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**BRILLIANT MINING FUTURE FOR
NEWFOUNDLAND.**

By the steamer *Hercules*, arrived last Saturday from Beets Cove, we learn that mining operations are being carried out there on a very large scale, Mr. Ellershausen intending to ship some 15,000 tons of ore before the close of navigation. Six thousand tons of ore are now on the dock ready for shipment, and about 20,000 tons of shipping have been engaged in England, some of the vessels having already arrived at Beets Cove.

When it is remembered that the average price paid for the quality of ore now taken from this mine is about £10 sterling per ton, some idea of the immense value of the property may be had. The incline tramway, which will shorten the distance from the mine to the dock by about one thousand yards, will soon be finished, when vessels can be loaded with despatch. The engine for raising the ore will also soon be in working condition, and they are now taking some 70 tons per day out of the one shaft, about 110 feet in depth, where they have struck the immense lode of copper ore, some 36 feet in thickness, and averaging from 12 to 15 per cent. of copper. There are two shafts sunk to the depth of 120 feet, connected by levels with the main shaft, thus providing thorough ventilation, and, when completed, affording opportunity for employing a large force with a relatively greater increase of production.

The smelting furnace now in operation turns out an average yield of regulus, for the twenty-four hours, of 4000 lbs.; another furnace is to be got under way immediately, and four more to be completed during the summer, which will melt from 7000 to 8000 tons of regulus per annum. No ore is smelted yielding less than 5 per cent. The coal used for this work is imported as ballast by the vessels engaged for exportation of the copper; a large amount of coal is on hand, and an ample supply is expected to arrive immediately, sufficient for the purposes of the mine, with enough to spare for all steamers that may require it. The tug-boat purchased by Mr. Ellershausen for the service of the company had already arrived, and will give very efficient service not only as a tug, but as a despatch boat, being a fine seagoing vessel.

Mr. Ellershausen, we further learn, has also sent men to prosecute the opening of the valuable lead seam at Moreton's Harbor. This ore, as yet only taken from the surface, yields on analysis of some of the specimens some 87 per cent. of lead, and Professor Hind, who is now there, has traced the vein along from the harbor to the sea. The facilities for shipment will be great, as the vein runs down to the beach in the harbor.

We can hardly predict the great impetus which the development of these mines will give to the prosperity of our island, and feel glad that the enterprise is being crowned with such abundant success. To Mr. Bennett, as the pioneer and projector, under many difficulties, of the great mining interest of the country, we all owe very much. His persistent and undaunted energy was the first to bring to light the hid-

den stores of wealth with which the country is now known to abound, and we trust, as we are glad to learn, that the works of Tilt Cove are showing indications of greater value as they are being proceeded with.

Mr. James Whiteman, whose departure for Beets Cove with Mr. Ellerhausen, we notice in our issue of the 10th, returned in the *Hercules* last Saturday, very favourably impressed with what he saw, and returns by the next steamer to England, with a view we understand to the introduction of capital for further mining developments.

We understand also that Mr. Whiteman has been in communication with the government in regard to a number of English gentlemen who are desirous of forming a colony of their own to settle upon some of the rich pasture districts of our southern and western shores, which the explorations and energy of Mr. Murray, of our geological survey, have brought to light. The government, we are happy to say, have given every assurance of support to Mr. Whiteman's proposal.

Would it not be for the interest of the country that our government should retain the valuable services of this gentleman as agent for Newfoundland in London, where he has already accomplished so much toward the settlement of the West shore question, and attract such considerable attention towards the immense resources of our country.—*North Star*.

METHODIST TABLE-TALK.

The President made his first appearance in public after his severe illness last week, when he attended the Missionary Committee. It is to be hoped his visit to the Irish Conference will do him no harm, but after such an attack he certainly runs some risk by undertaking the journey and fatigue.

Mr. Pope has reached Didsbury from America in ill-health. He preceded his colleague, Dr. Rigg, by a fortnight. The Doctor comes home this week, and will doubtless have much interesting information to give. He is expected to speak at the Open Conference in Nottingham, and also at a great Sunday School meeting there. It is well known that his views about American Sunday Schools are different from those of some other ministers who have crossed the Atlantic.

