

ing crushed, yielding from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per ton, which gives a handsome profit. The ultimate object is to sink through this bunch of small loads, to certain flat leads supposed to be situated on the "Saddle" or anticlinal. They have about 7 men employed. These parties have done a great deal of prospecting to the southward of the M. R. G. M. Coy's works this summer, having cut some 600 or 700 yds. at an average depth of 7 ft. They failed to find anything of importance, and have suspended operations till next spring, when they will begin again.

Mr. McGregor believes that this property admits of far greater development, and hopes it will get it. The other property mentioned, that owned by Mr. Archibald and others, is of little interest now, as it has not been worked for some years; we will, therefore, not stop to remark further upon it.

**OFFICIAL ASSAY OFFICE.**—We have so frequently urged the necessity of an official assay office in Halifax that the subject has been worn almost threadbare, and still we have no assay office and samples of ore have generally to be sent abroad for treatment. A well equipped assay office and a small mill plant for the testing of ores, actual mill tests, would prove a boon to the mining interests, but the amount of work now available is too small and unremunerative for private enterprise, and unless the government steps in with an annual grant the want is not likely to be supplied for years to come. United action on the part of our mine managers and owners, and a clear statement of the necessities of the case to the local authorities would, we feel, encourage the Government to favorably entertain a proposition to place a sum in the next year's estimates to be expended in fitting up a suitable assay office and paying the salary of a really competent assayer. The fees for assaying would partly recoup the expenditure and any deficit would be money well invested in advancing the mining interests of the Province.

The following are the official gold returns so far received at the Mines Office for the month of October:

| District.                 | Mill.                        | (Qtz. crushed. | Ozs. Gold. |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Sherbrooke.....           | Miners.....                  | 78             | 23         |
| do .....                  | Goldenville.....             | 91             | 15½        |
| Salmon River.....         | Dufferin.....                | 475            | 103        |
| Waverly.....              | Wallace.....                 | 3              | 16         |
| do .....                  | Lake View.....               | 1,000          | 97½        |
| do .....                  | Windsor Junction.....        | 140            | 7½         |
| Cariboo.....              | Moose River G. M. Co..       | 106½           | 29½        |
| Uniacook.....             | Phoenix.....                 | 156            | 19½        |
| East Rawdon.....          | Rawdon Mill.....             | 212            | 60         |
| Wine Harbor.....          | Napier Mill.....             | 68½            | 16         |
| Gold on Scraggy Lake..... | Mortared Gold by Thos Baker, |                | 15½        |
| Molega.....               | Molega Mill.....             | 72             | 161        |

**EAST RAWDON.**—The returns from the East Rawdon Mill for the past four months are:

|        |                                      |               |
|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| July   | 30 tons quartz crushed yielding..... | 27½ ozs. gold |
| August | 40 " " " " " " .....                 | 24½ "         |
| Sept.  | 140 " " " " " " .....                | 59½ "         |
| Oct.   | 212 " " " " " " .....                | 60 "          |

**FIFTEEN MILE STREAM.**—The Egerton Company in this district are evidently meeting with great success. The gold returns for October are not yet in, but in September the yield was 26½ ozs. gold from 325 tons quartz crushed.

**CENTRAL RAWDON.**—A crushing of 20 tons of quartz and 75 tons of mixed stuff by the Northrup Mill in September yielded 124 ozs gold. The Central Rawdon Mill returned for the same month 52 ozs gold from 100 tons quartz crushed.

**MOLEGA.**—The Parker-Douglas Mill returns are:

|        |   |         |
|--------|---|---------|
| July   | 313 tons crushed yielding in gold ..... | 50 ozs. |
| August | 600 " " " " " " .....                   | 129 "   |
| Sept.  | 600 " " " " " " .....                   | 92½ "   |

The Molega Mill from

|                     |                                |                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| July 10 to Aug 10   | 50 tons crushed yielding ..... | 130½ ozs. gold |
| Aug. 10 to Sept. 15 | 70 " " " " " " .....           | 168½ "         |
| Sept. 15 to Oct. 30 | 72 " " " " " " .....           | 161 "          |

The mill also crushed for the Boston Company in

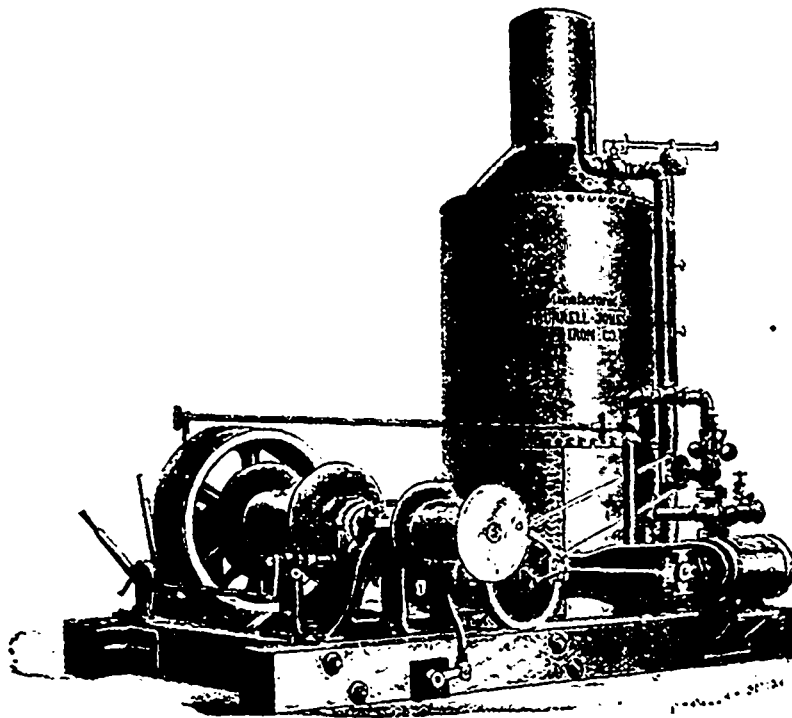
|          |                                       |               |
|----------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| July     | 150 tons quartz crushed yielding..... | 215 ozs. gold |
| Aug. 104 | " " " " " " .....                     | 124 "         |

**A REMARKABLE OFFER.**—For several years a Boston business house has made persons on farms, in towns and the suburbs of cities who keep poultry, few or many, remarkable offers of premiums payable in gold, some as high as fifty dollars to the first, and not less than five dollars to any winner of a premium. The best thing about these annual offers is that the firm making them is strictly reliable, and the premiums have always been promptly paid as agreed in gold coin. Fifty dollar premiums do not "grow on every bush," as the old saying is, and we have no doubt to many who competed for them, the amount received came in handy to help pay the necessary bills of a hard winter, or if not, buy some luxury that the family absolutely needed, but otherwise could not afford. This same firm, I. S. Johnson & Co., 22 Custom House Street, Boston, Mass., authorize us to state to our readers that they have prepared an offer of similar premiums this year as heretofore, with one very important improvement and that is so that the first winner stands a fair chance of getting premiums amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars in gold. Why! that is as good as fifty dollars per month for the three winter months. Its worth trying for any way.

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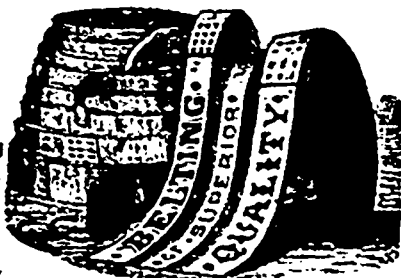
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