

## MINING.—Continued.

two new leads north of the McGilligan, both of which show gold very freely, and the largest of which is about five feet in thickness, divided into two seams by a small belt of slate. Mr. May has not yet developed the new find sufficiently to speak with accuracy; but from all appearance, it is one of the richest leads in the district. The other lead is small, but gives very good returns. Mr. May, on the 1st of August, sent in a bar of 64 ounces, as the result of two drills for a month. There is a prospect at present of the expenditure of some money on the road from Mr. Nelson's to the stream, which we believe is very much needed. The Egerton Co. have contributed one hundred dollars to the road fund.

**RENFREW DISTRICT.**—The old free claim at Renfrew, worked by the Renfrew Consolidated, is known to miners as a very valuable property. The company are now in difficulties, and the property has been attached, and will probably be sold at an early date. It has just been placed in thorough working order by the manager, Mr. Fiske, but as the capitalists in Boston have not furnished needed funds, Mr. Fiske has been obliged to attach, to secure cash advances made by himself, and to pay off all claims against the mine.

**WHITEBURN GOLD DISTRICT, QUEENS CO.**—*Editor Critic.*—Sir,—The praiseworthy interest you take in our mines, and the interesting manner in which you treat mining topics, tends greatly to encourage the weary miner, and to cause him to put forth renewed exertions in his toilsome search for the precious metal. THE CRITIC is a welcome visitor in every mining camp, and is read and re-read by the men. Croakers who would run down the most valuable mining property are too numerous, but with us at Whiteburn preliminary difficulties have been overcome, and the district has become known as a valuable one. Owing to the dry weather the mills have been running on half time, but, as some compensation, the ore taken out grows richer and richer each week as the leads are sunk. New leads are being discovered all around us, and the prospectors' hearts are being gladdened by rich finds.

Yours truly,

VULCAN.

Reports from Queens County prove that good work is being done at Vogler's Cove and at the "Fifteen Mile," a district midway between Liverpool and Caledonia, on the main coach road. George Snaddon and others, after much vexatious prospecting (the surface being from five to twenty feet in depth) have succeeded in striking the lead for which they have been looking. The lead is in reality two leads, somewhere about ten inches each in thickness, and separated by several inches of whin. Difficulty has been experienced from surface water, but this may easily be provided against; and as the lead looks well, the ore showing good sights of gold when blasted, the owners will be encouraged to push operations rapidly.

At Vogler's Cove, a Liverpool company have struck a lead, said to be from six to eight feet in width, and showing gold freely. The stock of the company under the impetus of the find, has risen rapidly in value, and shares are held at figures that prevent sales.

Prospecting is being vigorously pushed in all directions near Liverpool, and if there are any undiscovered leads, they will hardly remain so long.

**KEMPTVILLE DISTRICT, YARMOUTH CO.**—Three mines are now working in this district. At the Kemptville mine they sunk a shaft last winter 100 feet deep, and have tunnelled to strike the rich leads at that depth, but have not reached them yet. During the dry weather they have been prospecting the rich lode on the hill, and have taken out several tons of quartz which show very well, and will be crushed at the Cowan mill when they get to work.

The Cowan mine is also working on the rich lead in the swamp, which gave 22 oz. 4 dwts. to the ton at the last crushing. The mine has been under bond to some New York parties, which prevented working earlier in the season. They are now putting in a tight shaft and getting ready for the fall and winter, when the swamp will be quite wet.

On the Ryerson mine they commenced prospecting in June, and succeeded in finding the rich swamp lead, and two other leads, one of four inches, and another of three inches, with the rich lead in between, making three leads in the same shaft, all of them producing gold. About one and a half tons of rock have been taken out of these leads. Forty feet north of the rich leads they have found a large lead nine feet wide, which looks well, carries some gold, and plenty of other metals. This, no doubt, is the lead that the large rich boulders came from, and will, no doubt, be found to be the best in this district. About 20 tons of the ore will be taken out this week, to be crushed as soon as the mill is running; and should it turn out well, will be one of the best properties in this Province. At Carlton, about 35 men are taking out quartz which looks well, but the mill is stopped on account of lack of water.

The mines on Gold River are being worked as usual, but the water supply for crushing is short at this dry time. Quartz, however, of a good quality is being taken out, and will be all ready for the first rain, when we hope to hear of that mill taking lots of the precious metal from the quartz now being raised to the surface.—*Lunenburg Progress.*

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