The Conference plan contains a long list of arrangements for services and meetings, but I understand others are projected which are not printed there. It is said the thoroughness of attention to details, in preparing for the first Conference to be held in Nottingham, has been very great. The temperance people have not got their meeting officially announced, but it will probably be one of the great successes of the time. A marvellous change has come over the spirit and tone of the Conference with reference to the great and beneficent movement in favour of total abstinence. Of course it still has some opponents, but they are in a marked minority. There is a class of people in every community whose mission it seems to be to oppose all improvements—who put the brakes of their foginess upon the wheels of progress; so there are some whose whole interest in the temperance reform is to oppose what others favour. It is a happy fact, however, that to-day the men of that class in Methodism are powerless for mischief. On the other hand the advocates of the movement have improved; they have learned that zeal is most efficient if tempered by wisdom, and enthusiasm is more effective if it stops short of fanaticism.

Those who met Dr. Curry at the Sheffield Conference will not easily forget him. His speech at the Albert Hall proved him to be a man of great ability. Indeed he is rather too able to please his opponents. He is, even for an American, an advanced liberal. He does not belong to the bishops' set. After twelve years' service as editor of the *Christian Advocate*, he has just been displaced by the General Conference, and a young minister, loved by Dr. Curry, will become editor of the *Ladies' Repository*, and if he does he will certainly improve it. His pens were too pointed to suit everybody.

Mr. Perks is likely to take Mr. Boyce's work after Conference, and so become financial secretary at the Mission House. It is to be hoped this will not take him away from platform work. If the growing impression proves correct that Mr. Kiltner will be the new secretary, it may be the

best arrangement that, with his ability for organization, he should not be tied down too closely to desk and figures.

The secretaries of the July Examination Committee for this year, the Revs. M.C. Osborn and C. H. Kelly, have done what I never knew to be done before to candidates for the ministry. They have sent to each candidate copies of the last year's examination papers, so that the young men may have some idea of the sort of thing they will have to face next month. The arrangement is an exceedingly kind one, and, judging by two candidates whom I met the other day, I should suppose it is very highly appreciated.—*London Methodist*.

THE WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

(Charlottetown Patriot.)

The Midsummer Examination of the Wesleyan Academy, took place on Thursday last. Quite a number of the parents of the children, and the friends of the Institution were present. The press was represented by the editors of the *Argus*, the *New Era*, the *Examiner*, and the *Patriot*. The examination was in almost every respect satisfactory. The only drawback was that some of the elder pupils did not do justice to themselves. They did not speak loud enough, and the consequence was that, many of their answers, accurate and intelligent as most of them were, were not heard by the greater part of the audience. The writer who occupied a seat near the platform, and who was privileged to take a part in the examination, was greatly pleased with what he saw and heard. To see such a number of healthy, happy, well behaved children, was of itself a treat. We may say here, that the discipline of the school seems to be very good, the pupils promptly and cheerfully attending to the directions of their teachers, without appearing to be under any unwholesome restraint. The answer to many of the questions, showed that the minds of the children have been awakened, and that the instruction given them is thorough. We are particularly pleased with the intelligence displayed by the classes in Natural Philosophy, English Literature, and English History. It was simply delightful to hear the junior class read (Miss Hamilton's, we believe.) The little ones entered into the spirit of the piece they read, and they recited not only with intelligence but with taste. The exercises in spelling and geography proved that these necessary branches of education are not neglected in the Wesleyan Academy. Miss Cole's class did exceedingly well. We will not presume to offer an opinion as to the attainments of Mr. Knight's grammar class. The terminology of the new text books on Grammar, is to us perfectly bewildering, and all we could do while this class was being examined, was to sit by, and wonder and admire.

When the exercises were concluded, short speeches were made by the chairman, W. E. Dawson, Esq., Rev. T. Duncan, Mr. McKechnie, and the editors of the *New Era* and *Patriot*, all of whom expressed themselves highly gratified with the kind and the quality of the instruction imparted in the Wesleyan Academy. We regret to learn that the Principal, Mr. Carscadden, and several of the teachers of this institution, are about to leave the Island. It will, we are very certain, be difficult to replace them by others equally efficient.

