of the "Festive Lambs" to "gambol-gamble-on the tape prior to the "shearing" process which is pretty sure to follow. Mining stocks too are catching the fever of advancing prices, and when the "boom" does arrive, the "Investor" who "gets on board" early in the campaign will make a good profit. Of the eastern stocks "El Cristo," "Barcelona" and "Leadville" are the favorites, while "Hale and Norcross," "Cons. Virginia and Sierra Nevada" entice those who are expecting large returns from the Comstocks. Yours truly, "BLUE NOSE."

Mr. W. J. Nelson, of Bridgewater, has returned from wintering in Florida, and with renewed health and strength is preparing for a vigorous summer campaign in the gold mines.

LAKE CATCHA.-A rich find is reported on the property of the Oxford Company.

NEW BRUNSWICK MINING ITEMS .- Of late no very active movement is made as regards mining matters in N. B.

Fatties in the employ of Boston capitalists have been examining lands in Quaco, near SL John, in connection with manganese deposits.

Operations are progressing slowly but surely on the manganese deposits. in Dutch Valley. I am reliably informed that there is between \$3,000 and \$4,000 worth of fine ore out on the dump at the property, and it is improv-ing steadily in appearance. The ore is of a high grade and is said to be equal to the celebrated Tennycape ore of Nova Scotis.

A large vein or body of magnetic iron exists in one of our northern counties and it is now open to capitalists for sale, or will be placed in hands of good reliable parties on equitable terms, who might feel disposed to help develop the same. The ore from the surface yields fully 45 per cent. metalic iron. Lying alongside of the iron voin is a vein of yellow sulphuret copper 3 or 4 feet wide, that assays 13 per cent. copper. Any parties feeling disposed to look into the matter, can correspond with the writer through the medium of THE CRITIC office.

The annual meeting of the N. B. Gold and Silver Mining Company was held at Sussex on Saturday the 18th inst. This Company is developing a property at a place called Cedar Camp, about 14 miles from Sussex. The voin or oro body is very large. Tests of the material show fair results in silver and lead, and good traces of gold. At a depth of 100 feet in the shaft the quartz veins that are met with appear to be coming in very regularly and solid, and have every appearance of being gold-bearing. The quartz as seen by the writer looks more and more like the Nova Scotia gold quartz and it is confidently believed that on going deeper, gold paying quartz will be met with. It is to be hoped that the anticipations of the owners may be realized. The Company have placed a nice outfit of machinery, consisting of boiler, pumps and hoisting gear on the mine, and have sunk their shaft 100 feet. They now propose to go 100 feet further and then drive a cross-cut north to test the extent and value of the veins. They deserve credit for the pushing manner in which they have proceeded with the work, and are certainly deserving of success.

Some mining properties in Nova Scotia now being handled through the medium of New Brunswick promoters are likely to change hands so it is currently rumored, Boston and New York capitelists being interested. Further particulars later on.

Yours truly,

## FOR THE CRITIC.]

THE EXTRACTION OF GOLD AND SILVER FROM SULPHURETS BY THE PROCESS OF ROASTING AND CHLORINATION.

## (Concluded)

Such a furnace as the one described above will work from three to four tons of sulphurets in twenty-four hours, depending on the character of the sulphurets.

The sulphurets are introduced into the furnace through a hole in the arch at the back end of the first hearth. A level floor of brick about twelve feet square is land on top of the arch to dry the sulphurets before introducing them into the furnace.

The sulphurets are spread out on the floor of the furnacs from six to eight inches deep, and are stirred every for minutes to present fresh surfaces to the heat and air. As the sulphurets take fire and burn, they are maved towards the finishing hearth, in charges of a little over a ton, by manas of long handled "hoes" or "spoons." In the furnace all the sulphur is burned off and many of the base metals, such as arsenic, antimony, zine, copper and

