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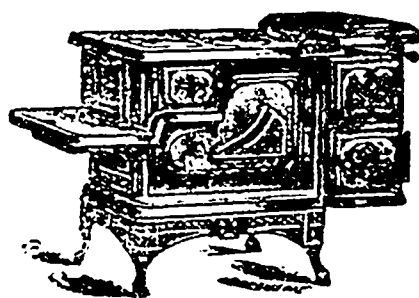
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## MINING.

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MINING SHOULD BE PUSHED.—Statistics the world over prove that mining is one of the most potent influences in the financial prosperity of nations. No better example of this need be shown than the United States, where, during the past ten years, great attention has been bestowed upon mining. The Southern States, where heretofore "cotton was King," have made marvellous progress of late, and the mineral wealth of the country has been the main cause. Thousands of miles of railway, opening up large tracts of fertile land, have been constructed, which would never have been attempted but for the fact that great mineral regions have been discovered and capitalists saw that if railways were built these mines could be made to yield good returns on the outlay. The influx of thousands of miners, the erection of great smelting works, the springing up of large towns almost in a night, have given the farmers a home market for their produce, and the various manufactories that have followed in the wake of successful mining, have produced an era of prosperity in the South that the most visionary mortal a few years ago would never have dreamed of. With such an example before us, and with the knowledge of the mineral wealth of this Province, capitalists, far-seeing business men, and our already large mining population should unite and lose no time in reaping the harvest of wealth that now remains hidden in the earth. Our buried "talent" can be made to yield an hundredfold, but we, its supine custodians, are wanting in the energy and vim to unearth it, and so year after year passes away and nothing of importance is accomplished. We have already pointed out that English capital is now seeking investment in the Colonies, and if we could only grasp the situation and publish to the world the advantages that Nova Scotia has to offer as a mining country, there can be no doubt that the necessary capital to open up and develop our mines would soon be forthcoming. "Let us then be up and doing," not frittering away our time in useless grumbling, but, united as one man, let us push the development of our natural resources, and ten years will witness a greater transformation here than the past ten years has produced in the South.

RENFREW DISTRICT.—John Rafter and others have made a valuable discovery near the head of Long Lake, a few miles from the Renfrew district. They have taken up a large block of areas and are prospecting vigorously, with most encouraging results. A nine inch lead showing gold freely has been stripped for some distance, and also a two inch one. A stream runs through the property furnishing good water-power, and there is every natural facility for working the mine at small expense.

Mr. Richard Currie, of this city, is interested, and his many friends will join us in the hope that he has "struck it rich."

The Parker properties, near Gay's River, are evidently valuable, or give promise of being so, as Mr. Parker, of Montreal, is about spending \$50,000 in their development. We are given to understand that large quartz veins and beds of slate have been found on the property, but little or no gold. A mill is to be put up at once, and active mining inaugurated. It seems a wild venture, but the promoters may have information of the value of the district that has been withheld.

At Mount Uniacke the English company are proceeding with the erection of their mill and the development of their property, and under the skillful guidance of Capt. Nichols, operations are being conducted in the most systematic manner, and the mill should prove one of the best equipped in the Province. We trust that the venture will prove remunerative, thus causing an additional flow of English capital this way.

Official returns for July so far received at the Mines Office:—

District.	Mill.	Tons crushed.	Gold.
Rawdon.....	E. Rawdon.....	323	28
Whiteburn.....	Cushing G. M. Co.....	27	34
".....	The McGuire.....	26	118
Dart's Hill.....	Dufferin.....	910	22

Editor Critic.—Pressure of business and not very much outside the ordinary routine at Fifteen Mile Stream prevented me from writing before this time.

The Egerton company has discovered another vein, north of the McGilligan, eighteen inches thick, fifty one tons of which yielded 63, 64 melted gold.

Owing to the very small fall of snow last winter the company was unable to procure as much wood as they required to keep their mine and stamp mill running full blast, and are working along quietly where the fuel is required. Notwithstanding this, less than fifty per cent of the fuel will pay all the expenses, and, after they are able to procure all the fuel they require, they will get the full benefit of the exploratory and preparatory work being done at present.

The Nonpareil Co., of New Glasgow, has commenced work a short distance west of the Egerton. I have not yet heard with what success, but with the well-known energy and perseverance of the parties and the good location of the mine, they can hardly fail in being successful.