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MINING.

A glance over the gold mining field shows that the industry has quite recovered from the depression that was apparent early in the season, and that it is now being vigorously prosecuted with most encouraging results. If the present returns continue for the balance of the season the total yield for the year should prove large but hardly up to that of 1889.

The Province has been visited by a number of would be investors and several properties are now in treaty for sale.

Money in the States is easier under the good crop returns and the failure of the wheat and rye crops in Europe, and capitalists are beginning to look into mining schemes with a view of investing some of this surplus cash. This has caused a better feeling all around and good gold mines are in demand.

We learn from Mr. J. L. Chesley, artist, that Mr. Geo. McFadden has discovered a large deposit of mineral paint within seventeen miles of Bridgewater, and that a company is being organized to be called the Bridgewater Paint Company to work and manufacture the same. Some twenty different shades of the paint have now been proved to exist and it is reported that clay yielding a large per centage of aluminium is also found on the same property and that that valuable metal will also be manufactured. F. B. Wade, John McGuire and other names of leading men in Bridgewater are mentioned as connected with the new enterprise.

CONGLOMERATES.—Last year at this time the Stewiacke Valley conglomerates were exciting much attention, and as is too often the case with new discoveries were rather overboomed. As a result practical men who would have put capital into the districts to prove their value by the erection of quartz mills to test the ores were driven away by the high prices asked and the whole territory received a set back.

Since then the work of investigation has been quietly going on and now the areas at Burnside, Upper Stewiacke, have been purchased, and a mill will soon be erected and running. Prospecting here has shown evident value in the conglomerates and coarse gold has been discovered in quantities to warrant the belief that there is money in the district if it should be scientifically and economically worked.

The very small mineral display at the late local exhibition should prove the necessity of vigorous and prompt action if this Province is to be creditably represented at the World's fair in Chicago.

It takes time to gather mineral specimens from all portions of the Province, and the work should be begun at once. Now is the time to appoint a commissioner to represent the Province at Chicago, as space has to be secured and the specimens of minerals gathered.

The Province of Ontario is already to the front, having applied for space, and our Local authorities should not permit Ontario to gain any advantage.

Delays are dangerous and we trust that no further time may be lost in attending to such an important matter.

KINGS COUNTY.—A very fine lead of high grade red hematite ore has lately been found on the farm of Mr. T. B. Messenger at Tremont. The ore is well situated for working, being on the mountain side, and is about half a mile east of the Tor Brook Mine, now being so successfully worked by the Londonderry Steel and Iron Co. It is well situated for shipping, being near the Windsor and Annapolis branch railway and the projected extension of the Cornwallis Valley road. From all accounts this property bids fair to prove the finest iron mine yet discovered in this section of the Province. An ore of this description, comparatively free from sulphur and phosphorus as this is reported to be, is just what is in demand for the making of soft steel, and Mr. Messenger has evidently a large fortune on his farm.

LAKE CATCHA.—We note with unfeigned surprise that Sheriff Archibald has attached the Oxford Gold Mine under two claims: the Canada Rand Drill Company, whose account is \$1,500, and the Acadia Powder Company, who claim \$1,000. We await developments with considerable interest.

Mr. John Grant of Halifax evidently has good grounds of complaint against the management of the exhibition. He was arranging an artistic display of copper ore in a space allotted him by one of the officers of the exposition, and had it nearly completed when the Secretary ordered him to remove it, and on his refusing to comply, the Secretary ordered two policemen to carry it from the building. This was done, and Mr. Grant has now no idea what became of his specimens, and is thinking seriously of bringing an action against the proper parties for the damage sustained. From Mr. Grant's version of the matter we should judge that he was most unjustly and arbitrarily treated.

The Mabou Gypsum Company Limited, had an excellent exhibit of gypsum, flour of gypsum and coal from their quarries and works at Mabou Harbor, Inverness County, which we neglected to mention in our Exhibition notes.

Their quarries and mills are now in full operation and form an important and valuable addition to the industrial enterprises of Cape Breton.

The Officers of the Company are:—Charles I. Snow, President; Lewis McKeen, Secretary-Treasurer; James Hudson, Superintendent.

GUYSBORO COUNTY.—The several districts in this county are beginning to show signs of life and we hope to see improved returns coming into the Mines Office.