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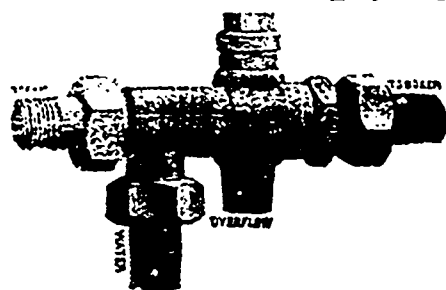
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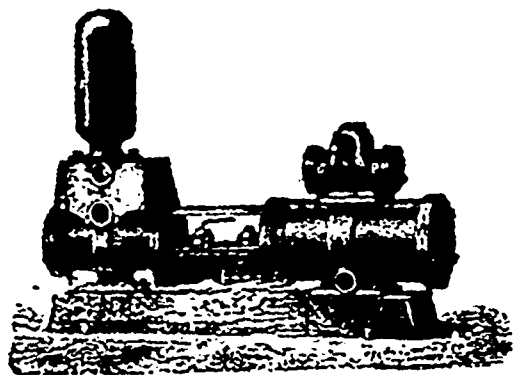
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MOOSELANDS.—Mr Stemshorn still continues his prospecting in this district, and his pluck should be rewarded by a rich find. Mr. Prendergast is also doing considerable work.

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

District.	Mill.	Qtz. Crushed.	Ozs. Gold.
Sherbrooke.....	Sutherland.....	100	26½
".....	Miners'.....	20	3½
Salmon River.....	Dufferin.....	700	203½
Oldham.....	Oldham G. M. Co.....	139	101½
Moose River.....	D. Touquoy.....	450	53
".....	Moose River G. M. Co.....	184	32½
Uniacke.....	Phoenix.....	240	68
S. Uniacke.....	Eastville.....	19	189
".....	Withrow.....	45	21
Lake Catcha.....	Oxford.....	298	105
Stormont.....	Rockland.....	27½	15½
Brookfield.....	Phil. G. M. Co.....	325	459½
Renfrew.....	Free Claims.....	21	14½
Millipisgate.....	Millipisgate Mill.....	2½	4½
Harrigan Cove.....	N. B. Mill.....	15	1½

* Sand and dump.

The Committee on Mines and Minerals, in suggesting the advisability of separating the Department of Works from the Mines Department and making two distinct departments, or placing the Works Department under the control of the Atty. General as a part of the Crown Lands Department, in our opinion made a wise recommendation that it would be well to act upon at once. The Commissioner of Mines and Works is an overworked official, and all his subordinates have to suffer with him. One moment there is an important point under the Mining Act to be decided, the next comes a question as to the management of the Insane Asylum or the Hospital. Supplies of all descriptions have to be requisitioned for, contracts awarded and every imaginable variety of business transacted, and as a result the largely increasing mining business of the Province has to a certain extent to be delayed. There is almost a grim humor in the thought that the interests of gold miners should come under the same departmental charge as the care of the insane, and some may be uncharitable enough to say that it is a wise provision, as gold mining is only a form of lunacy, but, joking aside, the mining business of the Province has assumed such large proportions that it requires the undivided attention of the Commissioner, and it therefore should be managed as an independent department under the control of the Commissioner of Mines.

A gentleman thoroughly conversant with the history of gold mining in this Province, himself a noted mill man and miner, furnishes us with some interesting information in regard to the Belt crusher, which is crusher No. 1 on the records of the Gold Commissioner's Office. This first license was issued to Thomas Belt, who built a 12 stamp mill on the east side of Lake William. The old building is only now being torn down, and this relic of the early days of gold mining will soon disappear. In marked contrast to it is the splendid new crusher of the Lake View Company, Ltd., which it is expected will soon be running. In the completeness of its appointments it is reported to excel any other crusher in the Province, and in addition to its thirty stamps, which are of the latest improved pattern, a concentration and chlorination plant will also be attached. The large Corliss engine from the Mount Uniacke Mines, which was put in by Fraser and Chalmers, has been purchased and furnishes the motive power. It is enough to say that the work is being done for a mine managed by Mr. A. A. Hayward, as that is sufficient guarantee that all the mechanical appliances are of the best.

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES MINT.—Elsewhere we print an abstract of the report of the Director of the Mint on the production of gold and silver in the United States in 1889. This report shows a very considerable increase in the domestic production of silver, amounting to 4,000,000 ounces, the total being 50,000,000 ounces, while of gold the production is almost stationary.

In addition to our domestic production of silver, that imported in ores from Mexico amounted to 7,000,000 ounces, and in bars, mostly from Mexico, about 5,000,000 ounces. The consumption of silver in the arts amounted to \$8,765,000 coining value, or 6,000,000 ounces, and of gold \$16,697,000, or about one-half our entire production of the latter metal. The injury, not only to mining but to the whole country, by the stoppage of hydraulic operations in California, has been incalculable. The country has lost more already than would have purchased and condemned all the lands in California that are or can possibly be effected by the debris. It is certainly an outrage that an industry so important to the whole country should be prohibited by law.

One of the most important statements in the report is that our net loss of gold by export over import last year amounted to \$38,886,753, or more than the entire production of our mines. Of silver our exports exceeded our imports by \$14,788,666.

The world's production of gold in 1889 is estimated to have been about \$118,800,000. Our production was nearly 28 per cent. of the whole, while our silver production, including that from imported ores, was 45 per cent. of the world's output.

The report gives interesting figures of circulation of gold, silver and paper per capita in different countries. When the full report comes to hand