

**MILLIPSIGATE.**—The only thing required to make this district a large gold producer is capital and systematic mining. A large number of very rich leads have been opened up, and it seems strange that operations are not pushed on a large scale.

**MONTAGUE.**—Mr. William Skerry has "struck it rich" on the Symonds Kaye property, now controlled by Messrs. Olands, the brewers of Dartmouth. The quartz taken from the lead, forty feet from the surface, fairly bristles with gold.

**MOUNT UNIACKE.**—The very large yields from the Thompson and Withrow mines continue, and encourage the belief that the district will prove one of the richest in the Province.

**CENTRAL RAWDON.**—The prospects continue bright as ever in this district, and the Northrup Co. and Central Rawdon Mining Company are meeting with great success.

**MOOSE RIVER.**—The Touquoy property continues its regular yield, and Mr. McGregor, the manager of the Montreal company, is doing considerable work on tribute. Mr. John George has visited the district, and proposes to start work on the property owned by Sheriff Archibald and others. Mr. Bruce has taken up considerable property south of the district and is now with others engaged in prospecting.

The following editorial from the *Gold Hunter* has our unqualified endorsement:—"American capital invested in our mines is constantly increasing. At North Brookfield is in operation a twenty stamp mill. At Molega, the Parker-Douglas, of the same dimensions, the Caledonia of ten stamps, and the new Boston Company. At Whiteburn, the Graves mine and mill of ten stamps, and to these must be added the McGuire and West mines of Whiteburn. All of these properties are owned and worked by American capitalists. One American alone has invested one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in Queens County mines. We should take no narrow view of this matter, and recognize the fact that this Yankee enterprise and friendliness and confidence is worth a great deal to us. We know well enough that they come to make profitable investments, not to our assistance, but the real good to us is the same, and much credit is due them for the business spirit that leads them to invest their money in reasonable ventures, instead of banking it away to count over and dream over, as our average Bluenose rich man does. No capitalists come to us from Canada, rarely from England, while our American cousins come down here with pluck and confidence that shame our own people. They have the foresight and perception to see that this Province is rich in mines, and not the least among them are our gold fields. Their extent is not known. The Province is not prospected, and the mines that have been worked up to within two or three years have wasted a large percentage of the precious metal. We are at the beginning of a new era in gold mining and milling, and Nova Scotia will come very near the front as a producer of the precious metal, and that time will not be very far away in the 'sweet bye and bye.'"

The report of the Royal Commission on the mineral resources of Ontario has taken two years to prepare, and makes a voluminous and valuable document. The commissioners have spared neither time nor expense in gathering information, and have held sessions at 37 different places in the Province, from Ottawa in the east to Rat Portage in the west. One hundred and sixty-four witnesses were examined under oath, including men of all classes, whose education, experience and pursuits have been such as to give them a knowledge of the subject, theoretical or practical, in any of its branches, conditions or relations. Mines, mining locations and works in the vicinity of places where the Commission met were examined and careful enquiry made respecting them. The data of the report is therefore "original and historical." The Commission has not followed in the footsteps of others, but has pursued the course marked out for itself, and it professes to present no inference, opinion or statement of fact which is not warranted by the evidence, the study and observation of its members, or the testimony of the highest authority. The report should prove of inestimable value in placing before the world the real value of the mineral resources of Ontario. Heretofore there has been little or no official data to guide visitors, but now as a result of the painstaking work of the Commission it is demonstrated that gold, iron, copper, lead and other valuable minerals abound in unlimited quantities, and that the Province of Ontario has hidden in the bowels of the earth great stores of wealth, which only require development to make the country one of the richest mining localities in the world.

**AUSTRALIA.**—Each mail from Perth brings the news of fresh gold discoveries—all of more or less importance—all of which point to the prospective richness of the western fields. The latest news we have from Rosbourn, under date of April 7, reports the finding of payable alluvial gold at a spot to the westward of Ashburton, about 250 miles inland from the coast. Two nuggets—a ten and a three ounce—were found at the place, and there is said to be every indication that a good field will be opened up. The news, as may be imagined, created a great deal of excitement at Rosbourn, and a rush set in immediately for the Ashburton country.

The gold yield in Queensland for the quarter ended March 31st fell off a good deal, as compared with that for the previous quarter, the yield being 127,217 ozs., as compared with 180,243 ozs. There seems to be no reason to expect, however, that the falling off will continue; indeed, on the other hand, the output, it is thought, will in all probability bound upwards as the year progresses.

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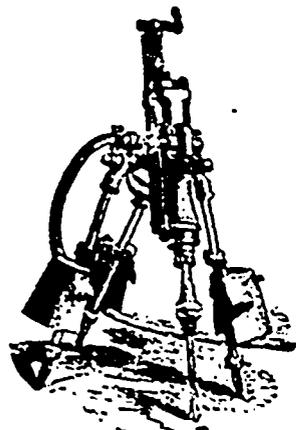
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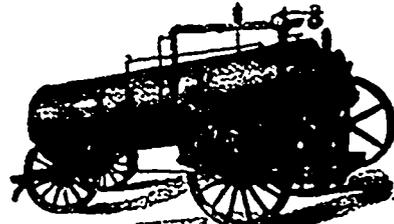
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