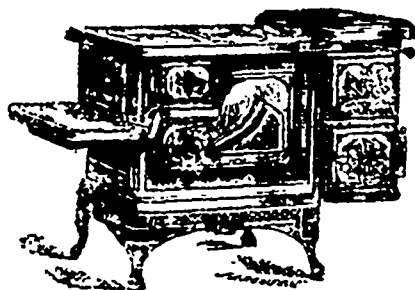


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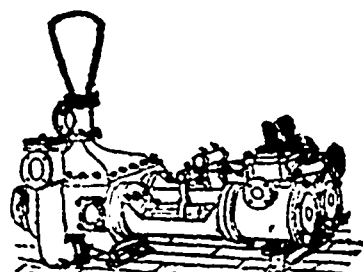
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"STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT."—There is little new to report in mining, and an almost unnatural calm has followed the adoption of the protective duties on iron. While the Ontario iron men are pushing operations and preparing to erect large smelting works, constructed to use anthracite coal for fuel, our iron men appear to be doing nothing. Fortunately for us, we already have the Londonderry iron works, but we should expect to see arrangements made to largely increase the output of the mines and works. Mr. Fraser, of Pictou County, formerly associated with Miner Brown, has for years been indefatigable in his efforts to have smelting works erected on the immense iron deposits of East River, Pictou County. Mr. Bartlett, C. E., of Montreal, who has published a most comprehensive work on the iron industries, and the advisability of properly protecting them, has licenses to search covering the best of the iron deposits at East River, and the Redpath, of Montreal, and other wealthy Montreal merchants are supposed to be his backers. It is also rumored that Mr. Fraser is interested with Mr. Bartlett. As Mr. Bartlett was very influential in bringing about the new iron duties, efforts in which he was ably assisted by Mr. Charles Tupper, the pushing M. P. for Pictou County, it is hardly possible that he does not intend to reap the fruits of his industry, and for that reason we expect that plans are now being prepared for large works at East River and that a branch railroad will soon be constructed connecting the iron fields with the Pictou Branch. Mr. Benjamin Falding, of New York, who is a mining engineer of great experience, is connected with a syndicate of wealthy New York men who some years ago purchased an iron mine in Pictou County, and as he visited the province soon after the iron duties were mooted it is probable that he had in view the opening of the mine in case the duties were finally imposed. In Cape Breton Mr. Greening has some valuable iron, coal and copper properties, and if current reports are to be relied upon, he has succeeded in placing them in a position for active development. So while there is an apparent calm in iron mining the indications are that the coming season will prove active enough before its close. It is strange that people will not be taught by experience, but that such is the case is abundantly proven by the foolish attitudes of proprietors of iron mines. Properties that the owners would have parted with (before the duties were imposed) for a mere song, are now held at such high figures that no buyers can be found. The moment that the iron duties were probable, speculators boarded as many properties as they could, and now expect to sell at exorbitant prices. They will certainly fail and the mines will eventually be thrown on their owner's hands. It takes money to make a mine, and capitalists will not pay large sums for undeveloped properties. The most accessible properties are now held by capitalists or their agents, and it is folly for holders of isolated mines to expect that large prices are to be realized. In the past these foolish owners have driven capital away from the country, and it is time that they came to their senses, else the present opportunity will also be lost. We have seen by the disastrous results to our sugar refineries and cotton factory, the danger of being lost in the field. Is similar failure to be recorded against our iron industries?

GOLD MINING.—Some new discoveries of gold mining properties have been recorded during the past week, but the news is meagre and we trust that our correspondents will wake up and send us a full budget in time for our next issue. The property at Mooselands is owned by Mr. Steinshorn, not Stemshow, as reported in our last issue.

We gladly insert a letter from A. C. Ross, manager of the Carleton gold mine, contradicting the report in our last issue that work had been suspended for want of funds. Mr. Ross has had large experience in the management of gold and coal mines, and the works could not be in charge of a more competent business man and miner. The report as to the mine being in difficulties was not furnished maliciously, but by a well-wisher of the mine who was sorry to hear that such a promising property was in difficulties, and Mr. Ross' letter will be as welcome to him as it certainly is to us.

CARLETON GOLD MINES.

Editor Critic.—DEAR SIR—I notice in the last issue of your paper, under the head of mining, an item stating that the death of Captain Hale had paralyzed operations here and that our property was reported in difficulties owing to want of funds to carry out the work of development. I beg leave to inform you that the above is a base fabrication in every particular. Although we regret the sad death of Captain Hale, our mine is being systematically developed under my management, and never looked better than it does at the present time, and the gentlemen associated with me in the ownership of the property have ample means, and what is better, are not afraid to spend them judiciously. I am satisfied there is not a gold mine in Nova Scotia on a better basis financially, or in better shape both as to deck arrangements, steam hoisting and pumping gear, shafts, etc., and underground work. The main shaft is now about 140 feet deep, and the lead is looking better than it did near the surface and has increased from 4 inches in thickness to an average of 9 inches—in some places rolling up to 16 inches. We have from 70 to 80 tons of ore on deck and have just completed an 8-stamp mill, which we expect to keep jumping day and night. We have built the mill foundation and put in shafting, etc., a sufficient length, so that we can add two more batteries when required. We keep employed about 30 men, and could use a number more if we had them; the