

Numerous gold-bearing leads have been opened on the northern part of the Wentworth property, and on five of them shafts are being sunk. Mr. Goodall is the manager of this Company.

The Woodbine Company are sinking several shafts, employing a large amount of labor and pressing on their works. A steam engine has been erected for the purpose of hoisting. Numerous buildings have also been erected.

The Caledonia property, which, with the Woodbine, is under the management of Mr. Brown, is also undergoing development.

The Cobourg Company are sinking shafts near the road on some promising leads.

The Meridian Company are pushing down their shaft on the Sears Lead—the manager, Mr. Goodall, intending, it is said, to cross out from this to the shafts further south, thus crossing the numerous leads of the Dominion Company.

The Metropolitan (formerly the Boulder), Dominion and Palmerston Companies, have resumed operations on the portions of that working which had been recently flooded. During the temporary stoppage, much new work has been done, and valuable developments made on different parts of their respective properties. Mr. Goodall, the manager of the Dominion mine, has sent to Montreal a bar of \$7,000 and has yet on hand many hundred tons of rich ore, ready to be crushed.

The Wellington mine, under Mr. Snow, is sustaining its well-established reputation. A second shoot has been found in the main lead. This is another interesting proof that the ore shoots are repeated, and is of importance as shewing that the Nova Scotia gold-bearing quartz veins will be found productive to great depths.

The Hayden and Derby (also under Mr. Snow's management) and the New York and Sherbrooke, (under its experienced manager, Mr. Zwickel) continue to prosecute their operations with success.

The veins in the two deepest shafts at the Canada (formerly known as Nova Scotia) mine, are increasing in thickness. The Blue Lead is being worked at the east end of the property. Mr. Barnes, the manager, has completed the new wharf, and a good road leading to it.

The Blue Lead Company have resumed operations, and are working two newly discovered veins containing visible gold. This property gives promise of good results, and with the Blue Lead shaft again in operation, will contribute to the yield of the district.

The large property belonging to the Stanley Company is being rapidly developed, under the management of Mr. Cook, and judging from present appearances, bids fair to become a paying mine.

The Chicago Company, for the past three months, have been prospecting their valuable property, and with good results. Shafts are now being sunk on several rich leads. Their mill, formerly known as the English Company's, has been entirely remodelled by the manager, Mr. Goodall.

RENFREW.—We have no special advices, but find the Ophir Company and Colonel Allan have passed through Messrs. Huse & Lowell's hands 638 ozs. 16 dwt. 18 grs. since last publication—a sufficient proof that the district is still productive.

WINE HARBOR.—Our special report confirms the impression that this district is bound to revive, and the Commissioners' returns show 367 ozs. 3 dwts. 14 grs. as the gold product of the past two months:—

The Provincial Company, under the management of Mr. Charles Eschweiler, are employing about forty men, and are obtaining very satisfactory results. The mine has lately been visited by the President, William Workman, Esq., Mayor of Montreal. He took back with him two bars containing \$2,400 worth of gold, produced during his stay at the mine. The net profits of the month preceding amounted to about \$3,000. It has been discovered that a valuable lead exists close to the mouth of the Hattie lode, and as this can be

easily worked by means of shafts already sunk, great profits from this source are likely to be realized for some time to come.

At the Eureka Mine the Barrasois lodes have been struck, and a shaft is being sunk upon one of them. Another shaft is being put down on what is believed to be the Major Norton Lead. The vein is of a very promising character, and is widening rapidly. The Eureka Lode is thicker in the new shaft than in the old, and here also shews gold freely. The tunnel connecting the two shafts is approaching completion. This Company is also under Mr. Eschweiler's management.

In the Eldorado Company's tunnel, the new steam drill has got into operation, and is said to be quite successful, effecting a great saving in labor and time. An important lead has lately been discovered near the line between the property of this Company and that of the McIntosh. It comprises nearly ten feet of slate and quartz, the latter shewing many large specks of gold at the surface. Its position is north of the run of the Hattie lead.

The McIntosh and Stadacona Companies are carrying on operations on the Washington and Wiscasset leads. These companies have purchased the Victoria mill and water power.

A new group of leads has been discovered north of those worked by the Orient Company. One of them contains three feet of quartz. Westward they strike into the areas belonging to the Hon. Mr. Patton. The mill of this company is being refitted, and will be running again in a short time.

OLDHAM.—This district is steadily improving owing to the perseverance of Mr. Shaffer. The last crushing from his mine gives over two ounces to the ton, and the quartz now being taken out is still improving. Other lodes in the same district are being opened and doing well.

The English Company's crusher is now in new hands, who are fitting up some novel arrangements for saving gold, so that we may soon look for new developments.

