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"In the Collins shaft, in the sixteen fathom level, the vein of calcareous spar is 3 fect 4 inches wide, and is rich in lead ore. In the stopping ground of this level, the lode is 3 feet 9 inches wide, and at the sump at the bottom of the shaft it is 5 feet wide. It is an important fact to note that on the surface of the rock over the mine the lode was but 8 inches wide, and here, at the depth of \Im , st, it has attained a width of 5 feet.

"At the eastern end of the level, from the Victoria shaft, the lead ore is not so abundant, but the lode is $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide; but 40 feet to the westward the vein is rich.

"We next examined a vein to the north of the Victoria shaft, between that and the Collins shaft, where a vein 20 inches wide, rich in lead ore, was seen. This vein has a large "vug" or cavity in the centre, bordered with galena; and veins of the pure ore, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, were seen running parallel with the dip of the vein 80 deg. to the southwestward.

"West of Collins shaft, 550 feet distant from it, the vein runs 65 deg. E., and dips 80 deg. to the south-westward. It is flanked with brown "gossan" or ochroous rock in a decomposing state. The lode is from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 feet wide, 10 feet from the surface, and the yield is estimated at 15 per cent. of galena. This vein is one of much promise.

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