

## MINING.

Boxus Fon DEEF GOLD MINING.—Constant agitation seems to be the only way to gain a point, and we therefore have determined to keep calling attention to the advisability of the Local Government granting a bonus or bonuses, to the first parties finding gold in paying quantities at greater depths than gold mining has yet been prosecuted, until some decided action has been taken. Any one who has attempted to float gold mines in London or New York will understand the great advantages that would follow the proving that gold mines in Nova Scotia continued to yield at depths of one thousand feet or more. The one argument used by capitalists against investing here is the want of permanency or lasting characteristics in our gold bearing veins. They say, and very truly, that most of our mines are only worked for a few hundred feet from the surface, and they argue from this that they are only shallow deposits, perhaps well worth the attention of private individuals, but presenting no profitable field for the investment of large amounts of capital. It is useless to point out that the only reason why the mines have not been worked to greater depths is the want of capital, and the one way to convince them and place at our disposal all the capital that we need, is to actually demonstrate that gold does exist at greater depths, and this can only be accomplished by the actual sinking of obafts. It is too much to ask individuals to assume all the risks of such an undertaking, (capecially as the Government would be immensely benefitted if their work proved successful), without giving them some special incentive in the way of a large bonus, provided they prove the existence of gold at depths of one thousand feet or under. It has been proposed that the Government undertake the work of sinking oue or more shafts at their own expense, but the difficulty lies in selecting the districts in which to operate, and the general disatisfaction that would follow should no gold be found. A large bonus would encourage individuals and companies

The mining outlook continues to brighten as, with the advent of warm weather, capitalists from abroad are visiting the different mining camps and preparing to invest heavily. A manganese company with a capital of \$200,-000 has been organized and has secured control of the famous Steven's mines at Tenny Cape and also many adjoining properties in the same wellknown manganese district. It is rumored that the company intend, if possible, to control all the manganese properties in the Province and to conduct mining on a large scale. In antimony there seems to be a lull, and we hear of no shipments from the Rawdon Mine. The strike of coal shifters in Montreal threatens to have a bad effect on the coal trade of the Province, as it is reported that the Canada Pacific is looking to Three Rivers for its coal supply. The bad effects, if any, have, however, not yet been felt in Cape Breton, where the leading collieries have all they can do to fill contracts and supply vessels and dealers. Copper should eoon be "booming," as the Coxheath Mines are to be largely worked and smelting works erected near Sydney to treat the ore.

CARIBOU.—The Lake Lode Company under the management of Mr. L. L. Wadsworth continues its regular yield. The Truto Company are also pushing operations, and Mr. Dixon and his associates are meeting with encouraging success. So it will be perceived that Caribou is not falling behind.

RENFREW.—The Free Claims in this district, now owned by Mr. Macdonnell and Mr. Andrews, have been worked to a considerable extent since their purchase, and results have proved entirely estisfactory to the owners.

MOLEGA.—The last clean up at the Molega Mining Company's Mills resulted in a bar of gold weighing 158 ozs. 11 dwt. and 20 grs. from 50 tons of quartz crushed.

PLEASANT RIVER.—There is considerable prospecting being done in the vicinity of Pleasant River, and it is reported that some fine sights of gold have been discovered.

WHITEBURN.--The West or Cushing mine at Whiteburn was sold last week to a syndicate of American capitalists, the president being Mr. Gilbert Parker of Philadelphia.

GAYS' RIVER. — From recent developments it would appear that this district is to play sivery important part in the future gold oper lions of this Province.

YARNOUTH COUNTY.—The fine mining plant being crected by the Huntingdon Mining Co. to work large leads of low grade orc is likely to bring Yarmouth County to the front as a gold mining county. Carleton and Kempt are both promising districts, but at present the reports from them are very meagre.

STEWIACKE VALLET.—The Bridgewater Enterprise states that the gold proterty east of Brockfield discovered by Mr. Graham, as reported in THE CHIEC of May 30th, is owned by Messes. Morris and McFaden of Bridgewater, at d that i has been bonded for a large amount to a certain gentleman who is now engaged placing it on the stock market.