thrown open when as many as half a dozen disputes arose in connection with one claim.

Some small nuggets of native silver have been found in a narrow vein on the Garvey claims in the Gowganda district, in the vicinity of Smoothwater Lake. The find is characteristic of many others made in this field.

A large number of mining men will attend a general meeting of the members of the Ontario Mining Association to be held this week at Sudbury. The meeting commenced August 17th and will last for three days. Mine managers and presidents of mining companies representing perhaps ninety per cent of the mines of the Province will attend the meeting. In view of this being the first general meeting since the new organisation became fully established, it promises to be of outstanding importance. From this rate forward, the activities and the influence of the Association appears destined to be extensive. Not only will it serve as a means of comparing mining achievements, but the organisation aims to cooperate with the Ontario Government in such a way as to make available much valuable data, and stands ready to offer suggestions which may be considered beneficial to the industry.

THE GOLD MINES.

What is considered to be one of the most hopeful signs in connection with the gold mining industry of Northern Ontario is the report this week that the Hollinger Consolidated has secured fifty English miners. It is believe that if a slack period in mining has actually set in in England, and if the Hollinger has secured fifty men, it is not unreasonable to suppose that many more may be obtained in the same manner. Should such prove to be the case, it will remove the only obstacle standing between the gold mines of this country and maximum production.

The gold mines in the aggregate have a greater quantity of ore in sight than ever in the past, and their milling facilities will permit them to treat more than 6,000 tons every twenty-four hours. These two factors would come into full play in the event of an adequate number of men being secured. For this reason, therefore, too much importance cannot be attached to the reports that men are being obtained from the British Isles.

An announcement of importance to the shareholders of the McIntyre-Porcupine has just been made. and conveys the information that the company has decided to enter into another venture, this time in a coal mine in Alberta. It is stated by president J. P. Bickell that one property has been purchased and an option has been secured on another, and that the Temiskaming Mining Company may also be asked to take part of it. The Blue Diamond property at Brule, Alta, has been purchased, and a fifteen year option is held on the Canadian Coalfields property. Just how the report will be received by the shareholders of the McIntyre-Porcupine and the Temiskaming Mining Company remains to be seen and will be governed largely by the report presented prior to voting on the question.

The Miller Independence Mines of Boston Creek announce a stock offering of 46,000 shares, and restricts the right to participate in it to the present stockholders. This company received permission from the Department of Securities of the state of Ohio, about one year ago to sell not more than 100,000 treasury shares at $3.80 per share. Of this amount 54,000 shares were sold at that figure. The present offer is calculated to again strengthen the treasury and at the same time offer an opportunity for the present stockholders to reduce the average paid for shares.

Work at the mine is proceeding in a satisfactory way and the face of the main cross-cut at the 500-ft. level is believed to be within about 70 feet of the downward continuation of the main orebody. In the meantime, work has been resumed in the inclined shaft at a point closer to surface with the object of blocking out the high-grade ore shown at that horizon.

KIRKLAND LAKES ANNUAL MEETING.

That a fine body of ore had been recently discovered on the 400-foot level was an announcement made by President Frank L. Culver, at the annual meeting of the Kirkland Lake Gold Mining Company, Limited, held in Toronto on Tuesday of this week. The development has not proceeded sufficiently as yet to indicate the extent of the ore body, but it is believed to carry values ranging from $200 to $300 a ton. In the President's survey of the operations it was pointed out that the principal development consisted in the sinking of the main shaft to the 900-foot level. In this respect Kirkland Lake is the pioneer in the way of depth operation in the Kirkland Lake Camp. The results obtained are most encouraging as the porphry formation is found to exist at the 900-foot depth. Mr. Culver made it clear that the company had never carried on what is described as selective mining, and stated that such a policy would always be avoided. It was also stated that the proposed amalgamation between Kirkland Lake, the Orr and Teck-Hughes Mines would receive consideration at the hands of Kirkland Lake only on the basis of actual values. All of the old board of directors were re-elected.

CARTWRIGHT GOLDFIELDS.

Surface exploration of the property of Cartwright Goldfields, Limited, which lies north east of Matheson, Ontario, is bringing good results. Last week another vein carrying free gold was discovered. It lies near one of the veins that is now being stripped. Work on the latter vein was begun a few weeks ago and good values have been found in the samples taken as the work progresses.

The Cartwright property is close to Painkiller Lake. It is easily reached by wagon road from Matheson on the L. and N. O. Railway.—R.E.H.

THE PREMIUM ON GOLD.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club in Salt Lake City on July 23, Mr. H. N. Laurie of the American Mining Congress outlined the proposal which would provide for a premium of $10 per ounce on newly mined gold. This proposal is being placed before U. S. Congress by Representative McFadden.

At present Canadian gold producers are benefitted by a premium on gold arising from the fact that gold can be sold in Canada on the same basis as U. S. currency. This means that gold in Canada is worth considerably more than the $20.67 per ounce at which it is quoted.