

support of our statement. It is true that the price is still low and profits are comparatively small, but the present condition of affairs is far more satisfactory to owners and employees than the old condition of things. And it is to Quebec that this is due almost entirely. Ontario is too far west for the Nova Scotia collieries to compete with American coal, even under the present duty, but the sister province has since 1879 turned altogether to the Lower Provinces for fuel, and has absorbed vast and ever-increasing quantities. In 1879, the shipments to Quebec amounted in all to only 83,710 tons; in 1889 the imports by water at the four principal St. Lawrence ports of Nova Scotian coal were 401,896 tons; and last year, owing to somewhat lower freights and a better demand the aggregate had increased to 529,491 tons—124,595 tons more than in the preceding year. From this it may be judged that the industry is in a healthy state, and that the future shows a promise, for the loss of which no American demand that Nova Scotia could secure could compensate. Two further features in the statement of favorable character also attract attention. It will be observed that not only was the aggregate exportation greater but that every colliery participated in the gain, the relative business of each for 1889 and 1890 showing a satisfactory balance, in some instances amounting to many thousands of tons, in favor of the latter year. And also the imports of coal from Great Britain had largely decreased and formed but an inconsiderable item in the gross total, for while in 1889, 62,629 tons were brought to the Province of Quebec, only 16,974 were imported last year, showing that the Nova Scotia article is rapidly growing in favor as well as in demand. From these considerations, it is plain that the collieries in the Lower Provinces have much to lose and nothing to gain by any change from the present state, and on the subject of reciprocity a "masterly inactivity" will be found the most profitable attitude in the end.—*The Canadian Mining and Mechanical Review.*

**LONDON MINING MARKET.**—We were not very far off in our remarks last week to the effect that the long-wished for boom in the mining market had at last broken out. It may be true, as certain journalists aver, that the public has as yet scarcely entered the arena, and that a majority of the business done is by the jobbers. But public or no public, the fact remains that quotations are steadily mounting upwards just as fast as any of us could wish them to.—*The Weekly Bulletin.*

**A GALENA LEDGE FOUND IN A BUCKWHEAT FIELD.**—"The precious metals are where you find them," is an old saying, and they are sometimes found in unexpected localities. What is known as galena ore—that is, ore carrying silver and lead—is generally supposed to be a native of the mountain districts of the western portions of the United States and Canada, and never found in the farming districts of the eastern provinces and states. This supposition is at fault, for galena has been found in the parish of Wakefield, Carleton County, New Brunswick; and that, too, on a farm that was thought to be fit for little else than growing buckwheat. An assay of the ore, made in Montana, shows 61 ounces of silver, \$1 in gold, and 16 per cent. lead to the ton. At a depth of 50 feet the ledge is 31 feet wide.—*Mining Exchange Journal.*

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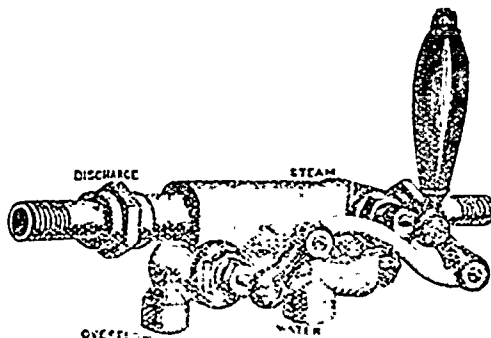
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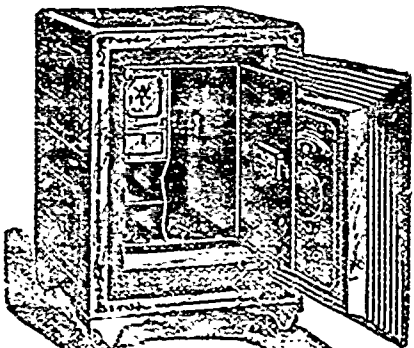
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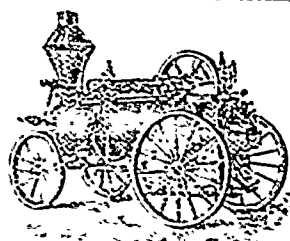
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