

The Halifax Board of Trade has formed a Mining Committee with Mr. A. McNeil as chairman, and Mr. Waldon as secretary. At a meeting held on the 19th of October the secretary was instructed to procure copies of all mineral maps, plans and official data to be kept as records. The committee will collect detailed information regarding the iron ores and resources of Nova Scotia, as well as the ores of other metals found in abundance in that Province.

Writing to the Halifax "Herald," a correspondent suggests that in view of the deep interest shown by the late Mr. J. F. Stairs in the cause of education, he having been, in addition to filling many other high offices, president of the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University, that funds be raised for the endowment of a chair in Dalhousie to be called the "John F. Stairs" professorship. As the inauguration of the School of Mining in connection with the University was almost entirely due to his action, it would seem fitting that such endowment of a chair to bear the name of the lamented president, should be made; and the Review understands that steps are being taken by the friends of Dalhousie, and the friends and business associates of Mr. Stairs to so commemorate his life and work.

The shipments of coal made by the Dominion Coal Company, Ltd., in September amounted to 276,454 tons.

The outputs of the various collieries during the same month were:

	Tons.
Dominion No. 1.....	45,612
" No. 2.....	28,567
" No. 3.....	24,179
" No. 4.....	48,134
" No. 5.....	74,958
" No. 7.....	14,842
" No. 8.....	21,367
" No. 9.....	18,086
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NEW BRUNSWICK.

Recent attempts to locate graphite in the vicinity of St. John, N.B., are said to have been successful, the prospectors having come across deposits near the St. John side of the Falls bridge. The Review has not yet learned of the extent of the find, or of the probable outcome.

Mr. Frank Denton, K.C., of Toronto, has secured the lease of a large territory in New Brunswick, which is supposed to be oil-bearing. It lies in Albert County, on the south bank of the Petitcodiac River. Some four wells have already been sunk in this territory which have produced some oil, and the neighboring counties of Kent and Westmoreland are being exploited. We are informed that Mr. Denton and associates have secured abundant capital for the exploitation of their territory.

QUEBEC.

On the authority of Mr. Obalski, Inspector of Mines for Quebec, we announce that fine samples of asbestos have been found in the country west of Lake St. John near the head waters of the Nottoway River, about 190 miles from Roberval. The discovery was made by a Mr. McKenzie, and the asbestos fibre brought in shows a length of two, three and four inches.

Local papers have assumed the correctness of an item emanating from Sherbrooke, P.Q., to the effect that Mr. Henry M. Whitney, former president of the Dominion Coal Company, has purchased the asbestos mine owned by King Bros. at Thetford Station. The price reported is \$1,500,000. It is a matter of current knowledge that the King mine has been on the market since the death of the late Mr. James King, and that it has been offered to English people for about \$1,250,000. The rumor lacks confirmation.

ONTARIO.

The Redeemer Mine, near Dryden, is to have a 10 stamp mill which will be operated by water power.

The talc mines at Madoc are producing large quantities of the mineral, which is reported to be satisfactory in grade.

The students of the Kingston School of Mines recently spent four days in examining mining property in North Hastings and vicinity.

The Black Donald Graphite Mine, near Calabogie, which was flooded two years ago, has been pumped out by the Globe Refining Company.

The mica property of Mr. J. D. King, near Cantley, Ontario, has been sold to the Westinghouse Electric Company, of Pittsburg.

J. F. Black, of Sudbury, has sold a nickel-copper territory in Lavack Township to a syndicate of Philadelphia and Sault Ste. Marie people for \$70,000.

It is reported that the Lake Superior Company are considering the possibilities of erecting a copper smelter for the sulphuretted ores of the Sault Ste. Marie district.

The Lake Superior Company started its coke blast furnace about the middle of the month, and is reported to be running satisfactorily; the charcoal blast furnace will go into blast shortly.

Power to the extent of 1,000 horse power is being developed on Moon River to be transmitted and utilized in the copper mines of the Parry Sound district; if there are any such mines worth developing.

The boundary line dispute between Mr. C. E. Smith and the Madoc Mining Company is reported to be settled, and operations will therefore be resumed at the pyrites mine which is at Bogart, Hastings County.

Our correspondent reports that the Baden Powell Gold Mine, on East Lake, has enough ore on the dump to keep running a five stamp mill for twelve months, and that the Northern Light Mines Company is erecting such a mill.

Diamond drills are at work on the Temagami Iron property which belongs to Messrs. O'Connor, Caldwell and Mulock, and also on the property of the Lake Superior Company in Creighton Township which adjoins the Gertrude mine.

The discovery of oil on Manitoulin is not new; many years ago a company shipped several hundred barrels of oil which was obtained from a spring, or natural outflow, near the lake shore. The enterprise was abandoned on account of trouble with the Indians.

Reports from the Loon Lake iron district say that one bed is 20 feet thick and the other from 30 to 40 feet in thickness; the hematite analysis from 50 to 60 percent metallic iron, with very low phosphorus. The better grade of ore is pronounced of Bessemer quality.

The Helen Mine, at Michipicoton, is now making an output of about 1,000 tons of iron ore each 24 hours. Open cast working is to be abandoned and mining done underground. The ore which is being produced is being shipped for the greater part to the United States to satisfy old contracts.

The Goldrock Mining & Milling Company, of Wabigoon, has been reorganized, and its head office transferred from Detroit to Columbus, Ohio. The president of the new company is Mr. Samuel L. Black, Probate Judge of Franklyn County, Ohio. The new management has not been named.

The Cook mine in Hastings County has had some ore tested at the Atlas Arsenic Company's mill, which gave a result of from \$10. to \$12 per ton. This yield is in excess of anything hitherto found on the property, and will yield a profit in gold outside of whatever profit may be realized from the arsenic.

A 3,000 electric horse power plant is being developed on the Vermillion River, fourteen miles west of Sudbury, by Ottawa gentlemen who have already expended upon it \$100,000. Cochrane & McVittie are developing also a 4,000 horse power water power on the Wahnapiitae River, thirteen miles from Sudbury.

The German-American Company which has recently been organized with a capital of \$75,000, has secured rights on 2,000 acres of mineral lands in Burgess Township. The company is at present mining apatite or phosphate of lime of good quality, which it is shipping to Germany. At present some fifty men are employed.

A rich deposit of nickel is reported to have been discovered at Fort Matachewan on the Montreal River. This deposit is reported to be 20 feet in width and to intersect the course of the Montreal River. The mass has been stripped for some distance, and shows up well to a depth of 60 feet. The discovery is within the limit of the Temagami Forest Reserve.

In consequence of restrictions, on both land and water, regarding the carriage of high explosives, the Bullard Company (which is boring for oil in Manitoulin Island) is now erecting a nitro glycerine factory on the island. The drilling of holes is steadily going forward, and these holes will be plugged to be afterwards shot when the glycerine factory is in operation.

The Ontario Pipe Line Company has contracted with the Canadian Drilling and Development Co. to drill thirty wells in the counties of Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland, to be completed by the first of May next. The Ontario Pipe Line Co. is also to furnish Hamilton with a supply of natural gas which will probably come through the Pittsburg Syndicate operating at Dunnville.

The British American Development Co., operating a pyrites mine at Queensboro, Hastings County, is producing considerable quantities of iron pyrites. The deposit has a width of 20 feet, and the percentage of sulphur is high. Should a permanent market for the product be obtained steam machinery will be installed, and possibly the local manufacture of sulphuric acid be undertaken.