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## MINING.

Mr. Alfred Woodhouse, M. E. of the Nova Scotia Gold Mines, limited, in agreeing to furnish official news to the press of the work done by his company or of new developments on their property, has taken the right course if he will only carry it into practice. The Critic has time and again tried to secure the most reliable news in this way, but the experiment has failed, as in all cases it has been found that through the press of work managers forget to send in reports or delay until something startling turns up. In this way the news comes only occasionally and certain mines are kept constantly before the public, while others are almost lost sight of. A postal card each week from every mine in the province giving a slight sketch of the work done, ore raised, depth of shaft sunk, levels driven, appearance of quartz and results of crushings, is what is wanted, as while filling our columns with actual mining news, it would do more than anything else to convince the public of the volume of our mining industry. If Mr. Woodhouse will now set the good example of furnishing this weekly report with unfailing regularity, the good effects will soon be apparent and others will be induced to follow. In this way the press will be made to teem with reliable news, and there will be no necessity of specially correcting such serious errors as crept into the *Herald's* recent account of proceedings at Montague. There is a growing demand for mining news, showing an increased public interest in the business, and to meet this demand the reports of miners visiting the city have mainly to be relied upon, as there is at present hardly money enough in catering to this interest to keep reporters going the rounds of the mining camps. A few interested individuals, influenced entirely by selfish motives, would like to keep our mineral resources hidden under a bushel, but it must be remembered that our mines are vested in the government for the benefit of the people, and it is their right to have the fullest information of all that transpires.

LAURENCETOWN.—Mr. Joseph Austen continues his prospecting at Laurencetown, and is meeting with such good results that the sale of the property to good parties is assured.

CENTRAL RAWDON.—It is reported that the Central Rawdon Company have again struck it rich, and also that a Mr. Withrow has made a most important new find in the district.

MOUNT UNIACK.—The C. P. F. Gold Mining Association have pumped out the English Mine, and found all the workings in splendid condition, proving the substantial character of the mining work done under the supervision of Capt. John Nichols the manager of the old company. Gold was visible in the leads in several places in the mine, and the query naturally arises, why did the old company shut down?

The field work of the Geological Survey in Nova Scotia for 1892, under the direction of Mr. E. R. Faribault, M. E., has been finished, and has embraced Pictou, East and Central Rawdon, Ardoise Hill, Mount Uniacke, South Uniacke, and Hammonds Plains, places in Hants and Halifax Counties. Mr. Faribault is enthusiastic over the indications of the South Uniacke District, where at present the Eastville and Withrow mines are being operated, the former proving exceptionally rich. The present development he considers as nothing in comparison with the real merits of the district, there being several leads unworked and apparently unknown to the prospectors. Next summer, Mr. Faribault will continue the survey west of the city of Halifax.

Thanks to the united stand taken by the Mining men and the Press, backed by the able advocacy of Messrs. Kenny and Stairs, our member of Parliament, the Nova Scotia maps of the Geological Survey are being prepared for publication on the scale of one mile to the inch. In fact the first map of the series from Canso to New Harbor is now being published, and thirty more are ready. The Cape Breton maps have been issued.

We join with the *Canadian Mining Review* in congratulating Mr. Faribault on an approaching event which is thus referred to by our contemporary. "Rumor hath it that one of our most popular field geologists, whose excellent work as a member of the staff of the Geological Survey is well known, particularly in the gold districts of Nova Scotia, will shortly be married to a charming French-Canadian lady of this city. The *Review* bespeaks a hearty round of congratulations on the coming event."

ASHDALE.—Mr. E. C. Macdonnell, of Enfield, has crushed four tons of quartz from his mine at Ashdale, Hants County, with most satisfactory results. In our next issue we hope to give the details.

SHERBROOK.—The work on the Alexandra property continues to prove that its purchasers have made a good bargain.

CARIBOU.—In our article on the rich strike on the Truro Company's property, by an unfortunate typographical error which was manifest by the context, the depth of the shaft was made seven feet instead of seventy five feet.

In the *American Geologist*, published at Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. H. P. Brumell, of the Geological Survey, has by permission of the department, published an article on the Manganese Mines of Canada. It is full of j.

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