

A PARTY of men working for the Northern New Brunswick Mining Co. have left Woodstock to convey a crushing mill from the forks of the Tobique to a place called Gold Brook, 64 miles up the Serpentine River, where a discovery of gold was made 35 years ago.

THE Nova Scotia Mining Society have elected the following officers for the ensuing year. President, R. H. Brown, Sydney Mines; vice-presidents, Graham Fraser, New Glasgow; Charles Fergie, Westville, and Wm. Blakemore, sec.-treas., Harry Wylde, re-elected.

THE following companies have been recently organized in British Columbia to work gold mines in that province: The West Le Roi and Josie Mining Company; capital stock \$500,000. The Paris Belle Gold Mining Company; capital stock \$800,000. R. E. Lee Mining Company; capital stock \$500,000. Eureka Concentrating and Mining Company; capital stock \$500,000. Mountain Sprite Mining Company of Tacoma; capital stock \$500,000.

COLONEL BAKER has been paying a visit of inspection to the British Columbia gold mines, and in a long interview in the Victoria, B.C. *Colonist*, he speaks enthusiastically of the prospects of the Province as a gold producing centre. But he takes occasion to lament the fact that owing to lack of facilities much Canadian ore goes into the States. This could be obviated, he believes, if a smelter was built at Nelson, B.C., and an extension of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway was made to opposite Trail Creek.

THREE Edmonton, Alberta, miners have during the winter designed and constructed a mining apparatus to be worked by steam. A five-horse power engine sits on a small scow and runs two sets of elevators, one raising water and the other gravel. The washing apparatus is similar to that used in working by hand, but on a larger scale. The gravel is raised by being caught by the steel buckets of the gravel elevator. The apparatus is said to have shown very satisfactory results.

H. W. NESTELLE and James McCreary have arrived down from French Creek. Mr. McCreary is part owner of the Consolation mine, and Mr. Nestelle is manager of the Bellingham Bay Hydraulic Mining Co. Hydraulic machinery has not yet been brought in, and the work so far has been mostly for proving the ground. This shows that there is 20½ feet of pay gravel above bedrock, and last week water was used two to four hours a day, and \$20 a day was taken out, four men being employed. The owners are confident they have a bonanza.

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A \$20,000 dock will be built at North Bay this summer.

WORK on the Newfoundland Railway has been resumed.

THERE are 1,600 men at work on the Parry Sound Railway.

THE new dry dock at Owen Sound will be 430 feet in length.

THE Buctouche and Moncton, N.B., Railway is reopened for traffic.

THE C.P.R. intend erecting a station at Don bridge near Toronto.

THE total expenditure, during the fiscal year, on Dominion canals, was \$3,690,647.

THE work on the electric railway between Aylmer and Ottawa will begin in a few weeks.

THERE are now 1,800 men at work on the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway.

THE Canadian steamer "St Magnus," which capsized near Cleveland, O., has been raised.

A SURVEYING party is at work laying out the proposed line of the Kingston & Smith's Falls Railway.

THE Dominion Coal Company's railway from Sydney, C.B., to Louisburg was opened a few days ago.

NAPANEE, Ont., is trying to get better steamer communication with Adolphustown and the lower bay ports.

FIVE new sleeping cars have been added to the Intercolonial Railway service. The cars are lighted by electricity.

THE Sarnia tunnel cost \$2,898,026. The annual earnings are \$249,479, and the working expenses are only \$101,186.

ONE thousand tons of steel rails from England have been landed in Prince Edward Island for the P.E.I. Railway.

THE C.P.R. engineers have completed the survey of the extension of the Nakusp, B.C., and Slocan Railway to Sandon.

THE Dominion Coal Company's Railway from Sydney, N.S., to Louisburg, is now completed.

THE Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Railway have been advertising for tenders for the construction of 16 miles of line.

THE Perth, Ont., board of trade have recommended that a \$25,000 bonus be given to the Irondale and Bancroft Railway.

THE car ferry line for the transport of coal between Conneaut, Ohio, and Port Dover, Ont., will go into operation this month.

ALTOGETHER the Ontario Government has granted \$250,000 towards the construction of the Ontario and Rainy River Railway.

A FIRE recently broke out in the workshops of the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway Co., at Quebec. Considerable damage was done.

ST. JOHN, N.B., common council has been considering the advisability of constructing a steel or iron bridge over Newman's Brook.

THE T., H. and B. Railway Co. have let the contract to build the central station on Hunter Street, Hamilton. The cost will be \$22,000.

ANOTHER railway is projected to be called the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway. It will run from Hastings to the Georgian Bay.

A COMMITTEE of Kingston men is still endeavoring to persuade the G.T.R. to move their shops from Belleville and Brockville to Kingston, Ont.

THE K. & P. Railway bridge over the Madawaska at Calabogie, near Renfrew, partially broke down while a train was crossing. No one was hurt.

THE Grand Trunk Railway workshops at Point St. Charles, Montreal, are closed for two weeks, and extensive repairs and alterations will be made.

FARR, the C.P.R. engineer wanted in Winnipeg on charge of attempting to burn his wife and family, was arrested in Vancouver, and is now awaiting trial at Winnipeg.

THE Allens, owners of the Manitoba North-Western Railway, have asked for power to construct a branch railway from Langenburg, Assa., south to near Elkhorn on the C.P.R.

SIR CHAS. RIVERS WILSON, the new president of the G.T.R., will sail from England for Montreal on August 7th, and will immediately begin a detailed inspection of the entire Grand Trunk system.

THE Port Stanley, Ont., council have asked the Dominion Parliament to grant the L. E. and D. R. Railways a bonus of \$3,200 a mile to extend their railroad from Ridgetown to connect with London and Port Stanley.

THE bonds of the Atlantic & Lake Superior Railway having been withdrawn from the London market, work has been suspended for the present on the section between Montreal and Quebec, on which the operations commenced last month.

W. F. MACLEAN, M.P., has been persistent in his agitation for a two-cent per mile railway rate in Canada, and the idea seems to be gaining ground in Parliament, although he failed to get a provision for a two-cent rate inserted in the International Radial Railway Bill in the House of Commons.

WE are sure to have the James Bay Railway built, if not by the G.T.R., then by a new company. N. Neelson, chief engineer, who has been sent out by the Toronto Board of Trade to survey and locate a new line, has been in North Bay to engage guides to assist in the survey.—*North Bay Times*.

EIGHT tenders have been received by the Dominion Government for the establishment of a line of steamships between Canada, Belgium and France, as follows: Two from the Furness Company of England, one from the Hamburg-American Packet Co., two from the Columbia and Belge Steamship Co., one from a Bordeaux syndicate, one from N. Armstrong, and one from Marsan & Marsan. The Government will not make the tenders public, as several of the steamship companies have not kept within the terms.

THE Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers held their annual convention at Quebec on June 26th. There was a large attendance of delegates and the papers read were very useful and interesting. The Grand Engineers present were C. Lawrence, of St. Thomas, Ont., First Grand Assistant Engineer; A. Hudson, Third Grand Engineer, Ottawa, and P. Fennel, Oswego, N.Y., the recognized poet of the Order. Addresses were delivered by J. B. Elliott, master mechanic, Eastern Division, C.P.R., and W. Printer, locomotive foreman, C.P.R., Ottawa, president of the Convention Committee. The next convention is to be held in Ottawa in 1896, and the next union meeting will be held in Windsor, Ont., in 1897.