

lode Roll" in the Rose Mine at Montague. It was a bright day for the gold mining interests of this Province when this lode was found, causing as it did not only a feeling that patience and perseverance were rewarded, but also causing the introduction of the rich and well known firm of Wells, Fargo & Co. to our own mining resources; not that this company did much for the country by their personal efforts, rather the reverse, but the fact of their making a purchase of a gold mine here, after investigation by their mining man T. R. Robinson, drew the attention of hundreds of mining men the world over to Nova Scotia. Hence the awakening from its lethargy of one of Nova Scotia's greatest resources of future wealth.

You, no doubt, ask why this Company so signally failed in its venture in so favourable a field, and with so fine a property? I answer: For the same reason that many of our mines are not paying, some barely paying, and some paying but small dividends to day, when they all, or the majority of them, should be paying handsome dividends to their owners—Incompetent management! What are the facts in regard to the former management of the Rose mine? The company took a man from behind the counter of a wholesale liquor establishment in N. Y. city, and put him in charge of this mine, a man entirely ignorant of the first rudiments of mining, consequently utterly incompetent, yet he might not have proved so great a failure had he permitted himself to be guided by the men under him. But this little man, ignorant as he was of the business, had an iron will, and he put it in force too, entirely disregarding the advice of his men, hence the utter failure of this mine to its then owners.

Speculation has been rife since the discovery of the continuation of the rich "Roll" as to whether its first loss was due to the ignorance or rascality of those under men causing the old owners to work so long and spend so much money within a few feet of the lost treasure. Let me tell the public to disburse their minds of either thought, as the advice of those men was never heeded, they were made to do as directed only. It was a cold day for Montague, and a colder one for Wells, Fargo & Co., when they sent this "little man" to manage the Rose mine. But let us rejoice that after so long a sleep, "downed" by incompetent management, the "Rose Mine" has again arisen apparently richer and grander than ever, a fact that should stimulate and encourage every man who has confidence in the mining resources of Nova Scotia.

A MINER.

Mr. D. Touquoy has returned from his trip to England and France looking hale and hearty. As his rich Moose River gold mine is in good shape we expect to have soon to chronicle his regular monthly arrival in town with bouncing gold babies. The returns made during Mr. Touquoy's absence have been from surface stuff crushed.

Mr. D. J. Henderson of Newfoundland, a gentleman who is doing good work for that Province in developing and making known its mineral resources, has been paying a visit to Halifax, and returns home on the fortnightly steamer.

Windsor is a thriving town and is blessed with enterprising citizens, who seem always to have abundance of capital to invest in any enterprise that bids fair to prove profitable and that will also advance the interests of the Province. Only lately nearly all the stock of the Central Rawdon Gold Mining Company, consisting of 1200 shares of \$50 each or \$60,000 in all, was subscribed for there. Joshua H. Smith, Clarence H. Dimock and Gould Northrup, the former owners of the now noted Northrup mine, hold 250 shares in the new company which is organized to develop the properties adjoining the Northrup Mine.

On the 11th of November, the first sod on the Nova Scotia Midland Ry. was turned by Mrs. Price, the wife of the chief engineer of the road. This road is to be constructed with the sole object of opening up the iron mines of the Nova Scotia Midland Railway and Iron Company in Pictou County. The importance of the occasion it is hard to estimate, but it certainly means great prosperity to New Glasgow and the surrounding country, and some day the new city may rival old Glasgow in the amount of iron and steel shipping turned out.

It is rumored that the copper mine on an island off the coast of New Brunswick in Passamaquoddy Bay has been or is about to be purchased by an American Company, which has been incorporated with a capital of \$2,000,000. Mr. H. B. Witter and some other Nova Scotians are interested in this property, and are to receive a preliminary cash payment of \$100,000 on signing the papers. The total amount to be paid them for the property is stated to be \$400,000, and Mr. Witter is to be the manager of the company.

In addition to the gold returns for October published in the last issue of THE CRITIC the following returns have since been received:—

District.	MILL.	Qtz. Crushed.	Ozs. Gold.
Moose River.....	Moose River G. M. Co.....	105	15½
Lake Catcha.....	Oxford.....	199	67½
Central Rawdon.....	Northrup G. M. Co.....	50	71
Montague.....	Annand.....	104	315½
Molega.	Parker & Douglass Co.....	146	52½

MONTAGUE DISTRICT.—A trial test from the Rose lead yielded 74½ ozs. gold from 12½ tons quartz crushed. An average of 6 ozs. to the ton is not too bad considering that at least half the quartz crushed was from the top of the lead. The work on the Annand mine is being pushed and very rich quartz continues to be obtained. Messrs. Chetwynd, O'Toole and Whobby have evidently struck the continuation of the Rose lead on the Tobin prop-

erty and are taking out good quartz. All along the line the district looks well, and large gold returns from it may be expected.

The Chicago Mining Review, a valuable exchange, in response to the growth and development of electrical science and its rapid adaptability to mining purposes, has changed its title to the *Electrical and Mining Review*.

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