

chinery that finds its way to the scrap pile before it has seen any substantial service. On the other hand, we have an example of groundless prejudice in the case of the Cape Breton coal miners, who are petitioning the Local Government to prohibit the use of disc-and-chain coal cutters in pillar work in Nova Scotian collieries. Our Nova Scotian correspondent describes the condition of affairs accurately in his current letter. "One had thought, however, that this time-worn objection to the mechanical coal cutter had been relegated to oblivion along with the objections made to the spinning mule and the steam locomotive."

It is evident that the miners' society, the Provincial Workmen's Association, has not given the question deep thought. It is an easy matter to create and foster a groundless prejudice against new machinery, more especially when that machinery revolutionizes mining methods. But, ultimately, the effect of such an agitation will be harmful alike to mine and miners. Mechanical coal cutters are not merely time-saving devices. In experienced hands they increase the earning capacity of the miner and the output of the mine. They are an essential of modern practice. The miners of Cape Breton are physically and intellectually the equals if not the superiors of any other stratum of society. They have the means through their organization of studying the record of coal cutting machinery in other countries. It will be a sad blow to the prestige of the P. W. A. if it is directly or indirectly responsible for preventing the use of modern and efficient mining machinery.

### CANADA AND THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

The management of the Jamestown Exposition has set aside October 24th as "Nova Scotia Day." On that day it is hoped that the Governor-General of Canada, the Lieutenant-Governor and Premier of Nova Scotia and other distinguished officials will attend the Exposition.

The following day will be celebrated as "Canada Day."

A gratifying consideration is the fact that Nova Scotia's exhibit of gold ores is the most complete to be seen at the Exposition.

### NORTH HASTINGS.

Without noise or bluster a revival of mining has taken place in North Hastings. At Deloro, the new plant of the Deloro Mining & Reduction Company is providing a means for the opening up of the rich arsenical pyrites deposits of that section. Near Madoc the old Henderson tale mine is producing granular tale of most exceptional purity. Iron pyrite deposits are being worked in the surrounding district. It is probable also that the old Belmont gold mine will take a new lease of life. Farther north the mines of the Mineral Range Iron Mining Company at Bessemer are producing steadily a high grade

low phosphorus magnetite. In gold, copper, iron, arsenic, tale and fluorspar, not to mention excellent marble and other building stones, North Hastings has the sound basis of a large and varied mineral industry.

### A WARNING

As noted elsewhere, Law & Company, the promoters of "Highland Mary" and other Larder Lake companies, have been advised by the Attorney-General's Department to withdraw their advertisement of that affair from the Toronto dailies. This fact should be given wide publicity. We urgently request every reader of THE CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL to aid us in preventing the flotation of such companies. The principal sufferers in all such wild schemes are people with small savings bank accounts, who readily believe the plausible untruths served out to them in the shape of advertisements. We have received full particulars of several instances where farmers and school teachers have been induced to put all their savings into one of these wild cats. These things we intend to search out.

With the intelligent help of our readers we know that it will be possible to prevent the publication of dishonest mining "literature" all over Canada. Just now Law & Company are advertising "Highland Mary" in Quebec and Nova Scotia.

There is no crime meaner, none more sordid, none quite so deserving of contempt, as the deliberate attempt of brokers to misrepresent what they have to sell in such a way that poor and unsophisticated people will give up their savings in the hope of getting rich by a short cut. Advertisements of such things as "Highland Mary" are tossed aside, laughed at, by men who know anything about what mining means.

### Editorial Notes.

In our issue of October 1st suitable acknowledgment was omitted of the fact that the paper on "Coal Briquetting" was read at the Toronto meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. We wish to express our regret that this oversight occurred.

The United States postal authorities are making war upon fraudulent mining stock companies. It is being pointed out by the American press that the present force of inspectors is inadequate. Evidence sufficient for the conviction of offenders is so hard to get that often the promoters have amassed a fortune before they can be caught and have escaped to more salubrious climates.

Messrs. Law & Company, the promoters of "Highland Mary" were notified on October 4th that the advertisement appearing over their name was in contravention of the Ontario Companies' Act and that it must be withdrawn from the papers. The Attorney-General's Department acted promptly in this matter. For this the Department deserves warm praise.