

to remain all night passed out into the inky darkness on our three mile walk to Windsor Junction.

Had we known what was in store for us we never should have started. The road was a flat lead of mud, the apex of an anticlinal, deviation from the centre of which lead to sharp inclines north or south to the most shin-breaking of boulders, so the only safe guide was to stick to the softest and deepest mud. Having made this discovery we plowed along for some distance in safety and then suddenly found ourselves on a pile of logs. The flickering light of our last match showed a road to the right, and through its muddy depths we trudged on for fully twenty minutes. Then a team came up behind and we chuckled at the thought of a lift to the station.

"Get in," said the driver, and in we got, a glow of peace and good will suffusing us.

"How far to the station?" we asked.

"Station! Why this is the road to Fall River; walk back three quarters of a mile and turn to your right at the first house you meet."

And out into the mud again we went, and almost ran through the slush in the horror of the thought of being stranded at Windsor Junction. But what would have become of us if that team had not overtaken us?

We have often laughed at the jokes about the absence of soil at the Junction, but our experience dearly bought has proved the contrary as right up the station deep mud was encountered. The joy of making that much maligned haven through the darkness and mud has changed our opinion, and the Junction shall ever have a soft or muddy place in our hearts.

The Windsor and Annapolis express was just drawing out as we reached the platform and breathless and exhausted we boarded it and thankfully seated ourselves on the platform to cool off.

UNIACKE DISTRICT.—The beginning of November finds another company starting operations on the "Queen" property. This is one of the claims which has long been idle in the west part of the camp, and as this new company are experienced miners, it is conceded they will meet with success.

The "New Alpha" Co. closed down all mining work at the end of October and will not resume operations until after the ore they now have on hand shall be crushed. In the meantime some surface changes will be made preparatory for an all winter's campaign.

We were shown some fine gold bearing quartz taken from the property now being prospected by Mr. Madill. The claims are on what was formerly known as the Montreal property.

LAKE CATCHA.—The Oxford Mine was to have been sold on Wednesday last under attachment by the sheriff, but the sale was countermanded.

The cause of Putnam vs. Hardman and Taylor has been on trial before Mr. Justice Townshend for several days. On Tuesday it was given to the jury, who, to the questions submitted, found as follows:—

1. Does the draft memo. made about the 14th October contain the true agreement between the parties as alleged? Yes.

2. If you think it was, was it a further term of the understanding between the parties that there was to be a further agreement between Putnam and Taylor as to their interests between themselves apart from Hardman? Yes.

3. Was the draft memo entered into subject to a favorable report from Taylor on his return from Nova Scotia? Yes.

4. Was such favourable report made by Taylor on or about the 21st October, 1884? Yes.

5. Did plaintiff agree to become a partner in the enterprise until after Taylor's return from Nova Scotia? Yes, subject to Taylor's favorable report from N. S.

6. If not until after his return on the 21st October, did plaintiff thereafter agree to become a partner before the 5th November, 1884?

7. If there was to be a further agreement, was the agreement alleged by defendants as made on 5th November, 1884, the true one by which plaintiff was to lose all his interest in the co-partnership if he failed to supply all the capital for the purchase of the properties and \$10,000 working capital, and to relieve defendant Taylor from all liability on his notes before Dec. 1st, 1885? No.

8. If yes, did plaintiff furnish all such monies and relieve defendant Taylor of liability on his notes before Dec. 1st, 1885?

9. Did defendant Hardman obtain the power of attorney at the time he did with intent to defraud plaintiff of his title in the property, or was it obtained with bona fide purpose of preventing the forfeiture of the Lease? Not with intention of fraud.

10. Were the properties mentioned in paragraph 14 of the statement of claim, and purchased about Sept. 1887, purchased with money belonging to the alleged copartnership? Not proved.

11. Were the properties mentioned in paragraph 15 of the statement of claim, and purchased about Sept. 1887, purchased with money belonging to the alleged copartnership? Not proved.

The *Chronicle* reports a rich find of gold as having been made near Cal-Jonia, Guysboro County, by Abraham Walton. The belt, which is a large one, contains a large number of leads, varying in width from fifteen to twenty feet. Five of the leads have been opened up, and all show gold varying from half an ounce to three ounces to the ton. The fortunate owners are Messrs. A. Walton, R. M. Holesworth, D. L. Bell and G. O. Forbes, of Shubenacadie, J. F. Fraser, of St. John, N. B.

On Monday there were 13 applicants at the Mines Office for 3 areas in block

95 west division of Stormont, Sherbrooke, Guysboro County. The areas had been forfeited on Saturday too late to be applied for. As all the applicants were on hand by 10 a. m. ready with their money and applications the Commissioner of Mines arranged a compromise by which the whole thirteen became joint owners. The applicants were: R. McNaughton, F. R. Brown, H. M. McCollum, Thos. Kent, Thos. Doyle, jr, T. Leyden, Douglas Clarke, A. E. McLean, Hon. C. F. McIsaac, Hon. A. McGillivray, John Quirk, James Hillis and A. Monaghan.

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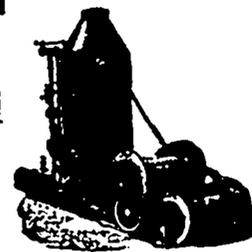
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