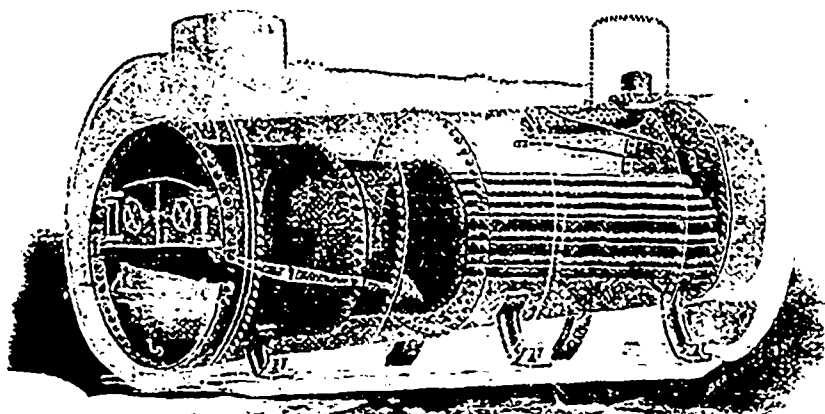


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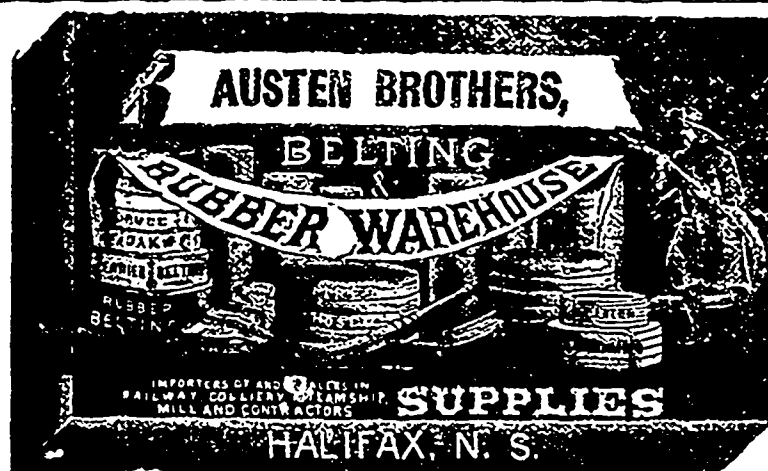
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MINING.

MONTAGUE.—The Annand Mine at Montague is a wonderful property and is now yielding large quantities of fine gold.

On Friday last from one shot in No. 4 shaft at a depth of 215 feet, over 50 ozs of gold were dislodged. We have seen these samples, and while they do not exceed in richness the quartz usually obtained they are equally as good and completely refute the theory that this mine would not continue to yield as greater depth was reached. Old miners who have worked in all parts of the world pronounce the Annand Mine the richest in fine gold that they have ever seen, and the quartz which is really cemented together with gold fully bears them out.

Such a mine in any other part of the world would cause a tremendous sensation, but the public here have become so used to the large yield from the Annand that it now causes little remark.

Manager McQuarrie always keeps the work of the mine well ahead, and there will soon be good reports from No. 3 shaft.

A correspondent of the *Stellarton Journal* thus writes of the iron trade in Pictou County:—"A meeting of 'Leslie's' Iron Co was held, but what transpired I have not heard. Bartlett's company, or rather the parties in London who are engineering or buying Bartlett's claims, are also moving, and it looks as if the iron trade of Pictou was bound, in the near future, to be one of much magnitude. That is, however, if reciprocity is obtained. Unless we have reciprocity I do not see where the profit will be in going into the manufacture of iron. If 70,000 tons of pig is all that is required to meet the present needs of Canada, then one company with two furnaces is able to supply that. The other two companies, if they start, will have to export, and that means the facing of an import duty. In order to give our iron trade a chance to develop and expand, we should have reciprocity. In this connection I may say that Mr. Obalski, the official engineer of the Province of Quebec, says the chief obstacle to the development of the iron trade is the fiscal policy of the Government. There is no home market. And what is true of Quebec is true also of Nova Scotia."

OLDHAM.—Mr. J. E. Hardman continues his extensive improvements on the properties managed by him, and in his case the surface works are abundantly justified by the immense amount of ore opened up and ready to be extracted in the mine.

CARIBOU.—The Dixon and Wright properties are being vigorously worked, and the prospects are of the best.

TANGIER.—There seems to be little doing in this old and well known district.

MOOSELANDS.—The Mooselands Company continue their development work and are meeting with encouraging results.

WALLACE RIVER.—Considerable work has been done on the alluvial deposits in this region, and we are awaiting the results of the tests of the material.

COAL MINING ITEMS.—Mr. John McIntosh is making very satisfactory progress with the Foord pit arches. The south one is all but finished and the north side one will be completed in a week or two. The 'bottom' when the work is finished, will present a better appearance than before the explosion. The place has been widened. Formerly between the cage and the wall of the arch there was scarcely room for a person to pass. Now there is a space of some five feet, which will ensure safety and greater freedom to the workmen when requiring to pass the cage. Everything is being done in a substantial manner and with a view to permanency.

The fan which formerly did service at the McBean pit, Thorburn, is to be removed to Stellarton. Whether it will be placed at the Foord pit or at the English slope has not yet been determined upon. The probability is it will be placed at the latter.—*The Journal*.

Extracts from Mines Report.

Montague.—Operations have progressed quietly in this district during the past year; the quartz averaging about as high as in the year 1889. Returns were received from the Annand, Kaye and Rose Mills. The largest yield was 362 ounces from 120 tons crushed in the Annand Mill.

Caribou.—The returns show 1560 ounces from 6591 tons against 1906 ounces from 7338 tons in 1889. Returns were received from the Lakelode, Dixon, Touquoy, Caffrey, and the Moose River Gold Mining Company Mills. The returns from the Dixon Mill show an average of over an ounce. Mr. Touquoy crushed a large amount of surface ground and dump stuff.

Waterley.—The Lake View Mining Company, having completed their new mill, commenced crushing in the fall. It is expected that they will handle in this mill a large amount of quartz, as extensive blocks of ore ground have been won. A new company will operate the Gue and Wilson properties. A concentration and chlorination plant has been put up here to treat ores, tailings, etc.

Lake Catcha.—The returns from this mine were good for the first part of the year, but there was little done during the fall.

Fifteen Mile Stream.—The operations of the New Egerton Company, under Mr. James A. Fraser, have been successfully carried on during the past year. The Stanley Company also worked steadily. The returns show 3017 tons crushed, yielding 2305 ounces, compared with 786 ounces from 1116 tons in 1889.