

ing of successive sections and the gathering up of the fragments, which is done by men shovelling them into ore cars, which run on a light cable railway to a pier on the sea-shore.

The mine occupies the northern end of the island, and hard by is a sheltered cove, where a pier has been built, whence ten thousand tons of ore may be loaded in a day. The laden cars run down an incline by gravity, and are upset automatically, their contents falling into one of ten pockets constructed in the interior of the pier. Each pocket takes one thousand tons, and can be emptied into a steamer's hold in ten minutes. Two ships a day can be loaded there

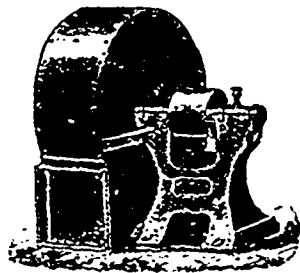
when business is brisk. The output for seven months last year was 310,000 tons. From 1,000 to 1,500 men are employed this year, as the output is to be trebled, and to do that the force of employees will have to be still further augmented. For years the surface workings will continue, and even when regular underground mining is required there will be none of the deep discounts associated with coal and copper mines.

The ease of working and the proximity to tidewater make this deposit one of the most advantageous from an economic industrial point of view that capitalists could possess. The cost of mining the ore and putting it on

shipboard is but twenty-five cents a ton, and the freight to Canada only twenty-five cents more, fifty cents being charged for its conveyance to Europe or the United States. It is in great demand in Germany, where ironmasters work it very conveniently with poorer ores, and large quantities of it are also absorbed at Philadelphia and Baltimore. The price at which it sells there yields the owners of the Wabana mine a profit of \$1 a ton, and as contracts for the delivery of 500,000 tons have been signed for this season it is easy to see that there is a handsome dividend in it for the shrewd capitalists who control it. The strike was set on foot to secure an increase of wages from ten cents to twelve and a half cents an hour for the men employed.

The mine has only recently passed into the possession of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., the legal cognomen of the better known Whitney Syndicate. This corporation purchased the property for one million dollars, in order to have in it a sup-

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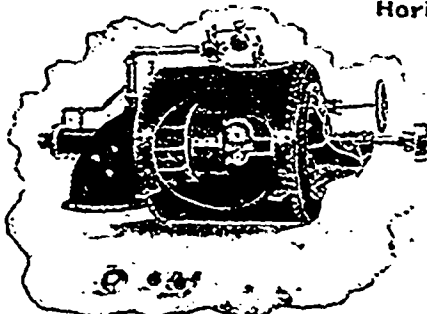
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