

of 4 five stamp batteries, each stamp weighing 850 lbs., and making 75 falls per minute, giving an estimated crushing capacity of 3 tons to the stamp per day, or 60 tons for the mill. The ore, which will be broken at the mine, will be run along the track by horse power to the foot of the inclined platform, which leads to the top of the mill; up this platform it will be run by friction power, dumped automatically into the ore bins, whence it will be carried by the self-feeders into the batteries. They expect to have this mill running by the first of the year; and it is estimated that when in operation the difference of working the new and old mills will be about five men in favor of the new mill. The number of men employed at present is about eighty. Near the crusher are the stables, carpenter-shop, storehouse, smithy, &c., and on the opposite side of the river a saw mill, where all the material for the new buildings is sawn. The property owned by the Dufferin Mining Co. consists of a large number of areas, lying in a block about 2 miles long by 1,500 ft. wide.

It would now appear that there is more or less gold in the sands and intervals lands bordering the Meander River, at and in the vicinity of Upper Newport, Hants County. Mr. John Parker, who owns a farm in the vicinity of Upper Newport, has panned the sands and alluvial for some distance up the river, and reports obtaining from 3 to 13 sights of gold in each pan. Mr. A. B. Kittson, inventor of the "Gold King Amalgamator," who lately, as reported in THE CRITIC, visited the province in search of alluvial washings and Mr. Van Meter of Truro, found such rich washings in the locality that they have secured two hundred acres, and have leased a mill and dam with the intention of building a sluice to wash the material and save the gold. The sands and intervals lands so far prospected, a distance of some three miles along the river, showed gold by panning, and sluice mining for gold will soon be actively engaged in. Upper Newport is near Ashdale, where gold bearing quartz leads are now being worked by Mr. Beckman, and is about six miles west of the Northrup mine at Central Rawdon.

Gay's River.—We had the pleasure of meeting some gentlemen this week who came with Mr. W. O. N. Parker, of Montreal, to examine his properties situated in the Gay's River district.

These engineers expressed their pleasure with the general prospects and developments so far made. The work already done upon Mr. Parker's properties serves to show what may be expected by active, energetic, and systematic working, with a judicious expenditure of money, not in a pinching miserly way, but in a business like way. The gentlemen referred to visited the Boston Coldstream Mining Company's property, and speak well of the work being done there. The 50 stamp mill and all buildings are being constructed in the best manner, and as if they "came to stay," and when fairly in operation the district will present a scene of industry very different from its present quietness. All areas similarly situated will be enhanced in value by these works. Mr. Parker has placed his valuable areas in the hands of a financial agent in Montreal, who is forming a company to work his properties. These gentlemen expressed surprise at the general appearance of mineral deposits, which they consider equal to any on this continent, and rather reflected upon our local capitalists and energy in leaving so promising and valuable a field almost neglected, trusting to outsiders to do that which should be inaugurated by our own citizens. As a field for gold they consider Nova Scotia equal to any they have seen in America. We congratulate Mr. Parker upon his possessions, and wish him success. As he is a Nova Scotian his enterprise is a credit to his native country. Apart from gold, these gentlemen consider the mineral deposits most valuable, and worth the careful consideration and examination of capitalists. So say all who have paid any attention thereto, and we look for a boom the coming summer, which may place our valuable resources fairly before the world.

MONTAGUE.—Manager McQuarrie has secured some very rich quartz from a new lead opened north of the Rose lead on the Rose property. The Annand Mine continues its large yield and as there is a great ore body opened up the operations here will continue on a large scale.

Mr. Richard Sheppard owns an adjoining block of areas and also has a fine property at Millisigate. He is also interested in several other districts and has shown the best of judgment in his selection of properties.

ECUM SECUM.—Work is suspended for the winter. During the summer some prospecting was done, and a good deal of dump was crushed. The other unproclaimed districts in the vicinity have been comparatively idle this year. Little or no work has been done at Moose Head, or Lochaber. McMann Bros. have done a good deal of prospecting at Harrigan Cove since the English Company ceased work there.

ISAAC'S HARBOR.—The motion to dissolve the temporary injunction obtained by the Palgrave Mining Company against the McMillan Mining Co. is being argued before Judge Meagher.

The provisional directors of the Royal Gold Mining Company, now doing a general mining and milling business at Whiteburn, Queens County, N. S., give notice that they will apply for incorporation. The proposed capital stock is \$50,000, and the names of the incorporators are Charles Brown and A. Curtis, of Boston, Messrs. J. E. Cushing, of Caledonia, N. S., G. W. Johnson, of Yarmouth, and Thomas Parker, of Caledonia.

CAPE BRETON.—The Bras d'Or Marble Company is making a large outlay on channelling and other quarry machinery. It expects to begin shipping marble in the spring. Its lime works have been enlarged during the past season, but have not been able to meet the demand.—*Canadian Mining Review.*

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