

## MINING.—Continued.

by the Supreme Court, and the matter is now in all probability out of litigation.

Shortly after the Commissioner gave decision, Spidle and Hunt sold out to Messrs Wharton, Bartlings, the Parker & Douglass Co., and others, and these gentlemen are now prospecting the claim with the most gratifying results. Ten men are employed exploring two leads, and have sunk one shaft to a depth of 35 feet, on what is known as the centre lead, which at that depth is 25 inches wide, and shows signs of gold at every blast. Lying parallel to this lead, and separated by a narrow belt of slate, is another gold-bearing lead, 10 inches in width, so that there are two leads being worked in the same shaft.

The other lead on which they have sunk is north of the centre lead, and is opened to a depth of 25 feet. It shows considerable fine gold, and is from 8 to 10 inches wide.

In addition to these, they have traced nine other leads, varying in width from 6 to 12 inches, all showing good. Nearly all the leads stand perpendicular, having little or no dip, and lying between layers of soft slate, and are very easily worked. The estimated cost for mining is \$2.50 per ton.

A St. Louis mining engineer and expert, Mr. Chauvenet, who recently visited the mine, said that if the quartz would give 7 dwts. to the ton, it would be a veritable bonanza.

A test crushing from 13 tons of quartz, taken from the centre lead, made last week at the Parker & Douglass Co.'s mill, at Whiteburn, yielded 11 ozs., 4 dwts., 2 grs. The sight of gold mentioned in the last number of THE CRITIC (11th inst.) containing about 2 ozs., was withheld from the crusher, the average yield, therefore, was something over 1 oz. to the ton.

I am informed that a crusher will shortly be placed on the property. Everything is booming in mining transactions in Queens, and I look for a greater boom in the summer. I hope that I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space; and if agreeable, shall be pleased to give you a brief account of other mining properties in this locality a little later on.

Yours,

MINER.

W. J. Nelson is about making arrangements with a wealthy Scotch Syndicate to purchase and develop Nova Scotian mines.

A mill test of 6½ tons ore taken from a property owned by W. J. Nelson, at Brookfield, Queen's Co., immediately south of the Brookfield Gold Mining Co. property, yielded 18 ozs., 4 dwts., or 3 ozs per ton of quartz. This is one of the richest properties opened in the western counties. Mr. Nelson is having this property rapidly opened up, and will sell it, if opportunity serves, or will put a mill on it.

COCHRAN HILL MINE.—In reporting the sale of the Cochran Hill Mine, Guysboro, we stated that Mr. George E. Foraythe, of Halifax, had purchased the property. On enquiry, we learn that Mr. Archibald still retains his interest in the mine, and that Mr. A. A. Hayward, of Renfrew, is a shareholder in the property to the extent of one-third.

THE AUSTRALIAN GOLD SUPPLY CONTINUES TO DECREASE.—The result of gold mining in the Victorian gold fields for 1885 shows an output smaller than that of any year since 1852; that is to say, since within a year of the discovery of gold in that quarter. The year's product, as abstracted by the London Mining Journal from the official returns, is given by quarters as follows, we adding the value at the rate of £3 17s. 9d., or \$19 43 per ounce:

	Quarterly	March 31	June 30	Sept 30	Dec. 31	ozs.	dwt.	grs.
		162,438	195,037	176,159	181,582	11	15	10
						2	21	6
Total weight		735,218				6	4	
Value			\$14,285,285					

For the last quarter we append the table compiled from the estimates of ten mining registrars by districts:

Districts	Alluvial			Quartz			Totals		
	ozs.	dwt.	grs.	ozs.	dwt.	grs.	ozs.	dwt.	grs.
Ballarat.....	34,500	13	15	22,741	11	21	57,242	5	15
Beechworth.....	8,412	15	1	5,300	3	13	13,722	18	13
Sandhurst.....	1,372	12	13	47,562	13	21	48,935	6	10
Maryborough.....	13,868	4	15	4,739	16	21	18,628	1	12
Castlemaine.....	5,775	3	21	12,821	14	20	19,596	18	17
Ararat.....	4,994	14	20	2,040	17	14	7,035	12	10
Gipps Land.....	2,054	17	4	14,366	15	21	16,421	13	1
Grand totals .....	71,989	1	20	109,593	14	10	181,582	16	6

The following table shows the product of the same fields during the last ten years for the quarter ending December 31st of each year:

Year.	ozs.	Yield. dwt.	grs.	Year.	ozs.	Yield. dwt.	grs.
1876.....	228,640	8	1	1881.....	225,071	14	19
1877.....	218,159	3	14	1882.....	236,303	1	17
1878.....	206,058	0	8	1883.....	190,931	17	18
1879.....	209,411	7	7	1884.....	200,789	16	13
1880.....	228,628	8	20	1885.....	181,582	16	6

Thus, it is to be seen that there has been a decrease in the same quarter from that of 1880 of 47,045 ounces. The dividends paid by incorporated companies aggregated about \$2,885,000. This was exclusive of a considerable amount paid by privately worked enterprises that make no report of dividends.—F. & M. Record.

## WARD III.

## REQUISITION.

TO WILLIAM CROWE, ESQ.:

SIR,—We, the undersigned Ratepayers of WARD THREE beg to request you that you will allow yourself to be nominated to represent this Ward in the City Council. We feel that you possess those qualities so much needed to guard the interests of this important Ward, and should you accede to our request we pledge ourselves to use every exertion to secure your election.

Signed by over 130 Ratepayers of Ward Three.

## REPLY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD THREE—

GENTLEMEN,—In acceding to the request contained in the very flattering requisition with which you have favored me this day, and again consenting to allow myself to be nominated to represent this Ward at the City Council, I do so, prompted by the desire to do whatever lies in my power to promote the interests of the Ward and the welfare of the City.

Relying upon the promise contained in the requisition, and thanking you for the confidence reposed in me

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM CROWE.

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