

## MINING NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

## Nova Scotia.

## Killag.

Mr. D. S. Turnbull, formerly of Renfrew, has resigned his connection there and has accepted the management of the Old Provincial Co. at Killag. Mr. Turnbull will have entire charge of both mines and mills.

## Salmon River.

Mr. Lucius J. Boyd has been engaged by the Duffin Co. the past month in making an extensive series of surveys and maps of the surface and underground works of the company. The reports from the mine are unchanged.

## Mount Uniacke.

The McCallums, representing the Alpha Company, have made arrangements with Prince et al., owning the ground immediately north, into which the red lode is dipping, and work on the extension has been begun.

Messrs. Madill and Archibald are prosecuting their search for the big roll, but have not yet reported success.

## South Uniacke.

The Thompson-Quirk people are going on in the even tenor of their way. The pay chute has over 160 feet yet to run before reaching the boundary line.

## Montague.

The English syndicate have not yet bought the Annand mine, though it is rumored that a further extension of time has been given. Meanwhile Manager McQuane has begun to sink again, and will soon have plenty of stopping ground available.

## Molega.

It is rumored that the Molega Co. are entertaining a proposition for a sale. Mr. John McGuire, formerly manager of the company, has been in Molega again, and is said to be engineering the sale.

## Oldham.

The Rhode Island Co. have abandoned their western workings and have gone close to their eastern boundary, where they are sinking a vertical shaft to strike the Dunbrack lode. The shaft will be about 75 feet deep before it cuts the lode.

Messrs. Isner and Vandegriff have found a cross lode showing coarse gold some two miles westerly from Oldham District. No regular lodes have been found of any value. There is some local excitement, but it is yet too early to say anything favourable of the new find.

## Waverley.

The West Waverley Co. have been running their mill steadily, one shift, during April. The double shift went on on the 18th inst., and the management hope to keep double shift as a permanent thing. The mill is not yet completed, a concentrating plant being in course of erection.

The Lake View Co. have advertised for twenty-five miners, and it is rumored that more extensive workings will soon be commenced.

## Pictou County.

With reference to the progress of the works of the New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway Co. at Ferrona, our correspondent writes:

The railway is completed and in operation from Eureka Junction on the Intercolonial Railway to the Black Rock Mine, a distance of 10½ miles. Besides this, about two miles of sidings are laid. Freight for all parties is being carried over the line, but passengers are not yet taken.

The furnace and accompanying plant at Ferrona are nearing completion. The stock house, iron cast house, engine house, boiler shed, buildings for coal washing and storing are all completed. The blowing engines, built by the Philadelphia Engineering Co., are on the ground and in course of erection.

The coke plant consists of a coal washing and separating plant and improved Belgian coke ovens, both of which are new to this country. The boilers, which are also all in place, will be fired by the waste gases from the coke ovens. The coke will be discharged from the ovens by a steam engine and pusher, at a very trifling expense compared with the usual style of discharge from the bee-hive oven. The company expect to manufacture coke in the course of a few weeks, and to commence the production of pig iron shortly after.

At the mines, the slope at Bridgeville has been unwatered and for the past month or two has been producing about 50 tons of ore per day. This will be increased as soon as the furnace goes in full blast. At this mine there are over 5,000 tons of ore on the dump. The Black Rock Mine has been working steadily since its discovery two years ago, and during the winter has produced 50 tons per day in development work. There is a fine face of ore, nearly 50 feet in height, to quarry from by open cut as soon as the furnace goes in blast, and also a very large ore dump.

Two new shafts are being sunk at Bridgeville upon veins which have not been opened, but which have been located by the drill.

In the Blanchard district a bed of red hematite has been traced for nearly half a mile across the lands of the company.

The following new discoveries have been recently made and not yet reported in print: A continuation of the limonite vein at Bridgeville at some distance from the present workings; a vein of brown ore upon the lands of the company, purchased from Grant Bros., situated near the main road; at a distance of several hundred feet from the last mentioned ore ore body of limonite, which here attains a thickness of 18 feet as penetrated by the drill; a small vein of red hematite, comparing favourably in quality with the other red hematites of the district, upon the Blanchard area of this company.

## Coal Trade in Pictou County.

Present demand very dull. Although the port of Pictou has been open from the 1st April shipping has not ventured in. A stray cargo or two only has been loaded. The Drummond Mine has been busy banking preparatory to filling their large contracts up the St. Lawrence. The Acadia Co., so far as known, have made no contracts in Quebec.

## Quebec.

It is reported that Mr. George R. Smith, late of the Ingersoll Rock Drill Co. of Canada, has been appointed manager of the Bell's Asbestos Company's mines at Theford.

The annual general meeting of the Asbestos Club was held in the club house, Black Lake, on the 28th inst., when the officers for the ensuing year were elected and other business was transacted. A report of this meeting will appear in our next issue.

Mr. J. Lanson Wills, F.C.S., has severed his connection with the General Phosphate Corporation.

