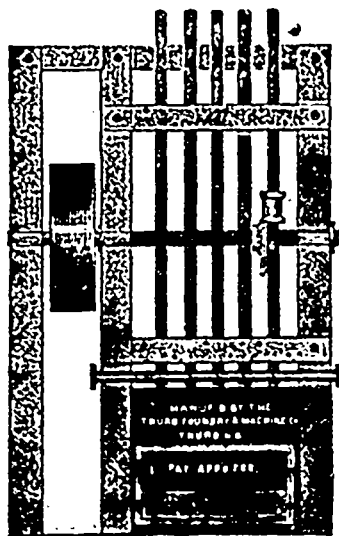


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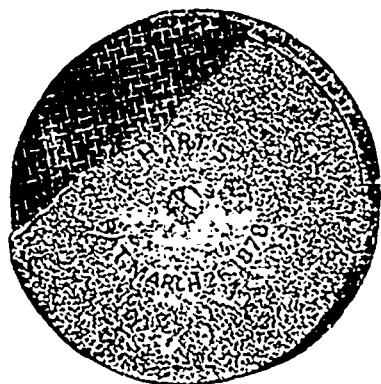
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NOVA SCOTIA GOLD-MINERS' ASSOCIATION.—There was such a small
attendance at the first annual meeting of the above Association that it was
wisely determined to adjourn until Saturday, the 3rd day of March next,
when the meeting will be held in the Halifax Hotel at 2.30 p.m. The
following communication explains the situation so clearly that there is no
necessity for further comment:—

"The meeting of gold-miners called for the 3rd instant, at which it was
expected the Miners' Association would be successfully launched, was not
of that representative character which the promoters of the movement had
a right to expect, nor did the mining men assemble in sufficient numbers to
give very much encouragement to those who were honestly seeking by this
means to place the business of gold-mining on a more secure and permanent
basis. I regret to say that in reference thereto, it will be necessary to state
some very plain truths, and while it is a matter of sincere regret that the
statements thus necessitated will not redound to the credit of the province
or the gold industry, I think the best way to overcome obstacles is to meet
them fairly and openly, and that a plain statement of facts will be the
shortest road to a decision as to whether the gold miners of the province
really want such an Association as is proposed.

The initial work of the Association had gone on very encouragingly,
and up to a certain point the success of the movement seemed fully assured.
Quite a number of encouraging letters were received from various districts,
and these assurances, together with the verbal promises of support from
those mining men who are contiguous to the city, were deemed sufficient to
give the Association a fair start.

Suddenly a feeling of suspicion and mutual distrust seems to have been
engendered in some quarter, and to have been so industriously fanned into
flame, as to very largely neutralize all previous effort, and to kill out the
meeting of the 3rd, which seems to have been the object intended.

To have it proclaimed to the world that the gold-mining men of Nova
Scotia could not unite in the furtherance of their common interests because
of petty personal jealousies, would be sufficiently humiliating, but it is still
more discreditable to be compelled to the admission that this distrustful
spirit has taken the form of national discrimination, the Nova Scotians in
the business being jealous of the influence of the Americans, and vice versa.
That this feeling of jealous rivalry and emulation in littleness so entirely
reprehensible, is not shared by mining men generally, and that this blow
below the belt at the Association in its infancy will not be endorsed by
those eligible for membership, but whom distance prevented attending, was
a conviction so strong in the minds of those who did attend that the meet-
ing was adjourned to Saturday, March 3rd, at 2.30 o'clock at the Halifax
Hotel, and I was requested by those present to place the matter fully and
fairly before the mining men of the province.

The question to be decided between the present time and the date of
the adjourned meeting is this,—Are the gold-miners of the province
content to rest under the odium which the failure of the Association from
the cause indicated would entail, or will they effectually remove the stigma
by rallying to the support of the movement in sufficient numbers to
warrant the successful organization of the Association at the date named.

The Association, when successfully under way, is calculated to be eminently
useful to all those legitimately engaged in gold-mining, and I now appeal to
all mining men throughout the province who are eligible for membership
to send to Mr John H. Anderson, of Pictou, authority to register their
names as applicants for membership, and to those who have already done so
to renew their expression of confidence in the Association and its work.

And I would particularly request that all who can possibly attend the
adjourned meeting would endeavor to do so even if at some personal incon-
venience, in order that a sufficient number may be present to secure the
selection of a fully representative executive.

J. H. TOWNSEND.

The gentlemen who attended the meeting of the 3rd instant, and by
whom I was requested and authorized to publish the foregoing were L. L.
Wadsworth, John H. Anderson, J. M. Reid, H. G. Stenshorn and Thos.
B. Donaldson.

J. H. T.

CARLETON GOLD DISTRICT.—Messrs. Turner & Co. are pushing operations
on their property in this district, and are convinced that they have a very
valuable mine.

It is their determination to build a 10 or 20 stamp mill and put in a 50
horse power engine and boiler in the spring. Lumber and timber have been
cut for the new mill and other buildings. Last fall the firm put up shaft
house, engine house, blacksmith shop, barn and dwelling house with ten
rooms, not completed.

The main shaft is 60 feet to bed rock, and is well timbered. Tunnels
have been driven 150 feet north and south, and six leads, 2 of 8 feet in
thickness, regular "Jumbos," have been cut. All are reported as carrying
free gold, and the prospects are very bright for a large gold yield the
coming spring and summer. Messrs. W. H. Turner & Co. are evidently
pushing business men, and will doubtless prove most valuable additions to
the ranks of our gold-mine owners.

There is dearth of mining news, and we trust our correspondents in the
various mining camps have not forgotten that we and thousands of our
readers look anxiously for their contributions. Great interest is now being
evinced in gold-mining matters, and we should like to gratify this longing
by weekly condensed reports from all the mining districts in the Province.

As the Provincial Parliament will soon be in session, we think it well to
draw attention to the valuable suggestions found on page 9 of the 1886
Report of the Deputy Commissioner and Inspector of Mines:—