The Caledonia Company are making some alterations in their mill and preparing to mine. This property is situated in the centre of the Oldham district, and on the anticlinal axis, and when a perpendicular shaft is put down to a sufficient depth, they expect to open some good lodes.

The Fish property has changed hands and continues an average yield. Lot 595 on the Barrel Lode, belonging to E. & W. Hall, produced 12 ozs. 7 dwts. 7 grs. from a recent crushing of 8 tons.

MONTAGUE.—The Montreal association have been making explorations on their property adjoining the locations of the Albion and Union Companies, and have met with very gratifying success. The operations of the Union Company are confined to a few men working on the Belt lode. Last month's yield was 120 ounces.

UNIACKE.—The Uniacke Company of Boston have been getting 3 ounces to the ton from some of their quartz. The new boiler of the Alpha Company crusher has been fitted on its plan and the mill is again running. Another vein near the Mitchell Lead shewing a considerable amount of gold is being worked by this Company. Their shaft on what is supposed to be the Bunker Lead is yielding quartz containing coarse gold. The Montreal Association are employing only a few men. They are at present taking out good quartz from a lead over a foot thick, which had been left standing by some oversight in one of their old workings. Their mill has resumed work this week. The St. Lawrence Company are working a lead in whin, and have exposed the vein in an open cut for a distance of about sixty feet, three to twenty feet in depth. The Union Company are sinking on two large leads within four feet of each other. The last crushing is said to have given two ounces to the ton. Mr. Burkner is still working an area adjoining, and continuing to raise equally good quartz. The Uniacke Central Company have some rich ore ready for crushing. The lead worked by the Prince of Wales Company is increasing at

the rate of one inch for each five feet in going down.

The Queen Company are getting out a quantity of quartz shewing coarse gold for their new mill which is being pushed forward to completion. The building is up and the boiler and machinery already upon the ground. Since the late rains the mill of the Westlake Company has commenced running. The Company continue to add to their large stock of ore.

A new Company called the Eureka has been lately formed for working the property adjoining westward to the St. Lawrence mine, and is placed under the management of Mr. S. D. Oakes.

The property which Mr. A. Michel is interested in exploring belongs to a Company formed in Montreal. It comprises 288 areas in one block, forming a perfect square, and is situated at the western extremity of the rich belt of the district, being about a mile and a quarter distant from the main developments. The property is, in part, limited to the Coxcomb Lake, and it is intersected to the west by the Windsor and Halifax road. In width it extends 3,600 feet on the course of the lodes, and 3,000 feet in depth or across. The work to date consists of 11,200 running feet of crosscuts down to the bed-rock (consequently of varying depth), and in 48 openings. The trenches traverse the property from north to south, the principal one, which is the most easterly, having exposed 53 veins of quartz, of which the greater number have been retraced to the west by other trenches. Those 53 veins have been already all examined to the depth of 5 to 6 feet by means of an excavation made upon each; but as these veins are often disposed in groups a single excavation has sometimes sufficed for the examination of several. The quantity of rock extracted from the aforesaid 48 excavations by means of powder, is 7,800 cubic feet. These exploratory works, trenches and excavations have required 985 days labor, the men being under the direct supervision of Mr. D. Toungoy, with whom we have reason to know Mr. Michel is well pleased.

Some specimens taken from the first twenty-four veins, numbered from north to south, have been already submitted for tests to Dr. Dana Hayes, State Assayer of Boston, and a quantity of gold per ton of \$10, \$12, \$13, \$20, \$22, and \$25, was the result of six assays, while three others only produced \$2, \$3, and \$9. The results of the lodes numbered from 25 to 53 are not yet known. Mr. A. Michel is actively prosecuting the exploration by sinking further on the shafts which offer the greatest inducements.

This same Montreal Company owns also 32 areas in Montague district, and 132 areas at Lawrencetown. The exploration of those properties are entrusted to Professor H. Y. Hind, of Labrador and Saskatchewan Survey fame.

LAWRENCETOWN.—This district is still attracting a great deal of attention, and mining interests are looking up. The Shanghai property has been sold in New York for \$40,000, and fresh operations are to be forthwith commenced.

The Werner property is reported to have been purchased by two parties in England, the price being \$54,000. The quartz, which is being mined and put through the mill, shews gold freely. The lead in Messrs. Glass and Strange's shaft is looking very well.

Important discoveries have been made upon the property of the Montreal Association, verifying in a remarkable manner Professor Hind's views in regard to the geological structure of the district. This property consists of 80 areas, and has been sufficiently developed to prove the existence of an almost inexhaustible supply of gold-bearing quartz.

—A meeting was held at Ottawa a few days since to consider the expediency of building water works in that city. After a good deal of discussion, it was resolved that it was inexpedient in the present state of the city finances for the City Council to undertake their construction.