

to arrive at the intentions of the writer:

Dear Sir I am dropping you a line to see if
You care to Entertain a Copper &—Gold Prospect—

$\frac{3}{4}$ of a
mile from Electric Power line— $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Rail-
road Station over good Wagon road—

there Was 93,242 of ore shipped
from there about 5 years ago—& it avraged \$50.00 per
ton & there Was Nothing. allowed:

them for the Gold & Silver—
the Prospectors left it to the Smelter Co—& they told
them the Gold—only Ran from 50c. to \$4.50 per ton
& the silver Was only 60c. to 90c. per Ton & the
Prospectors—let it go for granted that it Was all true—
& they ware satisfied With there ore as they ware
geting \$50.00 per ton out of it:

Now Here in the 60th there Was a shaft sank—100 ft—
deap & no difting there is about 18 in of good ore in
this shaft— & there is another Hole about 60 ft sank
some 40 years ago & no—drifting—in it—there is a
good showing in this Hole also More than 18 inches—
the fellows that owned. it: sank a hole about 50 ft
deap I think it was—& took out the 93,242.00 of ore
& shipped it they Cleaned out the other 2 Holes—& Had
a fine showing there. at that time: & I took Mr. L.
Lindsay of Los Angles Cal—there to see it.

they ware asking \$50,000.00 for it then & Wanted
\$5,000.00 down before they would allow us to touch it
—Mr. Lindsay—told them he Would put 12 men to work
& Prospect for 100—dayes & at the End of the 100—dayes
he Would give them the full \$50,000.00 an he Would
give them. Whot ore he had taken out at his Expense
but one.

of the Prospectors was
head strong & Refused his offer—then We left it—
in about 2—Weeaks after that the owners fell out. quit
work: & shipped there ore & quit & Here about 9— monts
ago the fellow that Was—fair to deal With: traded:
His Partner out & I Can.

Now deliver it on a—2—years Working Bond—for
\$20,000.00
No—money at all untill you have Prospected for 12.
monts & if you are Not satisfied at the end of the 12—
months pull off your Emprovements & quit.—if you
Want to go a head pay—half— of the \$20,000.00 & go
ahead for 12 monts more then pay the bal—
Now there is but little to see untill the holes are
unwatered but it is No

Wile Cat & I feal—sure there is a good
Mine there & My offer—Sirtently is Fair—

Would like to Hear from You

Yours—

TRANSVAAL MINING CAPITAL.

From returns recently furnished by the Transvaal
Mines Department we learn much that will be instruc-
tive to those who seek to institute unwise comparisons

between South African mines and those of undevel-
oped regions in this country. Of the 241 gold mining
companies listed, 139 are on the Rand. Glancing at
these latter, we find that 43 are dividend paying; 21
are producing ore but no dividends; 20 are in the de-
velopment stage; and 55 are not working. Without
the limits of the Rand there are but four dividend pay-
ing mines.

The net issued capital of the Rand mines aggregates
roughly \$309,000,000. The paying mines account for
\$165,000,000; the producing non-dividend mines, \$50,-
000,000; developing prospects, \$61,000,000; and dead
mines, \$33,000,000.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our readers are not to conclude that the illustra-
tions representing Nova Scotian gold-mine scenes, pub-
lished elsewhere in this issue, represent all that is
to be seen. The province contains some admirably
equipped plants, and numerous small modern stamp-
mills.

Apart from scientific interest, the principal value in
the reported discovery of diamonds in British Colum-
bia lies in the excellent opening it gives for journal-
istic fireworks.

A custom that has survived too long is that of en-
couraging long-distance orators to torture us at offi-
cial dinners. The annual dinner of the Mining Society
of Nova Scotia, held recently in Halifax, was a note-
worthy exception. At this event all speech-making,
save only a short address accompanying the toast to
the King, was done away with. Musical numbers
took the place of the ordinary arid eloquence.

It seems highly probable that Canada will soon feel
the grip, paternal or otherwise, of an explosives trust.
The trust is an accomplished fact. The strangle-hold
may come sooner or later.

The Board of Conciliation, appointed by the Depart-
ment of Labour, decided in favour of the striking coal
miners at Port Morien, Cape Breton. This decision
will strengthen the hands of the miners. But it is
remarkable how slightly the Department has been able
to affect the grievous condition in Alberta and British
Columbia, where thousands of miners have ceased
work without even a colourable regard for the law.

The Porcupine boom has not gained the headway
that brokers had hoped it would. The stock market
is not over elastic. Not the prestige of the Bewick-
Moreing people (of whom more particulars are ob-
tainable in London than in Toronto), not the glamour
of Heinze, nor yet the diffusive joy of the vendor suf-
fices to create the wave. The press is, as a whole,
praiseworthy careful.