

MINING.

Amount of Royalty received by the "Department of Mines" from the different Collieries for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1888, prepared by W. H. Browne, Accountant of the Mines Department:—

County.	Name of Colliery.	Amount.	Total.
Cumberland...	Camborland Railway and Coal Co....	\$24,959 11	
	Londonderry Iron Co.....	724 09	
	Salt Springs Colliery.....	8 14	
	Minudie Mining and Transp. Co.....	236 24	
	Joggins Association	2,355 92	
	Milner Colliery.....	25 86	
			\$ 28,309 36
Pictou	Barton Colliery.....	6 00	
	East River ".....	45 37	
	Acadia Coal Co., "Albion Colliery"....	8,126 26	
	" " "Valo and Acadia".....	12,474 71	
	Intercolonial Coal Mg. Co.....	11,000 00	
	Black Diamond Colliery	1,201 41	
			\$ 32,853 75
Cape Breton.	Caledonia Coal and Railway Co.....	7,740 10	
	Sydney and Louisburg Coal & Ry. Co	7,872 29	
	Halifax Coal and Iron Co.....	381 37	
	General Mining Association	12,399 25	
	Franklyn Colliery	598 88	
	Low Point, Barrasois & Langan Mg. Co.	6,079 25	
	Glace Bay Mining Co.....	6,055 01	
	International Coal and Ry Co.....	9,000 00	
	Gowrie Colliery.....	10,590 98	
Inverness.	Block House, "Current Acct.".....	665 38	
	" " "Old Acct.".....	2,225 94	
			\$ 63,608 45
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			\$124,776 06

Total Coal Royalty rec'd. for yr. 1888

LAKE CATCHA—The Manager of the Oxford Mine furnishes us with the following information:—"The finding of gold in Chezzetcook near the chapel some few weeks ago, may have been true, but 'the Manager of the Oxford Mines' did not take up any claims, as neither rumors nor prospects of a find would warrant such action. The Oxford G. M. Co. are doing the draining at Lake Catcha with some assistance from John Anderson, and will complete operations about the last of April. The object of draining is not so much the working of leads in the Lake bed as in draining the ground; and if some very rich leads exist in the Lake bed, their whereabouts is yet to be discovered, and I know of no indications of them being there."

QUEENS COUNTY ITEMS from the Gold Hunter:—

WHITEBURN—The pump on the Graves mine, south lead, started on Friday, 29th March, is now doing good work, running thirty strokes to the minute, and taking out about seventy-five gallons of water in that time. It is lowering the water very fast. This will enable the miners to get to work in that shaft about the last of this week.

The Cole lead is being worked and is looking well. Shows better than ever.

They have taken a small test out of the Dunbrack lead which has proved good. They are going to commence work on that lead, which will make lots of work for miners.

The lively little mine on the south, known as the McGuire mine, managed by Mr. Roderick McLeod, is looking well in every respect. Plenty gold, and good level roads from the different shafts to the mill, which speaks well for Mr. McL., and shows he is a man of taste, and knows his business in every branch of mining.

MALCOLM—Mr. Editor.—I have just received a telephone message from Mr. McGuire, as follows:—"Have taken down two hundred pounds of ore, one hundred pounds of which is nearly all gold. This ore comes from a lead which lies between the Rabbit and Nine Boulder leads, about 500 feet west. The ore is quartz and talco slate, the slate and quartz being bound together with bands of gold." A few days ago I had an opportunity of seeing some of the ore referred to, and it eclipses anything I ever saw. LEVI NEWCOMB.

CAPE BRETON—Dr. E. D. Peters, jr, left Boston on the 13th March, in company with General Manager Gragg, of the Eastern Development Company, to visit the property of the company in Cape Breton. During the trip Dr. Peters will arrange the final details of his plans for the smelting works of the company, on the large scale which the development of the mine seems now to fully warrant. The last reports from the mine show the work in ore to be progressing well; main shaft 226 feet, and the slope on vein B now 44 feet, and holding the same breadth from the bottom. The south cross-cut is now passing through strongly mineralized rock.

QUEBEC—Mr. E. Wertheim has returned from Europe, and is at present at his asbestos mine in Coleraine. The results of the work done during the winter have been very satisfactory, although only a small force have been at work. Mr. Wertheim is making preparations for enlarged operations to be commenced as soon as the snow leaves the ground.

Mr. W. H. Walker is making many improvements on his graphite property, near Buckingham. Several substantial new stone buildings have been put up, and everything is being put into good shape for the re-commencement of mining operations.—*Canadian Mining Review*.

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