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## MINING.

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

District.	Mill.	Qtz. crushed	Ozs. Gold.
Salmon River.....	Dufferin Mill.....	800	157
S. Uniacke .....	Withrow.....	35	96
N. Brookfield.....	Philadelphia G. M. Co.....	101	125
Moose Head.....	S. Sicell.....	65	174
Gold River.....	Neptune G. M. Co.....	384	112
Molega .....	Parker-Douglas Co.....	157½	59

The gold returns at the Mines Office, we gladly note, are steadily increasing in numbers and in the total amount of gold mined. There is every evidence that the present year will prove a profitable one and that many important sales will be effected. Rumors are now plentiful in regard to the sale of some of the most noted gold producers, but in most cases the negotiations are still pending. In all the leading districts of the Province there is renewed activity, and capitalists and their agents are taking quiet surveys of the field, on the lookout to pick up any good thing that may offer.

Mr. D. Touquoy, one of the veteran gold miners of the Province, brought to town his usual monthly gold brick, weighing some sixty ounces. He left on the *Damaru* on a few months visit to France, his native country. We trust that he will have a pleasant and profitable visit and return again with renewed health to prosecute gold mining.

Iron mining promises soon to become one of the most important industries of the Province. The great development at East River, Pictou Co., is exciting much attention, and there are a number of other promising properties that have been secured by capitalists and will soon be developed. Copper, lead and manganese properties are also attracting attention and mining generally is steadily advancing.

Mr. George Jamme, the former manager of the Londonderry Iron Works, who proved himself to be one of the best superintendents ever employed in the Province, is now manager of the Dayton Coal and Iron Company, Dayton, Tennessee.

Times are particularly hard just now among the mining folk of Stellarton. The mild winter of 1888 lessened the demand for coal, and the miners find the usual steady employment an impossibility. The Flood pit, where seven years ago the dreadful disaster occurred, is now being cleared out, and if it can be soon brought into working order, things will look much brighter for the people of Stellarton.

Demerara, July 19, Exports steadily increasing. From 3rd to 17th July 1,150 ozs. 5 dwts. 2 grs., valued at \$20,686.29—making a total to date this year of 13,318 ozs., 1 dwt. 13 grs., valued at \$249,203.85. Exports to same date last year were 8,084 ozs., 18 dwts. 18 grs., valued at \$148,112.22.

We are gratified to learn that the fissure lead at Milipsic now being opened up by Messrs. Aulenbach, Lawson and others, is showing up very rich, every piece of quartz bearing traces of gold. This with other valuable discoveries that have been made, will probably tend to make this district the banner gold field of Nova Scotia.

Joseph Gannon advertises in the North Sydney *Herald* that he will show Greener and other parties at North Sydney the Lingan seam of coal on their properties adjoining the General Mining Association.

Coal shipments from Cape Breton collieries to date are fifty thousand tons ahead of the same date last year. The mines are now working to their full capacity, and some collieries average one thousand tons daily.

Almost all the Canadian coal is at present produced in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia, but the coal deposits in the North West Territories will soon be extensively developed, and the output very materially increased. These deposits are inexhaustible, the coal-bearing area being estimated at 65,000 square miles, and the quantity of fuel known to underlie some portions of this area at from 4,500,000 to 9,000,000 tons per square mile. This coal varies from lignite to bituminous coal, and in the Rocky Mountains anthracite coal has been found, beds of which are being worked near B. n. f., on the Canadian Pacific Railway, by the North-West Coal and Navigation Company and the Canadian Anthracite Company. All the coal supplied to the Canadian Pacific Railway at Brandon and points west is now exclusively the produce of Canada, and the Canadian Anthracite Company are finding a constant demand for their coal in San Francisco market, and as the Banff mines are nearer to that city than are any of the United States anthracite coal fields, it is probable they will become the principal source of supply for that class of fuel.

Queens County items from the *Gold Hunter*:

**NORTH BROOKFIELD.**—The work on the new mill at the mines is going on rapidly. The frame is up and boarded in, and the roof shingled. The excavation for the foundation is nearly completed, there being about twelve feet of surface. A large number of teams are engaged hauling timber and lumber down from Westfield. It is not an unusual thing to see five or six double teams going along together. Looks something like a train of cars, only they go much slower. It is on the direct route of the Midland and Western Railway. This mill when completed will be a fine building. It is