

We would therefore urge the Mining Society of Nova Scotia to follow keenly the campaign laid out during its recent annual meeting. Nothing will be accomplished if matters are allowed to drift until next year. Even at the cost of much expense and inconvenience, monthly or, if necessary, fortnightly meetings should be held. There are not a few ardent workers in the Society, who do not receive the encouragement and praise due them. Their enthusiasm should be utilized.

Organized effort alone will bring Nova Scotia into the position that she deserves.

THE GRANBY CONSOLIDATED.

Stevens' "Copper Handbook" is an annual volume whose appearance is welcomed by copper workers the world over. As the work of one man, it is a monument of industry and intelligent discrimination. It is reliable and comprehensive. Of dubious enterprises it expresses its opinion unhesitatingly. Hence it is of extraordinary value to the investor.

It is pleasant to read Mr. Stevens' warm praise of a Canadian copper concern. In concluding a detailed description of the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company's mines and works at Phoenix and Grand Forks, B. C., Mr. Stevens speaks thus of the company's execution:—

"Both mine and mill have been brought to a high state of efficiency, and the cost sheet is one of which any directorate well might be proud. . . The Granby is one of the few copper properties of the world of which a careful investigation leads to the verdict that there is nearly everything to commend, and scarcely anything to criticise."

Mr. Stevens' praise is worth something.

TRANSVAAL STOPE DRILL COMPETITION.

We have received from the London secretary of the Transvaal Chamber of Mines the following communication to which we are glad to give a prominent position:—

TRANSVAAL STOPE DRILL COMPETITION.

"The Transvaal Government in co-operation with the Transvaal Chamber of Mines has arranged for a practical trial of small rock drills suitable for narrow stoping work under the working conditions obtaining on the Witwatersrand.

"All types of rock drill are eligible to compete. Drills using compressed air will be supplied with a pressure varying from 60 to 75 pounds per square inch at the working face. The mining regulations require the provision of dust-allaying appliances, and competitors must make provision accordingly.

"Two prizes, of £4,000 and £1,000 respectively, are offered. The trials and the judging will be so arranged

as to decide which machine performs the most economical work.

"The competition will commence early in 1909, and entries will probably close with the end of 1908. The trials will last about six months, the drills being tested in the first instance on the surface, and those considered suitable being given a more prolonged test underground in several stopes in various mines on the Witwatersrand.

"The detailed conditions governing the competition, including the exact date of closing entries, will be published as soon as possible.

"All enquiries should be addressed either to:—The Secretary, Stope Drill Competition, Transvaal Chamber of Mines, Johannesburg, Transvaal; or to:—The London Secretary, Transvaal Chamber of Mines, 202, 203 and 206 Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London, E. C."

CLEAN ADVERTISING.

We have had occasion in the past to allude to dishonest and illegal advertisements published in supposedly reputable newspapers. It has always been our contention that newspapers and, indeed, all periodicals are morally responsible for the fitness and decency of the advertisements that they carry.

It is therefore gratifying to mark the vigorous position taken by Mr. Medill McCormack, a Chicago journalist. Addressing the Canadian Press Association, Mr. McCormack spoke in part thus:—

"The newspaper is only as clean as its advertising columns . . . We endeavor through our editorial columns to secure the confidence of our readers, and, having gained that confidence, we must not stand sponsor for any man who is not fit to come within the family circle. We must no more thinking of giving letters of introduction to the thief, or the liar, or a monger of filth than we would of giving a black-leg or a libertine a card to our clubs or inviting him to dine with our home folks."

THE CLIMATE OF KLONDIKE.

Distance lends enchantment to the view. Given some thousands of intervening miles, a writer may safely constitute himself an authority upon topics of which his knowledge is by no means complete.

In THE CANADIAN MINING JOURNAL of January 15, 1908, we drew attention to the general inaccuracy of the articles in dredging in the Yukon, written by Mr. J. P. Hutchins in the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York. Our criticism was offered with the utmost good will. Unfortunately Mr. Hutchins has chosen to take offense. In the Engineering and Mining Journal of March 1, he devotes five columns to us. Most of what he writes is—to say the least—not appreciative.