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MINING.

The returns for the month of April from the different gold districts are rather meagre. This is no more than should be expected, as most of the mills have been undergoing repairs, while many properties have been flooded with the heavy spring freshets. While the present system of allowing speculators to take up large blocks of areas, which they will not work, a permitted, we need not expect that gold mining will assume the proportion it should, or which the ouormous mineral wealth of Nova Scotia warrank It is time that the Mines Department bestirred itself, and took some decided action to forfeit all properties that have remained unworked for fire

The following are the official gold returns so far received at the Minu Office for the mouth of April:-

	•	Tous	Cope
District.	Mill.	Crushed.	Gold
Darr's Hill	Dufferiu	780	270
Oldham	Oldham United	153	53
Waverly		7	92 93
Caribou	Moose River G. M. Co	183	92.
Rawdon	Rawdon United	200	46 <u>1</u> 175
Whiteburn	The McGuire	38	175
Stormont	Tributers	150	251;
Sherbrooke	No. 5	73	16
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The suit of W. B. Reynolds against the Gallighar Gold Mining Co., bu been decided in favor of the company.

The nature of the gold deposits in the Malaga Lake district is just m evoking considerable correspondence in the Herald of a non-scients character, that will hardly prove beneficial to that district. Experies teaches that gold is where you find it. As it is largely found at Many Lake, and as experienced men are laying out large sums of money to put mills and mine the many leads that have been opened up, we think if Malaga Lake is in a good position to look after itself.

Prospectors are preparing to begin operations if the weather & moderates.

Summary of the Mineral Productions of Canada in 1887, by Eugene Co. Mining Engineer to the Geological Survey of Canada, etc.

Name of Day Inst	()	Value.
Name of Product. Antimony ore, tons	Quautity. 434	\$18,960
Arsenic, tons	_	1,200
Asbestus, "		227,716
		2,000
	190 195	725,691
Brick, thousands	139,185	450,934
Building stone, cub. yds		81,909
Cement, bbls		
Charcoal, bush		88,823 570
Chromic iron ore, tons	. 38	
Coal, tous	. 2,568,041	5,208,429
Coke, "	. 32,198	86,244
Copper, Ibs	. 3,260,424	342,345
Flagstone, sq. ft	. 110,925	10,811
Gold, ozs		1,111,877
Granite, tons		98,995
Graphite, "		2,400
Grindstone,"	. 2,772	35,368
Gypsum, "	. 154,008	157,277
Iron, "	31,527	1,087,728
Iron ore, "	76,330	146,197
Lead, fine, contained in ore, lbs	. 204,800	9,216
Lime, bush	2.303.667	389,369
Limestone for iron flux, tons		17,500
Manganese ore, tons		39,672
Marble and serpentine, tons	242	7,\$45
Marble and serpentine, tons Mica, lbs	22,083	29,816
Miscellaneous clay products		78,670
Miscellaneous clay products Ochre, tons	100	1,500
Petroleum, bbls. of 35 imp. galls.	594,411	463,641
Phosphate, tons	23,690	319,815
Pig iron "	24,827	366,192
		5,600
Platinum, ozs		171,194
Pyrites, tons		166,394
Salt, "	60,173	
Sand and gravel (exports)	180,860	30,307
Silver		322,602
Slate, tons		89,000
Sozpatone, tons	100	800
Steel, "	7,326	331,199
Sulphuric acid, lbs	5,477,950	70,600
Superphosphintes, tons		25,943
Tile, thousands		136,112
Whiting, bbls	500	600
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Total	•••	\$12,959,073

The Hale and Norcross property, which has resumed the payment of dividends this month, with one of fifty cents a share, aggregating \$56,0% had proviously paid thirty-six dividends, aggregating \$1,598,000, the let