

GOLD RIVER.—A gentleman lately returned from Gold River reports that the mining works being conducted there are proving the great value of the district. The American Co. has sunk the main shaft on its property to a depth of 85 feet, where it is in rich ore.

The Fulton-Foster property is being developed with most encouraging results.

To the Editor of the Critic:

There is one matter that is a source of frequent trouble and expense to gold miners, and, I think it should be provided for by special legislation. I refer to stray cattle falling into mining pits, and the necessity of mine owners paying the damage. I always fence and cover my shafts when not in use, but only the other day a steer managed to fall into one of them and was drowned. Rather than stand the annoyance and loss of time entailed by a suit, I have made the owner of the steer what I consider a fair offer in settlement. If this is not accepted a suit will be the probable outcome, which I have no doubt I will win, as in this instance I had taken full precaution against accident.

It often happens that the fences are broken down and the poles covering the pits stolen for fencing and fire-wood, and mine owners suffer from this cause. It seems to me that gold miners have enough difficulties to overcome in searching out the precious metals, and it is ridiculous to make them cattle herders as well.

I have known of two cases in Tangier where cattle were deliberately driven into the pits by their owners, who afterwards demanded and received twice their value, and instances of a similar kind are not uncommon in other mining districts. In justice to mine owners it should be provided that cattle must not be permitted to roam at large within the precincts of mining districts. This should prove no real hardship to cattle owners, while it would certainly remove one source of blackmail that miners now frequently suffer from.

Yours truly

TANGIER, N. S.

PATRICK COFFEY.

Mr. D. Touquoy was in town with his usual monthly gold brick weighing in this instance 74½ ounces, the result of three weeks' work.

QUEEN'S COUNTY MINING ITEMS FROM THE Gold Hunter. MOLEGA ITEMS.—The Caledonia Co. are pushing work on their new building to completion, in which is being put the machinery for hoisting, pumping, and air compressor. The men are working the shaft down by hand labor. The pay streak is about 18 inches, and is showing well in gold. I predict good results from this property when the air compressor and power drill is in operation. The 100 feet level will be reached in a short time, after which cross-cutting will be started to cut the parallel leads which are known to exist under the surface.

Mr. John Harlow, manager of the Caledonia mine, arrived here last week from Philadelphia. Mr. Harlow is favorably known, being a native of Queens County, and we congratulate the company on their securing so able a man to manage the business.

Levi Newcomb, M. E., accompanied by Mr. Noble C. Crowe, favored us with a visit. Mr. Crowe is a Western mining man, who, hearing of our mines, has come to see for himself, and we feel sure he will not be disappointed, and trust he will be fully convinced that Queens County is indeed a gold mining country of great promise.

The Parker-Douglas mill is running on full time, and the company are opening up several new shafts east and west of their former works, and we hope to be able to report something big at a future date.

Capt. R. M. Allen, of Westfield fame, is paying his many friends a visit, looking hale and hearty as of yore.

It is rumored that the Bonanza, managed by our friend Mr. John McGuire, has been sold to an English company, which has, or will take possession this present month. We welcome them, and hope that the Banner mine of the camp will continue to enrich her new owners as she has her former ones.

We trust that Manager McGuire will continue to favor us with his presence, as wherever Mac is there is a busy time.

WESTFIELD.—Large number of men are working getting up the mill on the Jumbo lead. These operations make quite a stir in this neighborhood.

MILL VILLAGE.—The gold mine near this place gives much encouragement to those endeavoring to secure the hidden treasure. The main lead has not yet been reached, but indications tell that it is not far away. About eight men are employed. We may yet rival Caledonia in securing gold, but I suppose not until some American enterprise is infused among us, or emigrates here.

WHITEBURN.—Mr. J. E. Gammon, who has been managing the Graves mine so successfully for some time, has left for his home in Boston. Mr. Gammon was very much liked during his stay among us, and we hope his absence will be of short duration. Mr. Graves, the President and former manager of the Whiteburn Mining Co., is expected here shortly.

All the mines are prospering, and showing good results. We could stand to have a few more gold mills here. There are too many rich leads lying idle, and we want the fun of seeing the gold taken out of them inside of a hundred years.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.—The clean up at the mines this week resulted in over 140 czs. The mill was only running about half time. Masons are at work laying the foundation in the new engine house.

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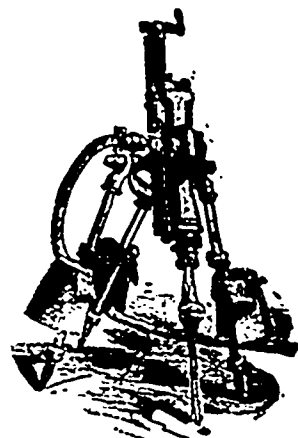
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