

## MINING.—Continued.

## A WALK IN THE RAIN.

There is a peculiar kind of enjoyment in walking through the rain, and I felt strangely exultant as I splashed down the muddy road. I paused on reaching its end to inquire the way, and had to disturb a whole family in their afternoon nap. A youngster conducted me to the path leading into the Mooseland road, and I strode on, leaving the boy smiling all over at the gift of a small coin. The path was narrow and muddy, at every step I shook showers of water from the bushes, but I went merrily on enjoying the only happiness then open to me, "building castles in the air." Finally the Mooseland road was reached, and I still had six miles of walking before me. There was no turning back now, and, although the rain had wet me to the skin, I trudged along the rough road, past a neat settlement, and just at four p.m. reached the camp of Mr. H. G. Stenshorn, wet, muddy and tired out.

Mr. Stenshorn greeted me in his jovial German fashion, and soon provided me with a cup of scalding hot tea. Would that we could have been transported for a moment to Costar & Bialla's, in New York, and have had "Zwei Lager" instead. Mr. John Murphy, an old prospector, and Mr. Stenshorn's partner, was then introduced. He was an unusually tall, raw-boned man, and is perhaps the best known prospector in the Province. While I dried myself before the fire, we chatted on mining subjects, and Mr. Murphy gave a dissertation on bone.—"There is no use talking," said he, "if a man is going to succeed at mining, he must have plenty of bone—none of your weak-kneed chaps, who put \$50.00 into a mine, and expect a fortune at once, is going to do any good; they have no bone. No, sir, there ain't no use of a man taking hold unless he intends to fight it out; he must have bone, and plenty of it."

Here he was interrupted by a boy rushing in with the information that a large moose had been seen up the road. All was now excitement. Mr. Stenshorn grabbed his gun and rushed out. Murphy took down an old single-barrelled rifle and hastily loaded it. I put on my coat and followed him out. We dashed after Mr. Stenshorn for a short distance, and then Murphy turned off by a side path into the woods. Suddenly, we heard a crashing and crackling in the bushes, and in a second, a noble moose rushed across the path. Quick as a wink, Murphy raised his gun and fired—crash—bang—then there was a terrible commotion; and I awoke to find that I was still in Mr. Touquoy's cabin, with my favorite pipe lying on the floor, the amber so eternally gone to smash that even all Mr. Touquoy's gold could not have repaired it.

Gathering up the fragments, I walked out and took tea with Miss Conrod and Mr. McGregor, and the next morning drove into Shubenacadie. The first eight miles of the road from Moose River is in the most disgraceful condition. When you are not almost upset by the boulders, the wheels are up to the axles in mud. It takes just two hours to accomplish the eight miles. Mr. Reynolds' son gave me a lift on his way to Upper Musquodoboit, and I had still three miles to walk before reaching Kaulback's, in Middle Musquodoboit. Mr. Reynolds' daughter-in-law, a pretty bride of six days, accompanied us, and her merry, ringing laughter made us almost forget the discomforts of the road. From Kaulback's to Musquodoboit is a delightful drive through the rich pasture lands of the valley, and it was rendered doubly pleasant to me by the companionship of Hon. L. L. Wadsworth, of the Lake Lode Mine, who wiled the tedium of the way by anecdotes of his life in Mexico. I was comfortably lodged and fed at Oakes', in Shubenacadie, and in the morning took the early train for Enfield, en route for the Renfrew Gold District.

It was raining, and I had a rather dismal drive out to the Renfrew Consolidated Company's property, which was that day to be sold at auction by the sheriff. Mr. Brown, a most obliging man, drove me over, and I was warmly welcomed by Mr. A. A. Hayward, the genial and most efficient manager of the Empress Mine.

Quite a crowd had gathered at the sale of the old free claims' property, conspicuous amongst the philanthropists present being Mr. Walter Reynolds, of Halifax. Mr. James Stuart was present as the Attorney for Mr. Fiske, and there were a number of bidders, including Mr. E. C. MacDonnell, formerly of Oldham, who succeeded in buying the property for some \$1700. The sale over, Mr. Hayward took me in charge, and introduced me to his most comfortable quarters, and the old MacLachlan homestead.

(To be Continued.) ADIOS AMIGO.

The following are the official returns so far received at the Mines' Office for the month of October.—

District.	Mill.	Tons Crushed.	Oz. Gold.
Oldham.....	Oldham Gold Co.....	220½	552
Sherbrooke.....	Miners.....	200	69
".....	Pactolus.....	72	8
".....	Goldenville.....	78	17½
Dars' Hill.....	Dufferin Mines.....	890	255
Stormont.....	Tributers.....	40	4½
Whiteburn.....	Cushing G. M. Co.....	60	89
".....	The McGuire.....	27	113½
Fifteen Mile Stream.....	W. G. Matheson's ..	160	68½
Strawberry Hill.....	The Brunswick Co.....	50	29
East Rawdon.....	Rawdon.....	400	236
Caribou.....	Moose River.....	229	194½

The two Rawdon mines have now been turned over to the English purchaser represented in this country by Captain John Nicolls, M. E., and work is being vigorously pushed.



## TENDERS.

TENDERS addressed to the undersigned at Ottawa, and endorsed "Tender for Cape St. Lawrence Lightbuildings," will be received up to the 1st December next, for the construction of a large Wooden Lighthouse Tower with Keeper's dwelling attached, and outbuildings, at Cape St. Lawrence, in the County of Inverness, Nova Scotia.

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WAL. SMITH,  
Deputy Minister of Marine  
Department of Marine,  
OTTAWA, 25th October, 1887.

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