

SCHOOL OF MINING NOTES.

At the last meeting of the Engineering Society a resolution to the effect that the students should have a dinner about the last of February was unanimously adopted. A provisional committee, composed of Messrs. Craig, Merritt and Jackson, were appointed to ascertain cost, etc.

The dinner was held in Hotel Frontenac on Tuesday evening, Feb. 22nd. All the students joined heartily and made it an unqualified success.

The regular students in Mining extend the glad hand to the prospectors who have recently come in from all parts of our province, some to brush up their knowledge of rocks and minerals, others to become initiated into the cult.

The prospector in all countries is the power in mining enterprise, and as such should be given every chance for efficient work. Those of us who have been out in the field know that his work is not child's play, and the rewards come only after long and patient searching.

To those who have not yet seen a quartz vein in situ, but who have an attack of the fever caused by the bacterium, *Micrococcus Klondicitis*, we may say that the knowledge of rocks and minerals gained

under the guidance of well-trained teachers, will prove of great value in the field.

The mining students are pleased to see the recent additions to the Mining Laboratory, which, under the able management of Prof. De Kalb, is now assuming a working shape for testing nearly every kind of ore found in Canada.

Our former Demonstrator in Assaying and Mineralogy, Mr. Brock, paid us a flying visit last week. He saw quite a change in the school, excepting the odor in Laboratory No. 1, which remained exactly the same as last year.

The genial superintendent of the stamp mill has recently received a novel kind of time-gauge or chronometer, invented by a New York genius. The parts of the piece of mechanism are beautifully shaped and admirably put together, but it is a mystery whether the propelling force is on the principle of radiation of heat or high surface tension. It certainly is a finished work of art and science, and our superintendent, who has a keen eye for the beautiful, cannot but smile when he sees it in motion. He owns the Canadian patent, and invites inspection from mining students interested in mechanism.

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