The following is the list of the pupils

RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION:

- Infant Department.—J. McKinnon, H. Duchmin, Tillie Brown, Gussie Currie, Carrie Downing, E. Moore, Alfred Hall, Carrie Rogers, George Rogers.
Primary Department.—1st Division: F. Higgs, W. Fletcher, W. Hyndman, B. Higgs, J. Knight, C. Duchmin, Annie Weeks, Minnie Brydges, Ida Pentz, Edie Beales, Gussie Hurvey, Annie LePage, Dollie Dogherty, Florrie McGowan, Sarah Ross, Annie Findlay.
Primary Department.—2nd Division: Alice Turner, George Ross, Lillie McKay, Ellen Boswall, Louie Alley, Jessie Knight, Eva Purdy.
Intermediate Department.—Laura Scott,

Laura Farquharson, H. Johnson, Frank Beer, Fritz Moore, Alfred Duchmin.

HONOR LIST.

- Academic Department.—2nd Greek: Class 1: H. Harper, T. Pierce, J. Wadman.
1st Greek.—Class 1: R. McKechnie, D. D. Moore, B. Brown; Class 2: C. Brown, W. Brown.
3rd Latin.—Class 1: Miss McDonald, B. McKechnie, equal, T. Pierce, D. D. Moore.
2nd Latin.—Class 1: D. D. Moore, B. Brown, H. Harper.
1st Latin.—Class 1: Miss Yeo, Miss McLeod; Class 2: H. Johnson, F. Gates.
Geometry.—Class 1: R. McKechnie, Miss McDonald, equal, H. Harper; Class 2: D. D. Moore, B. Brown, T. Pierce.
4th Algebra.—Class 1: Miss McDonald.
3rd Algebra.—Class 1: F. Gates; Class 2: Miss Weeks, Miss McLeod, D. D. Moore.
2nd Algebra.—Class 2: R. McKechnie, B. Brown, H. Harper, W. Brown.
1st Algebra.—Class 1: Miss Yeo, Miss Moore; Class 2: Miss Johnson, Miss Dawson.
Arithmetic.—Class 1: R. McKechnie, Miss M. Beer, C. Brown, Miss Beer, Miss Weeks, Miss McLeod, Miss F. Johnson, Miss Yeo, Miss A. Johnson; Class 2: Miss Dawson, W. Brown, F. Gates, Miss Brown, Alfred Beer.
Natural Philosophy.—Class 1: Miss McDonald, H. Harper, R. McKechnie, Lea Yeo; Class 2: F. Gates, Miss McLeod, Miss M. Beers, W. Brown.
2nd History.—Class 1: Miss Yeo, Miss McDonald; Class 2: Miss McLeod, Miss Brown.
1st History.—Class 1: Miss H. McDonald, Miss A. Johnson, Miss F. Murray, Miss Currie.
English Literature.—Class 1: Miss McDonald, and Miss Yeo, (equal), Miss McLeod, Miss Brown and Miss Weeks, (equal).
Rhetoric.—Class 1: Miss McDonald, Miss McLeod, Miss Yeo, Miss Brown; Class 2: Miss Weeks, Miss F. Johnson, Miss Dawson.
Grammar.—Class 1: Miss A. Johnson, Miss H. McDonald; Class 2: Miss Murray, Miss Currie.
Botany.—Class 1: Miss H. McDonald, Miss A. Johnson; Class 2: Miss Beer.
3rd French.—Class 1: Miss McLeod and Miss Yeo, (equal).
2nd French.—Class 1: Miss Beer, Miss M. Beer; Class 2: Miss H. McDonald, Miss A. Johnson.
1st French.—Class 1: Miss A. Moore.
Intermediate Department, French.—Class 1: Laura Scott, Ella McMurray, Minnie Dawson; Class 2: Lizzie Stronach, Laura LaLacheur, Alice McMurray.

A very pleasant entertainment was given in the evening at which the pupils of the institutions displayed, to a very large audience, the proficiency they had made in music both vocal and instrumental. Those capable of forming an opinion on the subject say that the singing was good, and the music well executed. We regret that our limited space prevents us from giving a more detailed account of the concert.

