

MINING.

To Miners sending us their Post Office address, we will forward a copy of the CRITIC, Free, for one month.

BRIDGEWATER, Aug. 25, 1885.

MR. EDITOR,—

Sir,—Your excellent paper THE CRITIC is now doing what ought to have been done earlier, bringing the gold fields of Nova Scotia to the notice of capitalists. Every valuable discovery should be reported. In this way the great mineral wealth of our Province would become known abroad, and foreigners would be induced to visit us and invest in our mines.

With a view of securing this end, it ought to be made known that in the county of Lunenburg there are valuable gold mines, regarding which very little has been made public. At Melipagato the mine owned and worked by Messrs. Owen, Kaulback & Co. has a good reputation. Adjoining their property, other companies hold areas containing valuable leads, which, when worked, must pay handsomely. Companies with capital are all that is required to do so.

Travelling up Pleasant river road recently, about 15 miles from Bridgewater, I found men working a mine beside the public road. Curiosity led me to examine the works. The mine is owned by Messrs. Nelson and others. They have just sunk a shaft about 10 feet, and have taken out several tons of quartz from a lead of 8 inches, which is stored in their building, open to inspection. One cannot speak with absolute certainty, but judging from the fine specimen visible in the quartz, it will yield from 3 to 4 ozs per ton, perhaps more. The lead appears to increase in richness as they go down. Besides the one which they have commenced to work on, there are several others in the property.

One important feature connected with the property is its situation. It is not 20 feet from the public road. There is no travelling through forests, or over rough barrens to get to it. You can drive your carriage to the spot. The owners I conclude are in luck, and should they, after they develop it a little more, conclude to offer the property for sale, it will doubtless command a good price.

TRAVELLER.

GOLDENVILLE, August 25, 1885.

To the Editor of the Critic:—

Sir,—The prospects of the mines here are very encouraging. Work has been prosecuted on the Meridian mine, which is under the management of William May, and the outlook is promising. The output from the Pactolus mine under Mack Cameron looks good for five ounces to the ton. Work on the Wellington mine has been lately started. A lead has been recently found upon the Gladstone property, which looks well. Owing to the dull times during last winter, several of our miners left this locality. We hope soon to have them with us again.

A MINER.

Captain F. J. Sargent, who has but recently arrived in the city, is the agent for the "Electric Mine Indicator," and we understand he has already convinced several miners of the value of the new invention. Captain Sargent in referring to the Indicator says:—

"It is a well known fact that there is in every mineral vein a current of electricity unceasingly traversing its entire length and breadth, known as the earth current, which according to geologists was the first cause of these deposits, and is now continually being generated by the peculiar metallic combination contained in the ore,—be the same gold, silver, copper, iron, etc. That the existence of this current is not a mere theory but an actual and positive fact has been abundantly demonstrated and proved beyond doubt by means of the wonderful invention known as the 'Electric Mine Indicator.'

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Captain Hale, whose mysterious disappearance was noticed in the CRITIC, has recently returned to Halifax, having been in New York on business. The Captain is one of our most popular miners, and his friends will be pleased to see him home again.

Mr. DeCamp has returned to Nova Scotia, after four months' absence in the United States.

Some valuable gold-bearing quartz has been received at Melbourne from a member of the New Guinea exploring party. Immediately upon the receipt of the news a company was formed and the required capital subscribed in two hours.

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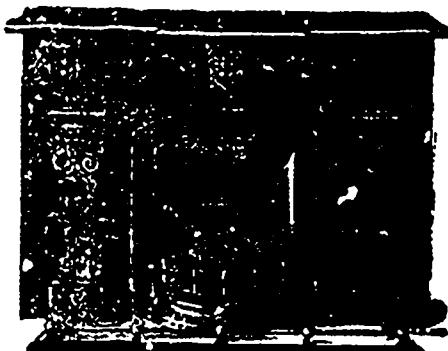
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