## Templeton Notes.

The Templeton Asbestos Co. are now grinding their short fibre asbestos at Buckingham through the Frisbie Lucon mill. The cost of separating by this process is much cheaper than by the fibrizing plant process. Mr. Cirkel, the manager, has reduced the gang to about 18 men.

The East Templeton and District Mining Syndicate intend increasing their staff by 70 men, which will give them a force of about 130, including cobbling boys. The winter output, now at the river front awaiting shipment, is about 500 tons 80% and 900 tons 70%.

The Electric Mining Co. has been working 22 men since the fall. Their monthly output has been from 100 to 125 tons.

The Haycock mica property, comprising 1,000 acres, together with a stock of cut and rough material, was sold this month to Watters & Co., Ottawa, a consideration, \$38,000. Operations have been commenced by the new purchasers.

The Canada Industrial Co. are working 12 men on their property on the 8th concession of Templeton. Considerable high grade phosphate has been taken out and delivered at the station through the winter.

The latest offers from Hamburg for 80% range from 10½ to 10¾. Several straight offers have been made this month at 10½, without takers.

## Portland West.

Messrs. Allan & Fleming have opened up several new shows on their property on the 4th range. The quality of the phosphate is very high grade, averaging from 84% to 86% and almost free from impurities.

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## Ontario.

## Hastings County.

Mining operations in this section promise to be brisk this season. President Campbell, of the Standard Asbestos Co., owning the Ball Actinolite Mines, writes under recent date that they will begin active operations soon.

The Peebles Actinolite Mines are also expected to be operated this season.

It is said that the new management of the Central Ontario Railway will take steps early this spring to operate in iron mines at Coo Hill, and that large shipments of ore will be sent to Cleveland.

## Sudbury District.

The Reduction Works Co. at Nickel City will go into liquidation in a few days. It has expended some \$12,000 in hard cash here and are over \$4,000 in debt. "Such an awful bungle of mining work was never seen before in this world," says a correspondent of the Sudbury Journal.

Mr. J. Robinson has sold Lot 1, in the 5th Concession of Hallowell, to the Duluth Nickel Mining Co. for \$5,000 cash.

## Port Arthur District.

Arrangements, we understand, are now in progress for the active development of the deposits of native copper upon Lots 4 in the 2nd and 3rd Concessions, and the silver bearing lode traversing diagonally through-out mining location 52B and 54B in the 3rd and 4th Concessions of Crooks. These properties have been examined and favourably reported on by outside experts, and as their yield in silver and copper is considered satisfactory the deal may be regarded as closed.

The Gunflint Lake Iron Co. will be incorporated immediately by John Paulson, O. D. Kinney and Marcus Johnson. The capital stock will be \$100,000. This company owns property in Township 65, Range 4, and is located about two miles from the boundary line and 11 miles from the present terminus of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway, which line will be extended across the border this summer. There is a fine out-cropping of magnetic ore, and developments will be pushed at once. Paulson is an experienced Minneapolis mining man, and has been all over the Gunflint country.

## Kingston District.

A large deposit of "asbestine" or fibrous talc in Adirondack is attracting considerable attention from paper manufacturers and others. The mineral is similar to that of Gouverneur, N.Y., but the deposit is much larger and will be very easily worked.

An American firm is negotiating for the Eppingham mica mine. If it obtains the property, it will equip it with steam plant, etc., and work it energetically. It consists of two large feldspathic dykes, carrying a fine quality of tough white mineral. The feldspar is suitable for pottery purposes. On the same property is a large quartz vein, carrying free gold, which they also intend to prove, and if ore exists in paying quantities, erect a mill. A 45-ton shipment of amber mica went from here last week.

The Awey mica mines, near Willour, are now operated under the management of S. Cordick.

## British Columbia.

## Nanaimo District.

The No 1 Shaft, back of Department Bay, in the big bend, which was closed down some time ago, owing to the influx of water, is to be reopened. New and improved machinery has been obtained and placed in position, so that the influx of water will be kept in control.

Owing to the slackness of the coal trade, it is stated that the Danmuirs intend reducing the number of men employed in the mines at Wellington. It is expected that about 150 men will be laid off; if this is not done the mines will be worked only half-time during the dull period.

Some Nanaimo parties are at work near the old Douglas shaft at South Westminster, prospecting for coal. They are sinking a shaft directly through the cropping of lignite which were first discovered, and are confident of striking good coal. Being practical miners, they are familiar with all the indications which are to be found in the vicinity of coal deposits, and those interested in the discovery of coal on the south side of the river are more hopeful than ever since these men have started prospecting. The shaft of the South Westminster Coal Company is now down a considerable distance, but the hardpan has not been got through yet.

The pay days for the employees of the East Wellington Coal Co. have been altered. In the future instead of semi-monthly pay, wages will only be paid on the 15th of every month.

The new Vancouver Coal Company has struck the lower seam on Protection Island, and found it four (4)