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## MINING.

*Items From Our Travelling Correspondent.*

**HARRIGAN COVE.**—Gold was first discovered at Harrigan Cove some twenty or more years ago, and since that time several different parties have carried on operations in the district. The property which has been the most extensively worked is that held by Mr. Kent Archibald, who is also a large owner in the famous Dufferin Mine at Salmon River. Soon after the great find at Salmon River the Harrigan mines were abandoned, and for the last seven years no work of consequence has been done at that place. The only property worked at present is that owned by McMann Bros. & Co. Leads were first discovered on this property about three years ago, but no work other than prospecting was carried on until two years ago, when a 10 stamp mill was erected, and two shafts were sunk. Soon after that the property was bonded to Mr. G. F. Monckton, who, after working 4 months and not making a sale as expected, stopped work. The mines then laid idle for a time, but at the expiration of the bond, the present Company again began work, and sink a shaft about 50 feet deep, besides driving about 50 feet of tunnelling to connect with another shaft on the South lead. The principal leads yet discovered are the North, South and Middle. On the North lead there is a shaft about 70 feet, besides 100 feet of tunnelling, with some 30 feet of stope. On the Middle lead is a shaft about 35 feet deep, together with about 50 ft. of tunnelling. The men are now engaged in driving a cross-cut from the South to the North lead across a belt of about 25 feet containing 18 leads, varying from 3 inches to 2 feet in width. The distance between the extreme North and South leads on this property is about 200 feet. The leads of the district are scattered over a range fully half a mile in width. Assays of the ore taken from some of these leads give as high as 4 ozs. of gold per ton. The greater part of the ore so far taken out by McMann Bros. & Co. is of rather a low grade, but there has been found very rich drift,—good for at least 20 ozs. of gold to the ton,—and it is hoped and expected that the lead to which this drift belongs will be found in the cross-cut which is now being driven. The ore of this property is fine looking stuff, carrying lots of metal, with gold frequently visible. The claims of the Company consist of about 48 areas, 3 deep, situated from 100 to 200 yds. from the Post Road, and within one half mile of the shipping port. The belt is of slate and whin formation, and carries a great many leads all dipping south. The Company owning this property is a local one and is not able to work upon a grand scale, but is working along easily—with about 7 hands employed—and striving to develop the mine, and find out what it is really worth. Mr. McMann and his foreman, Mr. McIntosh, declare their confidence in the district, and are determined to risk time and money in proving it. The surface plant besides shaft houses and smithy, consists of a fine 10 stamp mill fitted up with all the best improved machinery, and is specially remarkable for neatness and convenience. The power is supplied by a 30 horse power engine, which besides running the mill also furnishes power for hoisting, with plenty more in reserve for pumping, when the mine has become sufficiently developed to require steam pumps. The most distant shaft is only 100 ft. away from the mill, and has a car track running to it, so that there is but little trouble in getting the ore from the mine to the crusher.

**ISAAC'S HARBOR.**—In the *Herald* of December 18th last Mr. John McMillan had an able statement of the case of of the McMillan Gold Mining Company, which is just now engaged in an interesting contest with the Palgrave Mining Company, the latter claiming the right to enter upon the lands at Hurricane Point and Island, owned and now occupied by the McMillan Company. As the case is still pending in the courts we make no comments, but from the fury of the legal gale now raging for the possession of the property it would seem that the island is well named.

A correspondent of the New York *Herald* has furnished that journal with a description of Ralph's method of discovering gold leads at Wine Harbor by means of magnets or *dows* as he calls them. The correspondent was at first sceptical, but after witnessing the tests made by Ralph and experimenting with the instrument himself evidently became almost a convert.

**ANTIMONY.**—We have an inquiry from Quebec as to the name and address of the party or parties working the antimony mine in New Brunswick, and should be obliged if some one would furnish us the required information.

If in search of an antimony mine we would advise our correspondent to communicate with Mr. John Sim of Rawdon, Hants Co., Nova Scotia.

Some of our prominent miners seem to be turning their attention to a South American country of reported fabulous richness in gold and diamonds.

**LAKE CATCHA.**—The Oxford Gold Mining Co. have about completed the repairs and additions to their plant, and expect to "start up" again before the New Year. The Manager, Mr. Reid, hopes to revolutionize mining in Lake Catcha by the use of improved machinery, and doubtless will be rewarded by a greatly increased yield of gold, although the mine has always been a heavy producer.

Mr. John Anderson has opened a fine lead on his areas close to the Oxford boundary.

The *Chronicle* editorially holds out the hope that the Local Government will appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the workings of the coal trade, more especially with the object of definitely ascertaining the effect of reciprocity in coal with the United States.