ACCIDENT AND MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

The *Midland Free Press* states that on Sunday week the annual sermons in connection with the Hinkley Wesleyan Schools were preached by the Rev. W. H. Wall, of Rugby. In the afternoon the congregation was very large, the chapel being crowded in every available space. In the evening a crowd had assembled round the doors long before the time for opening, and immediately the door was opened a rush was made, and the chapel was soon densely packed. The service commenced, and after the children had sung the introductory hymn, the minister gave out the first hymn, and when the congregation rose to their feet the gallery immediately above that part which was occupied by a greater part of the children gave way with a sudden crash, and a most appalling scene ensued. Of course it was thought that the children underneath would be crushed, and the parents of the children were panic-stricken. A rush was made for the doors, and in spite of every exertion nothing could restrain the impetuosity of the people. But strange to say not one of the children were seriously injured; most of them were got out at the side windows by the friends and others quite unhurt; only two or three being badly bruised. The principal part of the audience assembled outside the chapel, where a hymn of praise was sung for the marvellous deliverance, and then a procession was formed, and the majority of the people marched to the Congregational Church, in the borough, where the Rev. E. Phillips, the pastor, had kindly, on hearing of the accident, offered to vacate the pulpit in favour of Mr. Wall, and the services were continued in that place of worship.

ANNUAL METHODIST CONFERENCE.

We have much pleasure in giving place to a brief *resumé* of proceedings held at the George Street Methodist Church in connection with what is, we believe, the Second Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in this province. It is pleasing to note that progress is being made, and that additional ministers are needed, and will be shortly forthcoming.

We may say that we had the satisfaction of being present on Tuesday evening last, at the George Street Church upon occasion of the concert provided by the choirs of both churches for the entertainment of members of the Conference, &c.

In regard to it we have merely to say that it was about the best entertainment of the kind we have attended in St. John's, and the choirs of both churches show that they took very high rank in the conception as well as in the execution of the programme prepared for them. In a community boasting of no very trained or professional skill, the pieces were wonderfully well selected and rendered, and many of the solos, trios and quartettes were sufficiently well sustained to merit applause had they been rendered by trained artists. Few countries are comparatively richer than Newfoundland in the article of musical taste and ability, as the concert of Tuesday evening abundantly showed. We feel that it would be invidious to point attention to special cases where all did so well. But there were two or three solos and quartettes which reflected infinite credit upon the young ladies who took part in them—and who in the choruses were so ably sustained by the gentlemen of the choirs. The choruses were all fine, and executed with a spirit and ability which did credit to all.—*Nfld. Star*.

His Excellency in Council has been pleased to appoint the Rev. W. R. Pratt; and Messrs. John Whiteway, Sr., James Hicks, E. Wellon, and Thomas Elliot, to be a Methodist Board of Education for Musgrave Harbor. The Rev. John Dixon, the Rev. Wm. Branfitt; and Messrs. Wm. Marcell, Henry Ebsary and Henry Knight, to be a Methodist Board of Education, for Notre Dame Bay, North; the Rev. Joseph Parkins and Messrs. Saul Bonnell, Wm. Stone, Sr., William Treadwell, and George Ellsworth, to be a Methodist Board of Education, for La Poile; and the Rev. Jabez Hill, John Evans, Esq., and Messrs. Morgan Gange, Joseph Ford, Wm. Hickman, Aaron Forsey, and Thos. Pool, to be a Methodist Board of Education for Channel.

His Excellency in Council has also been pleased to appoint R. E. Holloway, Esq., B.A., Principal of Methodist Academy, and the Rev. Thomas Harris, with the Superintendent of Education for Methodist Schools, to be a Board of Examiners for examining and grading Methodist Pupil Teachers under the Education Act, 1876.

St. John's Newfoundland
Secretary's Office,
4th July, 1876.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

A private note from Rev. Dr. Newman, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Washington, bearing date on Friday last, contained, among other items of interest, the following: "I go to baptize Col. Fred. Grant's infant daughter. The President is to stand as godfather, and Mrs. Honore, the maternal grandmother is to be godmother. The ceremony is to take place at the White House, and the water to be used is from the river Jordan. I brought it over at Mrs. Grant's request." *N. York Advocate*.