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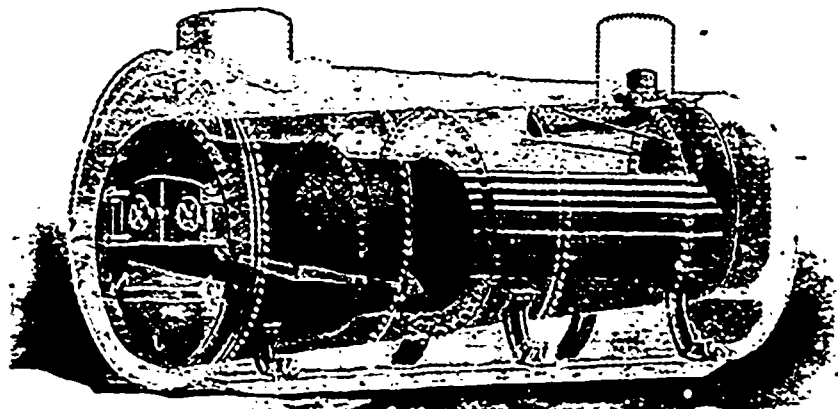
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MINING.

The gold mining outlook is quietly and steadily improving, and since our last issue a new find of apparent importance has been reported. In other branches of mining, especially in coal and iron, there is great activity, and the former industry has steadily forged ahead until the shipments up to date this year are one fifth greater than last. In copper not much is doing outside of Coxheath, which is now an established and very valuable mine, but in other localities, notably in Antigonish County, there are good prospects which should be developed as the indications are all favorable. Mr. John Grant, of Halifax, has opened up a very promising vein near the railroad, a few miles from the town of Antigonish, which carries high grade copper, and a judicious investment of capital here would undoubtedly result in large profits.

Little seems to be doing in manganese or antimony, and it seems strange that the known large deposits of these minerals that abound are not being extensively worked. The gypsum quarries in Hants are yielding a large output and systematic work is being done at Mabou in Cape Breton. The granite, the freestone and the limestone quarries in different sections of the Province are being actively worked and material advancement is being made in all directions.

MOUNT UNIACK.—Mr. C. Fred Howe, manager of the Bay State Smelting and Refining Works of Boston, has been testing the Phoenix property with satisfactory results. The company has been reorganized, and work will now proceed under new management.

The McCalls of Uniacke have made a rich strike near the old Alpha property. The ore has been tested at the Phoenix mill and yielded an average of over seven ounces per ton. They are now putting on more men and have a quantity of quartz ready for the crusher. The new find has reopened the old excitement at Uniacke, and prospecting is being eagerly carried on.

ISAAC'S HARBOR.—Those of our neighbors who are prospecting for gold at the Skunk Den met a very strong scent last week—so very strong for a day or two that it was almost unendurable. In fact the scent was so strong that some who were particularly interested became slightly confused. It is rumored that Robert McNaughten, Esq., has found a very large and rich lead on his Seal Harbor property. In regard to this property more anon.

MINER.

Asbestos has been found near Five Islands. According to the explorer's story the seam is nine inches thick, and an assay prepared from samples states that the ore is worth from \$50 to \$300 per ton.

A valuable discovery of copper has been made near Minudie. Some exploring was done a few years ago on this property, but it remained for the present owners to explore the areas more thoroughly. The persons interested are H. B. Smith, Dr. Cove, Dr. Cudry and L. A. Perrie, of Springhill. They claim to have some very rich ore.

The Rossignol (or West) Mine, and the Whiteburn Co's mine, at Whiteburn, continue to show signs of rich deposits of gold. The ore taken from both these mines the past week was exceedingly encouraging. Men working along near the surface away west on the Rossignol property last Monday took out over five ounces in one blast. This simply goes to show that more energetic prospecting and mining should be carried on west of this property.

Mr. John Harlow, Supt. of the Coldstream Gold Mining Co. at Gay's River, is spending a few days vacation at his old home in Caledonia. He reports that the prospects, so far as he can judge from present indications, are good. They have sunk a shaft back of McDonald's old work through twenty-one feet of surface, forty feet of conglomerate, and one and a half feet of red sandstone, when rich ore was struck—the first tubful taken out showed gold in paying quantities. If it proves to be six or eight feet in depth to slate rock, there will be immense quantities of rich ore in the vicinity of the shaft, and mining can be done at a small cost. A tramway is completed from the shaft to the mill, over which the ore can be transported at a cost of not more than five cents per ton.

Work is booming in the Joggins coal mines. The average shipment is 300 tons a day, to St. John and Nova Scotian ports and for the I. C. R. use. Last month's pay roll showed 227 employees, with earnings of \$75,000.—*Gold Hunter.*

The coal production from Cape Breton collieries up to August 31st, are as follows: Sydney mines 96,000 tons. Victoria 55,471. International 89,000. Old Bridgeport 70,000. Gardiner 10,000. Reserve 100,125. Little Glace Bay 65,000. Caledonia 95,000. Gowrie 100,180. Ontario 2,000. Totalling 625,776.

The shipments show an increase of twenty per cent. over last year to corresponding date and is the largest yet reached by our mines. The mines have been working full time since the opening of navigation, and in order to fill the demand large quantities have been shipped from the coal banked last winter. A great bulk of this export has gone up the St. Lawrence; the demand from that quarter is increasing so, year by year, that our coal owners are somewhat taxed to supply the trade.—*Herald.*

There are rumors of a big gold find at Stormont, block 95, W. D., Guysboro County, and blocks of areas have been taken up by S. D. Hudson, of that place, and G. E. Francklyn, of this city.—*Chronicle.*

MOOSE RIVER.—Mr. D. Touquay obtained from his last crushing a