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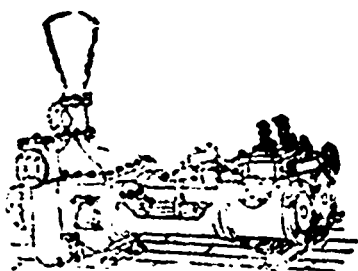
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MINING.

ANALYTICAL DEPARTMENT.—To meet a long felt want THE CRITIC has made arrangements with a competent Analyst, who will determine the quality of all specimens sent to be tested. The fee charged will be from two to eight dollars, according to the difficulty and expense incurred by the analyst in making the analysis. The strictest secrecy will be observed, and the result of the analysis will only be known to the operator and the sender of the sample. Send samples by parcel-post or otherwise, with a fee of two dollars to "Analyst," care A. M. Fraser, Business Manager of THE CRITIC. Should a larger fee be required, the sender will be notified.

RADICAL REFORMS NEEDED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MINES OFFICE.—The Mines Office is one of the most important departments of the Local Government's service, and any friction in its management is keenly felt by the public. The revenue derived from leases and royalties, and the other fees imposed on miners, is very large, and the men who do so much towards placing the finances of the Province on a self-sustaining basis, should be treated with every courtesy by the officials, and the department should be so conducted that easy and ready access could at all times be had to the plans and records of the different mining districts. A staff of clerks should be provided large enough to keep the work of the office fully posted. An applicant for information should find clerks ready to refer at once to books posted with the regularity of merchants' ledgers, and containing the minutest details of all matters relating in any way to the work of the department. An investor wishes to know the returns from the different gold districts for the month of April or May. A glance at the records should show this, but what is the case now? The clerk has to poke around, and from a mass of returns filed away, pick out the official returns from each district or mill. He may miss a few, but that does not matter, what right has any one to give him all this trouble? The seeker for knowledge receives what returns the clerk in his discretion may deign to hand him, and he then has to take each separate return, open, examine, and put the amount down; and when all are thus gone through with, sum up the whole, and thus get the total of quartz crushed, and the yield of gold per month.

If properly kept, the books should show the yield in gold, of even mine, from the first returns up to date, and intending purchasers could thus see at once how profitable any mine has proved.

We regret to have to say it, but the truth must be told; and it is that the Mines Office is now, and always has been, wretchedly mismanaged. Filthy plans, that a school boy would be flogged for drawing, are handed out to guide one in selecting areas. If information is asked, it is given in a snarling manner, and ten chances to one is not correct. An applicant for mining areas, who may be green at drawing up descriptions, and asks for assistance, will more than likely have a broad intimation that he is either a fool or an idiot; but the favored few (favored why we know not) may pass most of the day in the hallowed precincts of the Mines Office, and the shortly before crusty clerk, will ransack the whole place to please them.

If there are not clerks enough in the office to keep up the work it is a disgrace to the department, as the best paying branch of the Government service should not suffer for a few thousand dollars in clerk hire. If there are enough clerks then the disorder, the discourtesy, the ignorance of their duties, prove that the clerks are incompetent, and the Commissioner of Mines should at once investigate the matter. A long-suffering public demands reforms in the management of the department, and their demand must be complied with. For some months we have been receiving complaints from our mining friends as to the treatment they have received at the Mines office, and although we, personally, regret the necessity that compels us to make public the facts, our duty as journalists leaves us no other course. We feel, to a certain extent, for the official who has rendered himself particularly obnoxious, as he has been for years in the service, and has not been promoted as rapidly as he thinks he deserves, but that is no reason for his venting his spleen on unfortunate applicants at the Mines office. If we could whisper a word of advice in his ear we might suggest that promotion might have been more rapid were it not for certain infirmities of temper. The public expects its servants to be polite and obliging, and great ability or spotless honesty will not atone for harshness and incivility. We have any amount of proof to back up our assertions, but hope that the present warning may mend matters. If it does not we shall have to publish the details in full.

PERSONAL.—Mr. G. K. Hamblin, of Boston, a gentleman who has spent some years in the mines of the Western States, arrived in the city on Monday, and is stopping at the Queen.

Captain O. B. Browne was at the Halifax on Friday, and looks as though the climate of Nova Scotia thoroughly agreed with him. He reports that the Brookfield mine is showing up well, and that the mill and machinery is running smoothly, the loss of gold, if any, being almost infinitesimal. At Malaga Lake all the companies were working with good show of success, and prospecting was being vigorously pushed. The property of the Duluth Gold Mining Co. at Milpissigate Lake, under new management, was being put in good working trim, and it is to be hoped that this plucky company (numbering amongst its members several Duluth friends of THE CRITIC) will soon be placed in a position to declare dividends. The Capt. is always on the wing, and remaining in the city only a day was off to his favorite home, the mining camp.

MOOSELAND.—We gladly note that the lead found on Mr. Stenshorn's property is between six and seven feet wide, instead of four, as first reported by us. We saw samples of the quartz, and it was studded with gold. Indications prove that two other leads are near by, and we have to congratulate Mr. Stenshorn, that his perseverance has been so well rewarded. He, and a gang of six men have been at work all winter, and the expenses have been heavy.